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Please forward this email and suggest they consider applying for the Wavemaker Fellowship, which provides tax credits to repay college loans; they’ll find information and the application, due November 1, [here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TzqKIuxpyN36_NdxXVMAUVtWlOZ5tltjItmeGvaEcMussbWtnpz-IQNIaQR8TIv60dXlHeWi3NXyoMvHZPe8l0DE9JSTTvwk0rxlqrpbtYmfblI37Oyt48aWX0OO5eQF7zM55Nz7d4-Rmbg8orab7FGzbMm7Teri&c=pxOhAk5hG3E5g6sZP1xxQ20ImsM2_-ByRGI_TMH-onDYzSEVpOrAQg==&ch=K12USrYY7DEGJ7rF7eGwCn262ugf54Fix2lnrdDyx7N-vyudGtVPeA==)  Below is more news on how we’re working with people like you to build Rhode Island’s economy. To receive timely intel on our events and programs, follow us on [Facebook](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TzqKIuxpyN36_NdxXVMAUVtWlOZ5tltjItmeGvaEcMussbWtnpz-IUBID5GFwoPr-gJY2m5kzrEEB6iho4HJkvZRyy125CHsc9UTFG8IwRgJcJHBCo4YxiAeHtdYs3QYmAvGooBdJMYSQ5Ywh-uof_JSESjtMnsewYR-DqjPWAY=&c=pxOhAk5hG3E5g6sZP1xxQ20ImsM2_-ByRGI_TMH-onDYzSEVpOrAQg==&ch=K12USrYY7DEGJ7rF7eGwCn262ugf54Fix2lnrdDyx7N-vyudGtVPeA==). | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | Connecting Small Suppliers with Big Businesses | | Doris Blanchard and several of our colleagues here at Commerce hosted a supplier diversity event to connect R.I.-based diverse suppliers with some of our state's largest purchasers. This event featured a speed meet-and-greet session with purchasers, as well as courses on topics like pitching your business. If you run a business that could supply some of the state’s largest, consider joining the SupplyRI network.  [Read more](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TzqKIuxpyN36_NdxXVMAUVtWlOZ5tltjItmeGvaEcMussbWtnpz-IalyPYnMpeI8Y8ga_5J3ayJYwGSbJC72IvimsTBUzpBkrarIAHBCRmlNSuGwNGeAZLjEm-3UgU_XF3hUzD2hrPUAAvyYmj_SJfiUsPooe9MqVeELqnHcqK0_PPrmf-Baq14c4BHyzXkwrl4BzvNO4S-scYlZbCtxCZ52aL3k9i7h1QRY1dcmiEUsn-pFI6wqhx6LaiJlT7uy&c=pxOhAk5hG3E5g6sZP1xxQ20ImsM2_-ByRGI_TMH-onDYzSEVpOrAQg==&ch=K12USrYY7DEGJ7rF7eGwCn262ugf54Fix2lnrdDyx7N-vyudGtVPeA==) | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | RI Commerce to Begin Accepting Applications for Site Readiness Program, GoLocal Prov | | Rhode Island Commerce is set to begin accepting applications for the site readiness program. The applications will be available starting on October 1 and will be accepted through November 15. “The Site Readiness program will help expand the portfolio of sites ready for development in Rhode Island,” said Commerce Secretary Stefan Pryor. Funding will be available in two categories, site-specific improvements and municipal assistance.  [Read more](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TzqKIuxpyN36_NdxXVMAUVtWlOZ5tltjItmeGvaEcMussbWtnpz-IalyPYnMpeI89gO5neq-I9zD9j1Gcasss0oUjg-GnOKpqe_EGye4KhblSscQleqpO4YyjoXSYP7Pw3iUUsiPYkePMrkCdREdScTwe_uazT-hUrFZzhSj8K0pHMNaQWWDxSfm4AMwjGtME82tHYgIpsErxRwBNKdBI7IPSv9K7uMSgpJLkzUfYQhAGp5ZCzcD_DqXY8ToJuPFLg-sdLI2seLE55iB13r_dmkeZIccxueH0qnU_Rtss2IOG9vMkhs2zj6C3rBdv5YYaSJCumlq1oHalkakI5fxPw25l2uZLvpY&c=pxOhAk5hG3E5g6sZP1xxQ20ImsM2_-ByRGI_TMH-onDYzSEVpOrAQg==&ch=K12USrYY7DEGJ7rF7eGwCn262ugf54Fix2lnrdDyx7N-vyudGtVPeA==) | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | Can Small Farmers Make It Big in Rhode Island? Rhode Island Monthly | | “In 2016, Governor Gina Raimondo hired the state’s first, and the nation’s only, director of food strategy... The following year, the state launched Relish Rhody, a five-year food strategy plan that includes growing the agriculture and fishing industries and finding markets for their products. This effort has knit together state agencies like DEM, the Commerce Department and the Food Policy Council with producers, marketers/distributors, like Farm Fresh RI, food business incubators, like Hope and Main, and large buyers, like universities.”  [Read more](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TzqKIuxpyN36_NdxXVMAUVtWlOZ5tltjItmeGvaEcMussbWtnpz-IalyPYnMpeI8jBYSbGaOOjmSrjFv0DaJnQt91HKnWRjM8R56iq_QkdhR1-ptcMaSJ3fgg8DBQkoSRyTpHuC-ZqJVxPpxQGUh1b-FeBj11R-JJyes8ADgx43dUkRqeCo2q-O039Fm85OM_rXGlJT84oyf6zLbsSdcfkVH3pttzGsC7Ma4lV0T4sepD9wOOsR7DvoNsC0JKkafcXOo8_sIjFc=&c=pxOhAk5hG3E5g6sZP1xxQ20ImsM2_-ByRGI_TMH-onDYzSEVpOrAQg==&ch=K12USrYY7DEGJ7rF7eGwCn262ugf54Fix2lnrdDyx7N-vyudGtVPeA==) | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | |  | | --- | | **Matt Vargas**  Vice President  401.278.914  [Matt.Vargas@CommerceRI.com](mailto:Hilary.Fagan@commerceri.com) | [www.CommerceRI.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TzqKIuxpyN36_NdxXVMAUVtWlOZ5tltjItmeGvaEcMussbWtnpz-IQ-GKYoEKgwGZiMFqjpvupzNJ1frObJTvlhhvmAaRfrYFdq_pKvUDfPLCkq5Ff9dG7z_-f6c9A83LIxXdyN7cBAKkO2Y9k5qOw==&c=pxOhAk5hG3E5g6sZP1xxQ20ImsM2_-ByRGI_TMH-onDYzSEVpOrAQg==&ch=K12USrYY7DEGJ7rF7eGwCn262ugf54Fix2lnrdDyx7N-vyudGtVPeA==) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | | |