

MCCC advocates for our members to compete in a globally and regionally competitive marketplace by promoting opportunities and removing barriers.

	<u>Talent and Workforce</u>	<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>Business Climate</u>
<b>Issues</b>	<i>Employers are struggling to attract, train, and retain top talent.</i>	<i>Employees are struggling to get to work because of a congested and limited transportation network and strategies.</i>	<i>The barriers of entry are too high and businesses must be given more opportunities to drive change.</i>
<b>Solutions</b>	<p><b>Support employers in recruitment and retention of employees through incentives, grants, and tax credits</b></p> <p><b>Support strategies for housing affordability for all income levels</b></p> <p><b>Education</b> Ensure increased actual funding for school operations and school construction</p> <p>Expand relevant and applicable workforce initiatives, Career Technical Education (CTE), apprenticeships, STEM, and curriculum to prepare graduates to find jobs in the county</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b> Comprehensive relief for congestion along the 270/495 corridors by leveraging smart technologies, road capacity, transit options, and abilities to telework</p> <p>Increased monetary federal investment in WMATA and other programs</p> <p><b>Comprehensive approach to expand access for broadband internet to unserved areas</b></p> <p><b>Ensure access to affordable, clean, renewable sources of energy through current/new technologies</b></p> <p><b>State and County Budgets</b> Maintain or increase investment in infrastructure and control spending in other budgetary areas</p>	<p><b>Small Business</b> Transparent, public, and thorough analysis of taxes and fees across counties and surrounding areas to ensure competitiveness</p> <p>Adopt federal standard definition of small business</p> <p><b>Investment in ‘Green Tape’ initiative, RISE zones, and Opportunity Zones</b></p> <p><b>Taxes and Costs</b> Expand State R&amp;D Tax Credits and new business tax credits</p> <p>Sunset increase in Energy Tax</p> <p>Ensure globally competitive taxes and fees through analysis and tax reform</p> <p><b>Strengthen customer service, accountability, and data collection in state and local agencies and remove unnecessary requirements to streamline and quicken processes</b></p> <p><b>Require a private sector economic impact analysis prior to enacting local legislation</b></p> <p><b>Procure matching state funding for the MOVE program</b></p> <p><b>Provide bridge financial assistance to businesses impacted by major construction projects</b></p> <p><b>Approach to economic development where resources and tools are used to attract/retain all types of businesses to the county and state</b></p>
<p align="center"><b><u>GovConNet Federal Initiatives</u></b></p> <p>GovConNet Midsize Initiative focuses on addressing the challenges midsize companies face with federal contracting: procurement policies, critical support for entrepreneurs, and issues that impact the business community.</p> <p><b>Bring Multiple Award Contract (MAC) Requirements in Line with the Capabilities of Midsize Firms</b> Many of the most lucrative federal opportunities have been structured in a manner that excludes many midsize businesses. This initiative will involve educating agencies on structuring MAC requirements to enable midsize firms to compete.</p> <p><b>Require a Five-Year Look-back for the Purpose of Small Business Administration (SBA) Size Determination</b> Modifying the receipt calculation from the current three-year average to the preceding five years of receipts for the purposes of size determination will give businesses more runway as they prepare for the transition into full and open competition.</p> <p><b>Deduct R&amp;D Expenses and Expenditures from Total Revenue for Size Determination</b> Deducting research and development (R&amp;D) expenses and expenditures from total revenue for size determination supports the government’s initiative to stimulate technological and biomedical innovation, as well as allows companies to continue to pursue and develop new products and processes, without undue penalty.</p>			