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Virginia Catalyst Announces Luncheon to Discuss National Institute on Drug Abuse Small Business Innovation Research Funding Opportunities

Deloitte Consulting to also unveil research focused on neuroscience and addiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia

RICHMOND, VA – January 15, 2019 – The Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (VBHRC), now known as Virginia Catalyst, today announced that it is hosting a luncheon, in conjunction with Virginia Bio and CIT, featuring the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, and Deloitte Consulting. As part of the event, scheduled for January 23 from 11:30am-1:00pm, NIDA's Victor Prikhodko, Business Advisor to the Office of Translational Initiatives and Program Innovations (OTIPI), will discuss NIDA SBIR's funding opportunities, including the recently released "HEAL Initiative: America's Startups and Small Businesses Build Technologies to Stop the Opioid Crisis" RFA, and present some best practices for strong applications.

In addition, Jon Baba, a Principal in Deloitte's Global Public Sector Practice, will discuss Deloitte's findings and strategic recommendations for neuroscience and addiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Catalyst recently engaged Deloitte Consulting to explore and validate Virginia's unmet addiction needs and benchmark Virginia's competitive strengths and resources, and this presentation will unveil those findings.

"NIDA SBIR will award more than \$45 million in FY2019 to small businesses and researchers," said Mike Grisham, CEO, Virginia Catalyst. "This funding will go to companies for the purpose of developing new drug discovery and development-enabling technologies; useful research tools for conducting basic research; as well as medical devices and mobile health applications in the areas of addiction and abuse broadly. This presentation, combined with Deloitte Consulting's findings, will make this luncheon an important event for any organization looking to conduct translational research in Virginia."

Logistical details about the event are below:

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Location:
Founders Conference Room
Virginia Bio+Tech Center

800 East Leigh Street
Richmond, Virginia

If you are interested in a complimentary seat to this event, register through the [Virginia Bio website](#).

About Virginia Catalyst

Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corporation (VBHRC), known as Virginia Catalyst, has a vision of advancing life sciences throughout Virginia as a means of addressing large unmet medical needs to improve human health and to create high-paying jobs throughout the Commonwealth. Funded by the Virginia General Assembly's General fund, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, Eastern Virginia Medical School, George Mason University, Old Dominion University, and William and Mary, Virginia Catalyst has funding opportunities to support collaborative projects in the Commonwealth and is home to the Virginia Neuroscience Initiative. For more information, visit www.viriniacatalyst.org.

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