

# HAMPTON ROADS, VA: GLOBALLY CONNECTED, REGIONALLY READY.

Successful metropolitan regions are able to leverage their unique competitive advantages in a manner that creates economic growth and improves the quality of life of their communities. In Hampton Roads, the recent arrival of transatlantic broadband cables in Virginia Beach has created a new and exciting opportunity that distinguishes it from other metropolitan regions and provides an asset that can translate to job creation for the local economy.

Hampton Roads is the only metropolitan area between Miami and New York where groups of these transatlantic cables are landing. Two cables have already arrived, two will arrive by 2021 and several more are being considered. These cables provide ultra-fast fiber service to existing and prospective businesses to position them for growth within the region.

To leverage this and support the growing IT industry, regional leadership has aggressively pursued an initiative to improve digital infrastructure that will prepare the region for success. This initiative, led by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, is known as the Regional Fiber Optic Network Connectivity Project and centers around building a municipally-owned dark fiber open-access network that connects government, business and education centers with the transatlantic cables. Phase 1 of the initiative includes the design of the southside fiber ring, which was recently approved by the five largest southside cities. Future phases of this effort will connect the Peninsula localities, creating a regional “fiber highway” network throughout Hampton Roads that will allow users to access to the ultra-fast global service coming from these transatlantic cables at an affordable cost.

Numerous cybersecurity, IT, software development and data-related companies already call Hampton Roads home. Featured on the adjacent map and in the list below are just a few of the businesses that are and will continue to take advantage of the region's growing infrastructure, further making Hampton Roads the place to be for IT.

- *ACA International*
  - *ADP, Inc.*
  - *Alion Science & Tech.*
  - *BAE Systems*
  - *Booz Allen Hamilton*
  - *CACI*
  - *DOMA Technologies*
  - *DxC Technology*
  - *EdgeConneX*
  - *Ferguson Enterprises*
  - *General Dynamics*
  - *Globalinx*
  - *Keta Technologies, LLC.*
- *Layer 9*
  - *Lockheed Martin*
  - *Mythics, Inc.*
  - *Northrup Grumman*
  - *NxtVN*
  - *PointOne*
  - *Raytheon*
  - *RFK Solutionz*
  - *SAIC*
  - *Serco, Inc.*
  - *Slait Consulting*
  - *Valkyrie Enterprises*
  - *...and more*

