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## Hampton company awarded \$800,000 in grants for wastewater treatment research

**Aug. 3, 2016** - Pancopia Inc., a research and development company in Hampton, recently received a \$750,000, Phase II Small Business Innovation Grant from the federal government to continue work on a prototype for wastewater treatment during space exploration, and a \$50,000 grant from Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology for research into treating municipal wastewater.

Located in the award-winning Peninsula Technology Incubator, Pancopia focuses on providing "safe, high quality water resources for people while also preserving the environment." The incubator has won several national awards for entrepreneurship and was named a top accelerator program by the Small Business Administration.

Bill Cumbie, Pancopia's founder and chief technology officer, said in separate news releases that the awards will allow Pancopia to continue research on two fronts: removing organic carbon and ammonia from wastewater in space, and cutting water treatment costs and pollution here on earth. "We are excited to see where our research takes us," Cumbie said.

Pancopia has worked with a number of agencies and organizations to develop the new wastewater technology, including NASA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Aerospace, Peninsula Technology Incubator, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, Center for Innovative Technology, and professors from Old Dominion, Virginia Tech, Bucknell and Purdue universities.

Hampton Economic Director Leonard Sledge said the grants Pancopia received highlight the quality of work being done at the incubator and in the city. "Hampton is proud to be a community where innovation is valued and great ideas can grow," Sledge said.

To learn more about Pancopia and the company's research, visit [www.pancopia.com](http://www.pancopia.com). To learn about economic opportunities in Hampton, visit [www.hampton.gov/ed](http://www.hampton.gov/ed).

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