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The Shenandoah Valley Technology Council (SVTC) is a non-profit membership organization serving the greater Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Its members are **creators and users of technology** who gather together for education, networking and business development. By helping technology businesses in the area succeed and grow, the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council is an integral component of the region, helping to bring high-paying technology jobs to the Valley.

The Shenandoah Valley Technology Council offers a variety of programs designed to meet the ever-changing needs of its members and the technology community. Through networking events, educational programs, committees and informative publications, we build community relations and offer our members and the general public a variety of ways to make new contacts, network with fellow technology users and creators, and help technology businesses in the area succeed and grow.

We partner with groups in industry, economic development, workforce development, technology, downtown revitalization, and education. Our programs range from monthly luncheon networking events to an annual awards banquet honoring technology related achievement in 7 categories.

The Shenandoah Valley Technology Council is your resource, whether you already live, work or play in the Shenandoah Valley or are planning to relocate here. Membership is open to businesses, organizations and individuals. Benefits of membership include networking opportunities, image enhancement, political advocacy, and heightened credibility and visibility.

The importance of technology in the Commonwealth of Virginia has grown tremendously over the past decade. Virginia is experiencing significant economic growth at this time. This growth has been fueled by the substantial advance of information technology in many parts of the state. The draft "Blueprint for Technology-Based Economic Growth in Virginia" unveiled on May 21 1997 underlines the importance of this. However, as the "Blueprint" distinctly communicates, "if significant investments in its capacity to grow and support this sector are not made, its success will be short lived."

Participation is KEY. Being a member or active participant of the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council creates important connections that enable individuals and companies to do and achieve more.

Mission: The mission of the Community Outreach Committee is to create and coordinate outreach programs in the community that develop and highlight the Shenandoah Valley's technology sector – as a career field for students (K16), as a destination for technology businesses, and as place where technology innovation and entrepreneurship happens.