# SPRING 2016 UPDATE VNEC MAKING ITS MARK ON VIRGINIA

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# CAER/IST Funding by Virginia Legislature

- Legislative support
  - Senator Frank Ruff
  - Senator Steve Newman
  - Delegate Scott Garett
  - Delegate Kathy Byron

#### VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2016 Session Budget Amendments - HB30 (Conference Report) Bill Order » Item 109 #1c

Funding for the Ctr. for Adv. Engineering & Research

Item 109 #1c	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Commerce and Trade			
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$600,000	\$325,797	GF

Language Page 85, line 50, strike "\$50,637,001" and insert "\$51,237,001". Page 85, line 50, strike "\$64,504,601" and insert "\$64,830,398".

Page 88, after line 32, insert:

"Q. Out of the amounts appropriated in this item, \$600,000 from the general fund the first year and \$325,797 from the general fund the second year is provided to support efforts to restore the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research and Integrated Systems Test back to operational conditions. The appropriation of these funds is contingent upon the appropriation of federal funds from the United States Department of Energy or other sources that exceed \$3,000,000."

#### Explanation

(This amendment provides \$600,000 from the general fund the first year and \$325,797 from the general fund the second year to restore the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research and Integrated Systems Test back to operational conditions. Once the facility is operational, future funds from the federal Department of Energy, as well as funds from private companies and universities, will support the facility.)





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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES BUDGET INCLUDES MONEY FOR RESEARCH CENTER IN BEDFORD



"The budget request came from the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority but would go to CAER, a nonprofit focused on research." The News and Advance March 9, 2016



# VNEC/NEI Virginia Nuclear Conference

- Key note speaker
  - Lt. Governor Ralph Northam
- Panel topics (Suggested)
  - Working Together: Collaboration (University, Industry & Government)
    - Workforce development
  - Doing Business with Industry: The role of supplier and manufacture in gin the industry.
  - Next steps: How do we enhance nuclear industry's not Virginia
- Event details
  - Date: June 6, 2016
  - Location: Richmond

### Speaker recommendations welcome.



# Virginia Chamber of Commerce

- Participate in Energy, Resiliency and Sustainability Conference
- May 10, 2016
- Panel Discussions:
  - Virginia's All of the Above Energy Strategy
  - Sustainability-Good For Business
  - Threats to Resiliency in Virginia How and What is Virginia doing?
- VNEC To Sponsor
- Speaking
  - Dr. Alireza Haghighat



## Workforce Coordination with VEWC

- A natural partnership
- Participate in planning for VEWC conferences
- Policy goal is to establish a 17th Energy Career Cluster
  - Added to the existing 16 Virginia Workforce Clusters
- Will visit officials in Richmond together
- Work towards a Energy Technology A.A.S. degree program
  - A 2 year degree
- Will continue to develop data to back up the industries Workforce needs

