



**Business Services/Economic Development Resource List
November 10, 2022**

Committee resources

- M State's proposed biennium budget has had two readings with the Board of Trustees. The request is for \$350 million over the biennium. See the [Board materials](#) beginning on page 80 for the full proposal. Note, this proposal has NOT yet been approved.
- [FastForward Virginia](#): short-term training program for high-demand industries, offered locally through community colleges.
- There are now eight Business Engagement Specialists with VRS; they have recently hired three new people to the team.
- DEED's Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program was recently [awarded \\$13 million from the federal Disability Innovation Fund Grant](#)
- [Exploring Potential Interests and Careers \(EPIC\)](#) was held in October and brought in 4,200 students to explore careers.
- Related program [EPIC for Influencers](#), designed for parents/guardians/supportive adults, is coming up on November 15th
- Ramsey County recently partnered with the St. Paul Area Chamber to offer [Career Connect Day](#) at the Saint Paul RiverCentre
- Washington County recently held their [Workforce and Economic Development Summit](#) in Woodbury
- [HireVets.gov Medallion Program](#) – recognition program for employers who invest in hiring, recruiting, and retaining veterans as employees

Next meeting: December 8, 2022