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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN VIRGINIA BEACH

The Hampton Roads Diversity and Inclusion Consortium (HRDIC) in partnership with Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities will host its third *Eastern Virginia Regional Diversity & Inclusion Conference* on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. This conference will include speakers from the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Virginia Wesleyan College Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, as well as consultants with expertise in the areas of diversity and inclusion.

The conference's theme this year is "*All In, All Win!*" Workshop topics will be relevant to change agents, aspiring business leaders, community leaders, EEO and diversity officers, as well as to those who want to improve the bottom line of their business.

HRDIC evolved from a body known as the Regional Roundtable. Virginia Beach City Manager James Spore, now retired, initiated this roundtable by inviting other stakeholders in the region to join the city in discussing "best practices" related to diversity and inclusion. As a result, HRDIC is now a group of representatives from nonprofit, local, state, and federal sectors of the Hampton Roads Region, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Their vision is to become an agent of change that will assist employers and others to ensure diversity and inclusion are embedded within the culture of their organizations.

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout the Commonwealth.

Questions regarding this conference can be directed to Ms. Emily Reaves at (757) 385-4643 or hrdic2014@gmail.com or Mr. Jonathan Zur at (804) 515-7950 or jzur@inclusiveva.org.

For more information or to register, visit: <http://hrdic2016.eventbrite.com>

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