## A Suffolk Success Story!



Allfirst, LLC has operated as an Industrial General Contractor since March 17, 2000. The Company serves Fortune 500 companies in the Hampton Roads area and affiliates of these same companies in other locales. Allfirst builds its own workforce of skilled mechanics, welders, millwrights, pipefitters, riggers, and machinists. Now employing 66 mechanics and crafts specialists and working another 65 people as industrial projects demand, the Company has built a solid reputation and loyal customer base.

Since 2015, Allfirst has won numerous awards for excellence and has used this recognition to recruit craft professionals, as well as leveraged its commitment to its workforce by receiving grants to expand its skills development program. Allfirst has been featured in Inside Business, Suffolk's Economic Development Activity Report, and the Suffolk Herald. Among these awards and grants are:

- 2015 Commonwealth Contractors Safety Award
- 2016 Roaring 20 Hampton Roads
- 2016/17 Grant from Opportunity Inc. and partnership with Tidewater Community College
- 2017 Entrepreneurial Excellence Award

Allfirst is utilizing the funds from the OppInc. grant to expand its welding program. VJIP provides funds to expand its Professional Development Program and to jump-start its Registered Apprenticeship Program for pipefitters. The skills of 62 people will be enhanced by use of these awards and these employees, as well Allfirst's customers will benefit. These funding sources provide opportunities to enhance the economy of the region and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Allfirst gives back to the community that provides its business and workforce by engaging in outreach programs such as Roc Solid, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, SERTOMA, Suffolk Rotary, and many more.

The Company offers an annual scholarship through the Suffolk Foundation: <a href="http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/2016/06/23/allfirst-presents-scholarships/">http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/2016/06/23/allfirst-presents-scholarships/</a>

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