



Greetings,

This past month, SupplyRI has continued to work closely with Rhode Island businesses with initiatives such as the [Take It Outside Grant Program](#). The SupplyRI Team would like to express gratitude to the many suppliers that have, and continue to, provide much-needed products and services to assist local Rhode Island businesses increase outdoor commerce and/or pivot during the pandemic.

Thanks to all of our suppliers, SupplyRI has been able to assist businesses in procuring PPE, building supplies, cleaning supplies, medical supplies, heaters and more. Two suppliers that have played a large role in these efforts are Symtek Inc. and John F. White & Co., Inc., both of which are featured in this month's newsletter.

Businesses wishing to purchase supplies related to the Take It Outside Grant Program and COVID-19 from local Rhode Island-based companies can download a list of suppliers below or email [SupplyRI@CommerceRI.com](mailto:SupplyRI@CommerceRI.com).

[Download SupplyRI's list of COVID-19 related suppliers here](#)

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### Supplier spotlight: Symtek Inc. & John F. White & Co., Inc.

"SupplyRI has been a valuable resource for Symtek as we've tried to navigate state and local purchasing rules and regulations regarding PPE. In the rare instances when we couldn't find what we needed on the website, a short email to Doris or Bronte has always been answered quickly and completely. Their help has greatly reduced our learning curve, and we can't thank them enough for their help." Mark Mesrobian, Executive Vice President, Symtek Inc.



[Learn more about Symtek Inc.](#)

"Supply RI has been a strong and helpful partner in connecting John F. White & Co. Wholesale Heating Supplies with reputable and qualified buyers. Our product line includes energy efficient heating and ventilation equipment. As a result we have seen a lot of interest in our selection of MERV 13 air filters, UV air purifiers, WiFi-enabled smart controls, propane heaters and related products to combat the spread of viruses. Supply RI has also been a great resource in helping us with our sales and marketing materials. We appreciate the hard work of Doris Blanchard, Bronte Dinges and the entire team at Commerce RI. Thank you." - Steven White, President, John F. White & Co., Inc.

[Learn more about John F. White & Co., Inc.](#)

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**Resource partner of the month: Hope & Main**

Hope & Main believes that a vibrant local food economy is built on the shoulders of small business. Hope & Main empowers an inclusive community of entrepreneurs to jumpstart and cultivate thriving food businesses and equip them with the competence, confidence and connections to achieve their ambitions.



During the pandemic, Hope & Main has partnered with RI Commerce Corporation through a Technical Assistance Grant to develop and launch a program to enable Rhode Island restaurants impacted by COVID-19 to produce products based on iconic menu items. This campaign, called Dish Up RI, will create supplemental revenue streams for these businesses and a new way for consumers to support their favorite local restaurants.

“The Dish Up RI campaign is intended to preserve Rhode Island's treasured restaurant community by creating an entirely new food sector for our State. These restaurant retail products will be available to institutional buyers and individual consumers allowing them to enjoy and celebrate a remarkably wide variety of Rhode Island food culture.” Lisa Raiola, MPH, President & Founder, Hope & Main



[Learn more about Hope & Main](#)



During these difficult times, The SupplyRI Team is grateful for the opportunity to assist Rhode Island businesses. We wish you and your loved ones a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Best Regards,

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