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Business Expo - Call for Presentations and Exhibitors

Mark your calendars for the largest B2B networking trade show and business conference this spring. On Thursday, May 24, the Vermont Chamber Business Expo returns to the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel Burlington (formerly known as the Sheraton) for one full day of business-focused seminars, 150 exhibitors showcasing the latest in business services and products to grow your business, and a not to be missed statewide networking after party. Almost half of the booth spaces are already reserved; check out the current exhibitors and [book your booth now](#). We are also seeking presentation proposals for the Innovation Institute Seminar Series, presented by TD

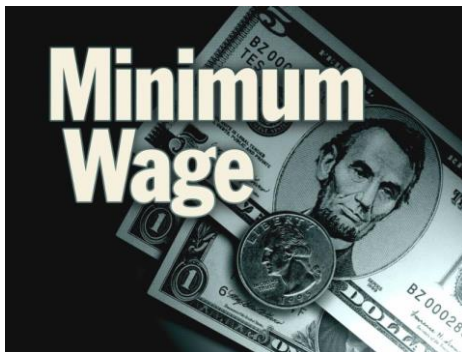


Bank. These 50 minute seminars provide business attendees with solutions and inspiration to grow their businesses. Contact [Ariel Bertenshaw](#) for additional information.



One Minute Survey on Remote Workers

The Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs Committee heard from business organizations, including testimony by the Vermont Chamber, regarding S.94. This proposal would create a tax credit for employers that adopt workforce flexibility and telecommunication programs. Please take a few minutes to participate in the [Remote Workers](#) survey.



\$15 Minimum Wage and the Tipped Wage

The Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs Committee passed a minimum wage proposal that will reach \$15 per hour by 2024, keeping the tip wage at 50% of that amount. The full Senate is expected to vote on this proposal within the next week. Look up your Senators [here](#) and contact them.

Read more [here](#).



Nominate Your Business

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce and Vermont Business Magazine are accepting nominations for the Deane C. Davis Outstanding Business of the Year Award that honors a deserving Vermont company. This award is named from the late Governor Deane C. Davis, who was not only synonymous with business and industry in Vermont, but also with Vermont's legacy which protects the environment in which we live, work and play. This special award is presented to a Vermont business that has exhibited outstanding accomplishments in sales, community involvement, employee relations, and recognition of its place in our environment.

[Nominate](#) your company today!



Nominate Your Favorites for Top 10 Winter Events 2018-2019

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce features the state's best activities for each season. It's now time to nominate your favorite winter activities as Vermont Top 10 Events. The Top 10 events are published in the Vermont Chamber's [Winter Vacation Guide](#), the official tourism piece for the state of Vermont. Often the list is leveraged to answer media inquiries and by Vermont Chamber partners to identify the hottest events around the state. Click [here](#) for the application and more details. Any questions contact [Karen Foote](#).



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[Venture Fund FreshTracks Supports VT Entrepreneurs](#)

[Six Rutland Area Businesses get Vermont Training Program Grants](#)

[DoubleTree by Hilton Takes Over Sheraton Burlington Hotel](#)

[City Market to Sell South End Property to Petra Cliffs](#)

[Three Attorneys Elected Directors at DRM](#)

[Northfield Savings Bank Hires VP of Commercial Banking to Support Chittenden County](#)

[Longtime Burlington Business Owner Trombley Joins Coldwell Banker Hickok & Boardman Realty](#)

This section features news about growing Vermont companies. Add news@vtchamber.com to your distribution list.

Business Resources:

[Governor Phil Scott Encourages Businesses and Stakeholders to 'Make Voices Heard' on NAFTA Negotiations](#)

Save the Date:

[Up Your Alley - 1st Annual Bowling for Hunger Tournament](#)

[Small Business Seminar, ABCs of Financing & Growing Your Small Business](#)
contact [David Seaver](#) by February 8, 2018.

[2018 SBA Emerging Leaders Program](#)

[ISO AS9100 RevD Internal Auditor Training & ISO 9001:2015 Internal Auditor Training](#)

[New England Food Show \(NEFS\) 2018](#)

[2018 Worksite Wellness Awards & Conference](#)

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