

**CAER Receives Grant from**  
**The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust to Strengthen Region's Science and**  
**Engineering Workforce**

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The Center for Advanced Engineering and Research (CAER) has received a \$2,000 grant from The Mary Emma Lemmon Charitable Fund of The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust. These particular funds will be used to subsidize and grow the engineering development program in Region 2000. CAER has been working collaboratively with the University of Virginia, George Mason University and other partners to bring engineering related professional development opportunities to this region including some of the following examples: Corrosion, Root Cause Failure Analysis, Introduction to Project Management and Health Physics.

The CAER is a non-profit organization within Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership that creates working relationships between high-tech industries, major R&D centers and university researchers, and delivers professional development opportunities for scientists and engineers.

CAER's professional development programs are part of a larger focus by the Region 2000 Partnership to create a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) culture in the region and to build the workforce of the future, supporting the region's cluster of high-tech businesses.

Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership is a collaborative network of organizations with a unified vision to provide regional development leadership within the 2,000 square miles that include the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell, the towns of Altavista, Amherst, Appomattox and Brookneal, and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg. The organization provides a single point of contact to the public and private sector for regional planning services, economic development, marketing, and workforce training. Partner organizations include the Economic Development Council, the Local Government Council, the Technology Council, the Workforce Investment Board, the Young Professionals of Central Virginia and the newly opened Center for Advanced Engineering and Research. Visit us at [www.region2000.org](http://www.region2000.org) or follow us on Twitter @VARegion2000.

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