



The Hampton Roads Resilience Transformation

Norfolk and the surrounding Hampton Roads region or southeastern Virginia are embarking on an ambitious transformation over the coming years to meet its resilience objectives in the areas including Water Management, Data Analytics, Building Viability, Critical Systems Functionality, and Reconnecting Neighborhoods.

Investments in upgrading the region's resilience present new market and innovation opportunities for companies around the world. [RISE](#) is a non-profit founded to support urban innovators, start-ups and small businesses to get an opportunity at participating in this regional transformation.

In 2018 RISE will lead the **Coastal Community Resilience Challenge**: a global call for solutions that address the impact of sea level rise and recurrent flooding in Hampton Roads. It is coupled with over **\$1 million in funding** to small businesses and start-ups to demonstrate the viability of new solutions through real-life pilots and to be considered for public and private procurements in region's transformation. RISE is sourcing innovative solutions through two channels. Entrepreneurs can participate in either challenge below, and the MIT Solve Challenge is not a prerequisite to the RISE Challenge:

MIT Solve Coastal Community Challenge	RISE Coastal Community Resilience Challenge
Who can apply: All vendors or individual urban innovators.	Who can apply: For- and non-profit small businesses. <i>*Anyone can submit a solution to RISE but only for- and non-profit small businesses will be eligible for funding.</i>
Awards: Finalists will receive a \$10,000 grant funded by Solve and will be eligible for additional prizes and partnerships .	Awards: Over \$1 million from the Resilience Innovation Fund will be distributed to selected solutions and viability will be considered to qualify solutions for regional contracts.
Timeline: Jul 1 – Draft application due Jul 20 – Final application due Aug – Solve finalists announced Sept 22 – Solve finalists pitch in NYC --- Solvers seeking funding can also submit their solutions to the RISE Challenge.	Timeline: Sept 30 (11:59pm EDT) – Challenge submissions due Oct 1 – 30 – Submissions judging Oct 31 – Challenge finalists announced Nov 1 – Spring 2019 – Fund submissions & pitches Spring 2019 – Awards and contracting 2019 – 2022 – Implementation
Technical Support: May 31 - Solveathon in Norfolk, VA (register by May 27)	Technical Support: May 31 – Solveathon in Norfolk, VA (register by May 27) June 12 – Sept 18 - Bi-monthly virtual office hours
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