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Governor's Broadband Roundtable unveils Community Broadband Toolkit



By Mike Edwards
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The final report of the Governor's Broadband Roundtable includes a Community Broadband Toolkit, which is an introductory "how to" guide tailored to assist local government leaders intending to deploy broadband and "last mile" solutions throughout their communities.

Broadband for underserved localities and areas is a prerequisite for economic development initiatives and access to educational opportunities. Wide spread deployment of broadband in Virginia remains a top legislative and policy priority of VACo.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's Roundtable released the final report in Williamsburg on Sept. 9, during the 10th Annual Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium (COVITS). The

Roundtable initiated its work last summer and has been co-chaired by former Gov. Mark R. Warner and Kaine's Secretary of Technology Aneesh P. Chopra.

While the final report refrains from seeking new state grant dollars to assist localities and communities "to get connected," the report establishes a template for local leaders to emulate.

The Roundtable included a host of local and state government officials as well as academic and private sector leaders. The report clearly states the importance of broadband by answering the rhetorical question "Why is broadband such a priority?"

As stated in the report: "High speed telecommunications services are essential to economic growth and can dramatically increase civic participation,



Secretary of Technology Aneesh Chopra

health care access, education, job training, public safety and other needed services. Despite a [greater than] \$300 million investment in Virginia's infra-

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2008 Annual Conference Update

Nov. 9-11/The Homestead



"Solutions" to be the focus of the 2008 VACo conference

This year VACo's annual conference will feature the County Solutions Roundtable Discussion Forum. It will take place on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Homestead's Stratford/Mount Vernon Room.

The purpose of the Roundtable Discussion Forum will be to provide county officials with opportunities to receive additional information about

available services offered by 14 participating vendors attending the conference. These are services that may represent solutions to the most critical challenges confronting counties. Examples may include ways to improve energy efficiency within county-owned facilities or financing and constructing critical infrastructure.

In small group settings, vendors will

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Grants for physical education: Sportime helps combat childhood obesity

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 16 percent of children between the ages of 6 and 19 are overweight or obese. That rate has tripled since 1980, and represents more than nine million children in the United States.

National guidelines recommend 150 minutes of physical activity each week for elementary children and 225 minutes for older children. Only one state (Illinois) has a statewide requirement for daily physical education.

Sportime, a widely recognized and respected brand for quality physical education equipment, resources and teacher training, has stepped forward to help combat this epidemic. Sportime assists school districts, parks and recreation programs, and non-profit agencies that work with children, access the resources they need.

One way that Sportime does this is by offering free grant writing for school districts seeking federal Physical Education Program funding. These grants are to start, grow and improve physical education programs for K-12 students, with an eye to meeting state physical education standards.

The grants, formally known as the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP), range from \$50,000 to \$720,000. They may be used to purchase equipment, train teachers or both. Approximately \$70 million in grants were distributed in 2004 to support innovative approaches to health and physical activity.

Responding to the grant application can be quite onerous for many school districts that already stretched thin. Sportime's grant writers are experts at navigating the process and have helped school districts of all sizes receive PEP funds.

In 2004, Sportime assisted Park River North Dakota Public Schools (three schools comprise the entire district) in receiving more than \$500,000 over three years. That same year, Sportime's assistance helped Chicago Public Schools, with more than 600 schools, secure a three year grant for over \$1 million.

Grantees are required to develop programs that address training for staff in one or more of the following program elements that meet state standards:

- *Fitness education and assessments to help students understand improve or maintain their physical well-being.

- *Instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental and social or emotional development of each student.

- *Development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle.

- *Opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through participation in physical activity.

- *Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition.

- *Opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

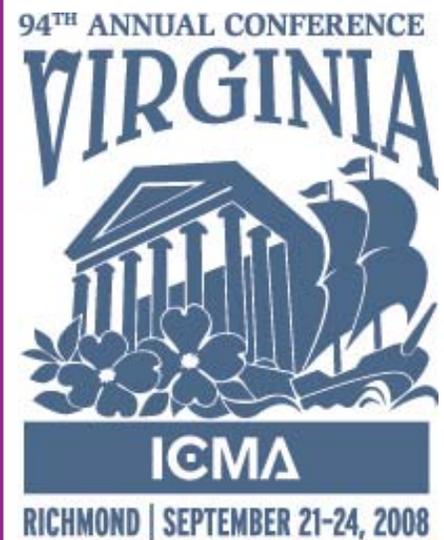
Additionally, successful PEP grant recipients can ensure that those dollars go further since all of Sportime 's products are all available through the U.S. Communities Program.

U.S. Communities provides a national purchasing forum for local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education and non-profits nationwide by pooling the purchasing power of over 87,000 public agencies. For more information on U.S. Communities, go to www.uscommunities.org.



