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Dear Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) Component Project Team:

We appreciate you taking time to complete this quarterly survey, which will be rolled up at the Coalition-level and submitted to the EDA by the Alliance Team.

Please note, this survey will replace EDA's traditional GPRA reporting (EDA forms ED-915, ED-916, ED-917, ED-918).

The project-specific survey that follows below includes all questions asked in the coalition-level survey provided by Purdue, meaning some sections may not currently apply to your project's progress yet or at all. These answers should only apply to EDA BBBRC-funded work. Data collected will include both hard figures, and open-ended responses regarding project progress and needs.

The thematic areas for Methodology in this survey are:

1. Accelerate innovation in emerging technologies
2. Help workers access new job opportunities and job training
3. Increase new business growth and entrepreneurial activity
4. Build critical enabling infrastructure
5. Help businesses adopt new technologies and enter new markets
6. Sustain regional governance

When responding to these questions please keep in mind **only your BBBRC region, all work from your project funded via the BBBRC program, and direct impacts from the project's work over the past quarter.**

Your progress will be saved automatically as you work through the survey until you submit.

Please see [this folder](#) for resources including a glossary of terms, PDF of the survey instrument and more.

Full Name *

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Component Project Name *

VCU-VSU Joint Degree and Research Program

Project Progress

When responding to these questions please keep in mind **only your BBBRC region, all work from your project funded via the BBBRC program, and direct impacts from the project's work over the past quarter.**

Regarding your project's implementation/progress **over the past quarter**: How much PUBLIC investment from **federal governments** was secured (roundup dollars, no decimals, no commas, no symbols)? If none, use 0. *

Please note that PRIVATE investment, if any, is asked for under the increasing new business growth and entrepreneurial activity section.

Please enter only the number without any special characters, e.g. 1000 instead of \$1,000.

0

Regarding your project's implementation/progress over the past quarter: How much PUBLIC investment from **state governments** was secured (roundup dollars, no decimals, no commas, no symbols)? If none, use 0. *

Please enter only the number without any special characters, e.g. 1000 instead of \$1,000.

0

Regarding your project's implementation/progress over the past quarter: How much PUBLIC investment from **regional governments** was secured (roundup dollars, no decimals, no commas, no symbols)? If none, use 0. *

Please enter only the number without any special characters, e.g. 1000 instead of \$1,000.

0

Regarding your project's implementation/progress over the past quarter: How much PUBLIC investment from **local governments** was secured (roundup dollars, no decimals, no commas, no symbols)? If none, use 0. *

Please enter only the number without any special characters, e.g. 1000 instead of \$1,000.

0

Regarding your project's implementation/progress over the past quarter: How much PUBLIC investment from **philanthropy** was secured (roundup dollars, no decimals, no commas, no symbols)? If none, use 0. *

Please enter only the number without any special characters, e.g. 1000 instead of \$1,000.

0

Regarding your project's implementation/progress over the past quarter: How much PUBLIC investment from **other sources** was secured (roundup dollars, no decimals, no commas, no symbols)? If none, use 0. *

Please enter only the number without any special characters, e.g. 1000 instead of \$1,000.

0

How many jobs were retained? Job should be considered retained if they would have been lost if not for this EDA investment. If none, use 0. *

Please note jobs created is asked for under the increasing new business growth and entrepreneurial activity section.

0

How many new square feet of commercial lab space were opened this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

0

How many new AMPT students were enrolled this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

0

How many new leads were in the cluster to recruit this past quarter? If none, use 0.

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0

How many media stories highlighted the regional cluster this past quarter? if none, use 0. *

0

How many new thought leadership events were there this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

0

How many laboratory space developer marketing events were there this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

0

How many non-state (federal, philanthropic, industry, etc.) strategic and complimentary opportunities were pursued this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

0

Has your project had any accomplishments this past quarter? If so, please share details.

