

CIT and FCEDA to Co-Host NOVA Entrepreneurs Funding Forum

Informational session featuring speakers, panels and conversations will highlight new funding opportunities for entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses in Northern Virginia

Herndon, Virginia – June 25, 2018 – The [Center for Innovative Technology](#) (CIT), Virginia’s primary driver of innovation and entrepreneurship since 1985, today announced it will co-host the first NOVA Entrepreneurs Funding Forum with the [Fairfax County Economic Development Authority](#) (FCEDA) on June 28, 2018. Designed as an informational session with speakers and panels, the forum will highlight access to capital and business resources for Virginia’s entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

When: Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 7:30am-11amET

Where: Valo Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102

What: NOVA Entrepreneurs Funding Forum

Comprehensive information regarding access to capital can be critical for new businesses, and this free event aims to help founders establish solid financial footing, and educate entrepreneurs on the variety of funding options available to companies across the Commonwealth of Virginia – from seed funding to federal or state research grants. Throughout the day, attendees will interact with service providers, venture capitalists, financing professionals and government officials, and network with a diverse representation of industries.

Expert speakers will also discuss other funding options for entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses in Northern Virginia. For example, attendees will hear about the newly created [Virginia Founders Fund](#), a seed fund dedicated to investments in companies whose founding teams include minorities, women, and veterans across the Commonwealth, or other entrepreneurs located in regions outside of Northern Virginia.

Together with additional partners for this event, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, CIT and FCEDA seek to provide fundamental direction for making use of these resources, helping startups and entrepreneurs to grow and succeed in Virginia.

Who: Featured speakers from FCEDA, CIT, MACH37, National Association of Investment Companies, and U.S. Small Business Administration

- Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., President and CEO, FCEDA
- Ed Albrigo, President and CEO, CIT

- Robert Greene, President and CEO, National Association of Investment Companies
- Tom Weithman, President and CIO for MACH37 and Managing Director, CIT GAP Funds
- Nancy Vorona, Vice President of Research Investment, CIT
- Dave Ihrie, CTO, CIT
- Dan Henderson, Investment Director, CIT
- Antonio Doss, district director, U.S. Small Business Administration

About CIT

The Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), a nonprofit corporation, has been Virginia's primary driver of innovation and entrepreneurship since 1985. CIT accelerates the next generation of technology and technology companies through commercialization, capital formation, market development and revenue generation services. To facilitate national innovation leadership and accelerate the rate of technology adoption, CIT creates partnerships between innovative technology start-up companies and advanced technology consumers. CIT's CAGE Code is 1UP71. To learn more, please visit www.cit.org. You can also follow CIT on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

About FCEDA

The award-winning Fairfax County Economic Development Authority promotes Fairfax County as a business and technology center. The FCEDA offers site location and business development assistance, and connections with county and state government agencies, to help companies locate and expand in Fairfax County. In addition to its headquarters in Tysons Corner, Fairfax County's largest business district, the FCEDA maintains marketing offices in six important global business centers: Bangalore, Berlin, London, Los Angeles, Seoul and Tel Aviv. Follow the FCEDA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).