VACo Notes

VACo's Larry Land appeared before the Governor's Climate Change Commission last week. Land spoke about VACo's stance on environmental issues. "As one of your members said at a meeting of the Land Use/Transportation work group last week, people care about the places in which they live," Land said. "The local level is the most appropriate place where competing, yet highly viable imperatives and concerns about a community's future should be considered."



Last year some of you gave your time to volunteer at the NACo Annual Conference.

Time and time again, participants and NACo staff have spoken about the great work done by the volunteers last year.

Now there's another opportunity to show Richmond's brand of customer service and southern hospitality.

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is looking for volunteers for its 94th Annual Conference held Sept. 21-24.

If you are interested in donating your time, please contact Ivy Sager at itsager@co.hanover.va.us.

You can visit www.vlagma.org for more information.

Climate Change Commission debates findings in interim report

By Larry Land
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The Governor's Commission on Climate Change held a five hour meeting on Sept. 10.



During this meeting, most of the time was spent with all 40 commission members undergoing a detailed, paragraph-by-paragraph, debate-stimulating review of the "findings" section of the commission's draft interim report.

While most issues were resolved, others aroused rigorous debate and therefore deferred. This necessitated another commission meeting some time next month. Date and location have not yet been determined.

The commission's final report, due for release on Dec. 15, is expected to have recommendations with important implications for local governments, especially in the area of land use.

One commission member has repeatedly made criticisms about local government regulations that act as impediments to the installation of such renewable energy sources as solar panels and wind turbines.

On the other hand, members of the

commission's adaptation/sequestration work group (chaired by Del. Joseph Bouchard of Virginia Beach) have been voicing concerns about the need local governments in lower-lying areas will have for technical assistance to help them make amendments to their comprehensive plans necessitated by increases in sea levels that will significantly alter hydrologic and geologic conditions. The technical tool most frequently mentioned for monitoring sea-level changes is called "LIDAR," an acronym for "Light Detection and Ranging."

The adaptation/sequestration will probably recommend to the full commission that the state assume financial responsibility for investing in the LIDAR system, an estimated cost of about \$4 million.

During its Sept. 10 meeting commission members also considered what its chair (Preston Bryant, Secretary of Natural Resources) called "cross-cutting recommendations."

One of these recommendations is to conduct a statewide review of the legal authority local governments have to plan and prepare for the future effects of climate change.

This recommendation stemmed

from a recognition of policy choices a locality might need to consider if it receives credible technical information demonstrating the likelihood of certain parcels of land within its borders (currently subject to real property taxes) being submerged due to sea elevation at some point within the ensuing 20 years.

While some of the commission "findings" in the interim report were disputed, there seemed to be little or no controversy by commissioners about the following findings:

*Sea level rise is a "major concern"

*The affordability and availability of insurance for Virginia's land owners in coastal areas is also a major concern.

*As water temperatures and salinity in the Chesapeake Bay increase, such "foundation species" as blue crabs and oysters could decline or disappear.

*With the northward expansion of vegetation and animal life now more prevalent in areas south of Virginia, there will be significant effects on the state's ecosystems (this will also have major implications for Virginia's agriculture and forestry industries.)

The most up-to-date news on Climate Change Commission activities is available at www.deq.state.va.us/info/climatechange.html.

State budget cuts and declining revenue collections

By Ted McCormack and Dean Lynch
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Gov. Timothy M. Kaine addressed the Senate and House Finance Committees and the House Appropriations Committee in a joint session on Aug. 15 to report the final revenue numbers for FY2008 and to discuss a reforecast of the FY2009-2010 revenue projections.

The governor painted a "bleak" picture in the midst of a national economic downturn. He purports taking a proactive approach by accelerating the reforecasting process and directing state agencies to control

hiring and discretionary expenses.

He declined to speculate about the magnitude of the revenue slowdown but stated that he will initiate a reforecasting process immediately and craft a new official estimate in the next seven-to-eight weeks. The Commonwealth will engage in a third round of budget reductions this fall that will include all programs, including those previously held harmless. All areas of state spending will be examined.

Gov. Kaine announced state agency spending reductions for FY2008, 2009

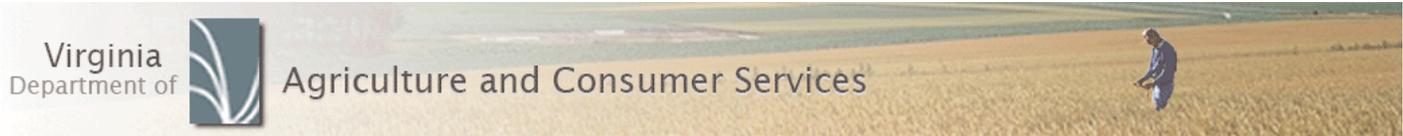
and 2010 totaling \$49 million. The declaration is a response to the FY 2009-2010 biennial budget passed by the 2008 General Assembly. The budget required the governor to make \$35 million in spending reductions in FY2009 and FY2010.