Yes. The first cohort of summer research experience for undergraduates (REU) students were selected from a competitive pool of applicants. There are 5 awardees from 4 institutions (VCU, VSU, Hampton University, Reynolds Community College). The first cohort of BBBRC graduate fellows were also selected and include 5 awardees, 3 M.S. students and 2 Ph.D. students in the CLSE program. The curriculum for the VSU Chemistry to VCU Chemical and Life Science Engineering dual degree is completed for SCHEV's approval. VSU team made 3 recruitment presentations during new students orientations in May and June with 3 more events scheduled for July. VSU team also conducted informational sessions for Petersburg High School students regarding the 2-Year/4-Year Track between high schools, Richard Bland Junior College, and VSU. Dr. Kathy Goodson has been hired as a Project Manager to coordinate and lead the joint effort at VSU.

Has your project encountered any barriers/challenges this past quarter? If so, please share details.

We learned that the REU application cycle needs to start much earlier than April to ensure smooth coordination with VCU summer housing. We have encountered a few delays in procurement due to the implementation of a new State level procurement enterprise system. We also have experienced delays in creating position numbers to hire VSU faculty and staff for the project. Currently, we are in a process of posting the remaining open positions at VSU for advertisement on State job website.

Has your project needed any additional resources, assistance, or information this past quarter? If so, please share details.

In planning our Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Day event, we will be seeking assistance with identifying Alliance members to invite to the event. A meeting with Joy Polefrone is already being organized.

Does your project have a success story or anecdote you would like to share with us regarding your BBBRC work this past quarter?

We had a strong response to our call for REU applications this year. We included both the REU and graduate fellowship opportunities in our graduate program advertisement published in the Chemical Engineering Education journal and anticipate an equally strong response to this coming application cycle.

Does your project have anything else to add regarding your BBBRC work this past quarter?

No

Does your project have any activities and/or metrics to report regarding **accelerating innovation in emerging technologies** (e.g., description of activities/work completed, patents filed, and amount of research & development dollars invested) this past quarter?

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If you are not sure please answer "yes" to see the questions asked for this section, else answer "no" if you are certain you do not have anything relevant to report.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Thematic Area 2 of 6: Help workers access new job opportunities and training

This section will ask about **helping workers access new job opportunities and training** (e.g., description of activities/work completed, number of programs/trainings developed/implemented, number of workers/residents gaining/upgrading skills, and number of workers placed in new jobs). Note that workers are inclusive of laborers currently employed, not employed but actively searching, and discouraged workers who are not actively searching and out of the labor force for various reasons.

When responding to these questions please keep in mind **only your BBBRC region, all work from your project funded via the BBBRC program, and direct impacts from the project's work over the past quarter.**

Describe any activities/work completed toward helping workers access new job

opportunities and training this past quarter by your project. Please specify organizations involved.

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How many programs/trainings/curricula were expanded/developed/launched /funded regarding job training/workforce development directly related to the BBBRC efforts this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

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How many residents/workers gained/upgraded skills this past quarter? Please include only those that have completed these trainings. If none, use 0. *

0

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Of these residents/workers, how many were BIPOC? If none, use 0. *

0

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Of these residents/workers, how many were women? If none, use 0. *

0

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Of these residents/workers, how many were veterans? If none, use 0. *

0

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Of these residents/workers, how many lived in rural areas? If none, use 0. *

0

How many residents/workers were placed in a job this past quarter? If none, use 0.

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0

Of these residents/workers, how many were BIPOC? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these residents/workers, how many were women? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these residents/workers, how many were veterans? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these residents/workers, how many lived in rural areas? If none, use 0. *

0

How many existing employees obtained a promotion this past quarter due to upskilling or any other activity directly related to the coalition? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these employees, how many were BIPOC? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these employees, how many were women? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these employees, how many were veterans? If none, use 0. *

0

Of these employees, how many lived in rural areas? If none, use 0. *

0

Does your project have any activities and/or metrics to report regarding **increasing new**

business growth and entrepreneurial activity (e.g., description of activities/work completed, prototypes, licensing deals, number of businesses formed, amount of venture capital funds secured, amount of angel investment funds secured, amount of other private investment secured, number of new jobs created, and number of employees obtaining a promotion) this past quarter?

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If you are not sure please answer "yes" to see the questions asked for this section, else answer "no" if you are certain you do not have anything relevant to report.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Thematic Area 4 of 6: Building critical enabling infrastructure

This section will ask about **building, using, or enabling critical infrastructure** (e.g., description of activities/work completed, number of buildings/facilities built, number of building/facilities renovated/upgraded, number of business/industrial parks built/upgraded, etc.).

