

The Virginia Center for Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing



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Overview

The Commonwealth of Virginia, together with AstraZeneca, Eli Lilly and Company, and Merck & Co., Inc., intends to establish the Virginia Center for Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (VCAPM) within the Charlottesville – Petersburg – Richmond Corridor. This Center will be the nation's largest multi-company, industry-led hub for drug substance manufacturing and related operations, strengthening U.S. supply-chain resilience and building a world-class GMP-ready workforce through collaboration among industry, academia, and government.

Purpose & Vision

The VCAPM will provide hands-on, simulated GMP training, demonstration, and education in drug substance and product development, serving as a hub for innovation, workforce development, and advanced manufacturing. The Center will position Virginia as a national leader in biopharma talent generation and commercialization.

Structure & Governance

The Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC) will lead operations through the Virginia Center for Pharma Training (VCPT) under the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA). A joint Steering Group of the Commonwealth and participating companies will guide planning, site selection, and governance. A VCPT Advisory Committee of private sector, higher education, and state leaders will ensure accountability, while a VIPC Life Sciences Director oversees daily operations and compliance.

Facilities & Educational Integration

The Center will operate across approximately 90,000 square feet of GMP-simulated training space along the Charlottesville – Richmond – Petersburg Corridor. Facilities will include pilot-scale manufacturing suites, analytical labs, classrooms, and flexible spaces. Partnerships with Hampton University (HU), UVA, VCU, VT and JMU, along with community colleges, will create stackable credentials and degree pathways from technician to advanced degrees.

Investment & Participation

Founding Companies: Each will contribute up to \$40 million in investment, technical expertise, and personnel to establish shared infrastructure while preserving independence and confidentiality. The Commonwealth will support site readiness, permitting, and workforce program alignment. Future partners are invited to join as collaborators to shape workforce programs, pilot training modules, and leverage shared infrastructure and innovation resources.

Timeline (Non-Binding)

- Within 60 days: Form Steering Group and outline site/workforce options.
- Within 120 days: Prepare term sheets for incentives and governance.
- Within 180 days: Execute definitive agreements.

Invitation to Participate

The Center welcomes additional industry partners to participate in shaping this landmark initiative—bringing together manufacturing expertise, workforce priorities, and innovation in a shared, neutral platform that accelerates growth for both companies and the Commonwealth.