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Fairfax, VA and Richmond, VA, June 12, 2013 – The Virginia Small Business Partnership (VASBP) and the Virginia Chamber jointly announced today that they have formed a partnership to develop pro-small business policies for Virginia. VASBP will help ensure that the policy priorities of the Commonwealth’s small business leaders are incorporated into the Chamber’s Blueprint Virginia initiative.

“We are excited to work with an organization that will help to bring the voice of small business to our vision for Virginia’s future,” said Barry DuVal, President and CEO of the Virginia Chamber.

Blueprint Virginia is the Chamber’s year-long statewide initiative to develop a dynamic eight-year economic development plan aimed at improving Virginia’s competitive position in the global economy and ensuring a prosperous and sustainable future. VASBP will provide input and guidance on this initiative through its annual Virginia Small Business Summit, held this year on September 20 at the Mason Inn in Fairfax, Virginia. Each year, VASBP produces a set of policy priorities based on the work done at the Summit.

“Summit attendees will have the opportunity to have a direct impact on the Blueprint Virginia project, both through surveys and through the work they do to develop the 2013 Summit’s policy priorities document,” said Paul A. Miller, Chairman of VASBP. “We are thrilled to be working with the Chamber to help shape Virginia’s future.”

About the Virginia Small Business Partnership – The Virginia Small Business Partnership (VASBP) advocates for small business interests through policy-focused research. VASBP serves as a bridge between policymakers and small businesses. For more information on the Virginia Small Business Partnership, please visit www.vasbp.com.

About the Virginia Chamber – The Virginia Chamber of Commerce is the state’s largest business advocacy organization with more than 14,500 members. As the voice for business, the Chamber works in the legislative, regulatory and political arenas to act as a catalyst for enhancing Virginia’s economic competitiveness and pro-business climate.

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