

Reza Jafari to Chair Talbot Chamber Workforce Development Task Force

The Talbot County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their August 16, 2018 meeting approved the formation of a Workforce Development Task Force.

This Task Force will be an Eco-System of organizations/entities who are committed to serve the workforce development needs of Talbot County through collaborative engagements and Public Private Partnerships.

The deliverables include:

- Assessment of workforce Supply and Demand for the business community(Manufacturing, Retail, Hospitality and Service Industries), Non-Profits, Public Sector
- Development of Talbot Workforce Marketplace/Exchange Portal for job seekers (entering the job market, changing jobs, veterans, re-entering the job market) through the posting of available opportunities including Internships, Mentoring, Start-up/Incubation and Entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Occasional Educational seminars for providing general guidance and advice for potential employers to present their perspectives and requirements as well as potential job seekers to learn and adjust to the job requirements.
- Occasional meet ups to create networking opportunities for the job seekers and entrepreneurs and angel investors.

Chairing the Talbot Chamber Workforce Development Task Force will be Reza Jafari. Mr. Jafari is the Chairman & CEO of e-Development International. He is an experienced Chief Executive Officer with a demonstrated history of exceptional results and working in information technology and services industry. Skilled in Digital Transformation and Innovation Strategy, Eco-System Development, Business Planning, International Business.

Mr. Jafari is a member of the Chesapeake College Board of Trustees, Member of the Talbot County Economic Development Commission, Co-Chairman Connected City Advisor Board (Wireless Broadband Alliance). Mr. Jafari served Commissioner of the Maryland Economic Development Commission and as the Chairman of the Annapolis Economic Corporation. Mr. Jafari was a Group President, Global Telecom, Media and Entertainment for Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

Individuals and organization that want to participate in the Workforce Development Task Force are encouraged to contact Reza Jafari at arjafari@aol.com and are asked to cc Al Silverstein at asilver@talbotchamber.org .