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Kathryn Dolan is the Director of Business Development and Outreach Services for the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Development. She leads a team of Business Services Managers who are strategically located throughout the Commonwealth serving small businesses throughout all of Virginia.

The Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity assists small, women- and minority-owned businesses start and grow their business in addition to navigating Virginia's procurement process as well as connecting with corporate supplier diversity initiatives.

Dolan, a native of Richmond, Virginia, has more than 35 years' experience in economic development in addition to several years in the private sector. She has a strong interest in small business development with a special focus on the economic impact of women- and minority-owned businesses

Ms. Dolans career also includes work with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance. (SBSD is the result of a 2014 merge of the former Virginia Department of Business Assistance and the Department of Minority Business Development.) She is passionate about providing the tools to empower small and women- and minority-owned businesses to succeed. Her state, federal and private sector experience makes her a vital resource to Virginia businesses.

At SBSD, Dolan assess existing business models, coordinate strategies with key resources for small businesses across the Commonwealth and recruit a statewide team. "More than 99 percent of businesses in Virginia are small businesses," Dolan notes. With regards to assisting small businesses grow, Dolan states "It's beyond the right thing to do, it IS about a powerful economic engine for Virginia."