

Board Meeting 11/19/2018
Innovation Vouchers

Cooley Group | Pawtucket, RI | \$50,000 – The Cooley Group will use the Innovation Voucher to continue a collaboration with the University of Rhode Island (URI) focused on transforming existing billboards into Smart Billboards that can communicate with users and track consumer behaviors for advertisers. This follow-on project will allow the Cooley Group to access the electrical engineering expertise at URI's biosensing laboratory.

Kenney Manufacturing Company | Warwick, RI | \$50,000 – Kenney Manufacturing Company is a leading manufacturer of drapery hardware and shower bars. They will use the Innovation Voucher to develop new, cost efficient processes to manufacture hardware in multiple finishes for which there is increasing consumer demand.

The Compost Plant, L3C | Providence, RI | \$49,042 – The Compost Plant will use the Innovation Voucher to work with the University of Rhode Island's (URI) College of Environmental Life Sciences. The Compost Plant is a leader in organics collection in Rhode Island integrating three core areas of operations: food waste collections, compost processing, and product sales of premium growing media. The project will field-test growing media blends to improve performance and provide a third-party validation of the Compost Plant's organically certified compost-based growing media against key industry competitors.