**Virginia Wine Board**

**Invitation to Submit Pre-Proposal**

The Virginia Wine Board (VWB) is soliciting pre-proposals to fund research, education, and marketing projects that enhance the Virginia wine industry. Projects are funded by the wine liter tax and are approved through an evaluation process. A pre-proposal system has been implemented by the Virginia Wine Board with the goal to increase the number of applicants as well as streamline the proposal preparation and review process. Pre-proposals will be evaluated on their relevance to the Virginia wine industry strategic plan, “Vision 2020”. A copy of “Vision 2020” can be found at: <http://www.virginiawine.org/industry/documents>

This process is open to applicants within as well as outside the state of Virginia. Pre-proposals will be reviewed by the Wine Board and selected proposals will be invited to submit full proposals. An invitation to submit a full proposal does not guarantee funding.

**Format**

Pre-proposals must be submitted electronically. Pre-proposals should not exceed 2 typed pages, single spaced using 12 size font. The pre-proposal must address the following:

Name of the Researcher

Title of project

Budget

Project synopsis

What are the objectives of the project?

Project cost/benefit analysis for the Virginia Wine industry?

**Deadlines**

Pre-proposals must be emailed to [melissa.ball@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:melissa.ball@vdacs.virginia.gov) no later than midnight November 10, 2017.

**Pre-proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered!**

All pre-proposals will be evaluated and voted on at the December 2017 Board meeting.

Applicants will be notified by email on the status of their proposal one week after the meeting.

Applicants selected to submit a complete proposal will receive additional instructions regarding proposal submission. Final proposal submissions will be due in February 2018 with the exact date to be determined. The grant cycle will run from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.