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**ORANGE COUNTY WELCOMES FIRST CO-WORKING SPACE**

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Economic Development Office is pleased to announce the opening of co-working space off Route 3 in the eastern end of Orange County. Entrepreneur and Developer, Mansour Azimipour has planned to officially open the collaborative work space with a grand opening reception open to the public from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Twins of Germanna Office Park located at 4444 Germanna Highway, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Mansour and Orange County Economic Development are currently engaging the public and Orange County High School's DECA team to help name the space. To provide name suggestions please reach out to the Economic Development Office by emailing [info@thinkorangeva.com](mailto:info@thinkorangeva.com) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thinkorangeva/>.

Collaborative working space, coined co-working space, provides inexpensive office space geared toward small business owners, freelancers, entrepreneurs and the like, in an open office environment. Users pay a monthly membership to have access to an open desk or table space, internet connectivity and office essentials ranging from paperclips to a printer. Members typically enjoy the company of other like-minded individuals and help foster an environment to collaborate and share ideas.

Orange County's office of Economic Development has been working with, Mansour Azimipour, on the shared office concept for almost a year. The collaborative work space will occupy an available unit in Azimipour's building encompassing 2,100 square feet. The space will provide twelve (12) desks, a shared high-top desk, conference room, one (1) private office, 24/7 access, Wi-Fi connectivity, printer services, refreshments and much more. In addition, the Economic Development office and Orange County Chamber of Commerce will look to provide a mentor community for members and host occasional meetups and business workshops.

Economic Development Director, Tommy Miller explains, "Historically co-working space in larger markets attract high tech millennials. The goal with Mr. Azimipour's co-working space is to reach those same creative folks but expand the opportunity of membership to all interested individuals. Including, our home-based business community looking for an inexpensive second office with reliable internet as well as the recent retiree who's been toying the idea to create a new widget."

Mansour Azimipour, who has been a high-energy entrepreneur all his life notes, "I am excited to open this new creative space and provide Orange County and the surrounding community a new business environment to foster success for the small business entrepreneur".

Orange County Supervisor and Vice-Chairman, Lee Frame, says, "Mansour Azimipour has been active and supportive in efforts to develop the Germanna Wilderness Area and the county looks

forward to working with Mansour to provide entrepreneurial support in the eastern end of the County and in all areas of the County”.

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