When responding to these questions please keep in mind **only your BBBRC region, all work from your project funded via the BBBRC program, and direct impacts from the project's work over the past quarter.**

Describe any activities/work completed towards building or enabling critical infrastructure this past quarter by your project. Please specify organizations involved. Make sure to include the approximate value of related purchased equipment.

Not applicable

During this past quarter, how many buildings/facilities were built? If none, use 0. *

0

How many jobs were created during the construction of these facilities? *

0

Please describe how these buildings/facilities are being used.

Not applicable

During this past quarter, how many buildings/facilities were renovated/upgraded? If none, use 0. *

0

How many jobs were created during the renovation/upgrade of these facilities?

0

Please describe how these buildings/facilities are being used.

Not applicable

How many business/industrial parks were built/upgraded this past quarter? If none, use 0. *

0

How many of these were in rural areas? If none, use 0. *

0

Does your project have any activities and/or metrics to report **helping businesses adopt new**

technologies and enter new markets (e.g., description of activities/work completed, number of businesses that expanded their market, number of new technologies adopted by/transferred, number of businesses engaged in accelerators/testbeds, and number of businesses involved in and type of innovative activities) this past quarter? *

If you are not sure please answer "yes" to see the questions asked for this section, else answer "no" if you are certain you do not have anything relevant to report.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Thematic Area 6 of 6: Sustain regional governance

This section will ask about sustaining regional governance about your coalition.

Would you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the members of your coalition this past quarter?

Please note that if for example MOU was put in place and reported previously, select NA.

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	Stongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither/ N.A.
Developed/implemented governance bylaws, MOUs, and/or other related documents	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaged in clear and reciprocal communication with ALL members	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Efficiently and effectively mobilized relevant assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Efficiently and effectively captured resident/stakeholder needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Had influence over decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Had ownership of specific assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Were representatives from the following involved (e.g., attending an event, presenting, serving on a board, etc.) in your BBBRC coalition over the past quarter (select all that apply)?

- ☒ Research universities
- ☐ Federal government
- ☐ State government
- ☐ Local/regional government
- ☐ Businesses

- ☐ Community-based nonprofits
- ☐ BIPOC groups/associations
- ☐ Rural groups/associations
- ☐ LGBTQ groups/associations
- ☐ Women-related groups/associations
- ☐ Veteran-related groups/associations
- ☒ Professional/industry associations
- ☐ Other: _____

Over this past quarter, would you say your coalition has shrunk, stayed about the same, or expanded regarding number of partners and stakeholders engaged with?

- ☐ Shrunk
- ☒ Stayed about the same
- ☐ Expanded

Over this past quarter, would you say the majority of coalition members and stakeholders mostly communicated, coordinated, or collaborated on each of the following BBBRC themes (select all that apply):

	Communica ted	Coordinat ed	Collaborat ed	NA
Accelerated innovation in emerging technologies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Help workers access new job opportunities and job training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Increase new business growth and entrepreneurial activity

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Build critical enabling infrastructure

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Help businesses adopt new technologies and enter new markets

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Sustain regional governance

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Over this past quarter, would you agree or disagree on the following statements concerning coalition members and stakeholders:

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	Stongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither/N.A.
Communication was frequent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trust each other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teamwork is strong	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Members are pulling their own weight	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organizational capacity is adequate across all members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there any other statements you would agree or disagree with concerning coalition members and stakeholders?

Not applicable

Would you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the BBBRC Community of Practice (CoP) you are part of?

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	Stongly Agree	Agree	Disagre e	Strongly Disagree	Neither/ N.A.
CoP staff are responsive to our needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Have benefitted from the services provided by the CoP	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Have made new connections that I wouldn't have made without the CoP	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Have values ideas/help/advice from CoP participants that I wouldn't have received otherwise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Have contributed ideas/content to the CoP to support shared learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Are there any other statements you would agree or disagree with regarding the BBBRC Community of Practice (CoP) you are part of?

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Are we
missing anything?

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