The governor made \$17 million in reductions in FY2008. These savings will carry forward into FY2009 and will contribute to meeting the reductions

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State announces deadline for farmland preservation matching funds application



The Office of Farmland Preservation of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has announced an Oct. 17 application deadline for localities interested in receiving state matching funds for local Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) programs.

The Commonwealth of Virginia allocated \$500,000 for this program in Fiscal Year 2009.

By Oct. 17, localities must certify the amount of matching funds that they have available for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

The form is on the VDACS Web site available at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/preservation/index.shtml. Click on

the line that reads “FY 2009 Fiscal Certification Form.”

By this same date, localities also must submit an application to have the components of their local PDR program certified. That form is available by clicking on the line that reads “FY 2009 Program Certification Form.”

Localities must describe how their program addresses or matches the elements in A Model Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program for Virginia, www.vdacs.virginia.gov/preservation/pdf/pdfprogram.pdf, which was released by VDACS in November 2005.

State matching funds will be divided among those localities that become certified to the extent that

localities are able to provide a one-to-one match with these state funds.

While \$500,000 has been allocated, the current fiscal situation facing the Commonwealth could result in reductions in the Biennium budget.

As a result, the actual amount available in state matching funds may be less than originally allocated.

More information is available at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/preservation/index.shtml; by contacting Kevin Schmidt, coordinator, Office of Farmland Preservation, VDACS, 102 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219; or by calling 804/786-1346, faxing 804/371-2945, or e-mailing kevin.schmidt@vdacs.virginia.gov.

Funding opportunities from Virginia's Safe Routes to School Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program recently introduced new guidelines and funding opportunities for local governments and schools that are interested in improving walking and biking conditions for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.



Localities seeking to create walkable and bikeable communities are encouraged to start a School Travel Plan for one or many schools and to apply for funding to implement planned education, engineering and other strategies.

Up to \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements (per locality) is available with no local match required.

School Travel Plans are due Dec. 1 and applications are due Dec. 31.

For more information, contact VDOT SRTS Coordinator, Sarah Weisiger at (804) 371-4868 or visit www.virginiadot.org/saferoutes.

Loudoun County Spanish Web site goes live

Information about Loudoun County government services is now available on the web in Spanish at espanol.loudoun.gov.

“The translated information is primarily about community and health services, and is fairly constant in nature,” said Catherine Motivans, the county’s multilingual

coordinator. “We have about 30 pages online now and we expect to add more information about county services and programs over time.”

To promote the Web site, fliers have been printed in Spanish and English and have been posted throughout the area. County employees are also sharing the fliers with Spanish-speaking clients as appropriate. There is also a link to the Spanish Web site from www.loudoun.gov.

The Spanish Web site was developed as part of the county’s language access policy which seeks to ensure that people with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to Loudoun County programs and activities.





Photos courtesy of Pulaski County

The Exploration of Pulaski County



We all love to explore Virginia and its beautiful landscapes and shores. However, there are many hidden gems within our borders that many of us have never discovered.



Take Pulaski County for instance. Not many people know that this picturesque place situated along I-81 between the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway is an emerging tourism destination and fun get-away location.

If you want to have outdoor fun, this is the place to go.

“One thing I would say is we’re fortunate to have so many options when it comes to outdoor recreation,” said Joseph L. Sheffey, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. “All year round there is something to do and something to see.”

For example, approximately 10,000 scouts converge on Pulaski County and the Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation every summer. The 16,000-acre park, located to the south of Claytor Lake, is the largest reservation for scouts east of the Mississippi River. The facility features Camp Ottari, Camp Powhatan and Claytor Lake Aquatics Center that provide outdoor learning

and leadership experiences for packs, troops and crews.

Pulaski County also is home to a well-acclaimed combination oval and drag strip racetracks. Racing is a part of life in Southwest Virginia and the Motor Mile Speedway provides exciting action just about each week in several different classes.

Then there’s baseball and Calfee Park, which has been part of the area since 1934. The ballpark is the seventh oldest active stadium in minor league baseball. It has been the rookie ball

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Mark Your Calendars

The Chesapeake Watershed Forum

Oct. 3-5

**National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV**



This intensive full day workshop (spanning Thursday afternoon and Friday morning) is designed especially for participants from local governments (though relevant for others!) seeking to finance significant "greening initiatives" such as land conservation and stormwater management.

Participants will explore financing examples from around the watershed and the nation and apply proven money-winning principles and techniques for setting priorities and designing creative financing approaches. Bring a key financing need and use this workshop to stimulate your creating thinking and start outlining approaches with

others who share similar needs.

REGISTER NOW - ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED! The number of workshop participants will be limited to the first 35 registrants. Sept. 15 is the last day to register for workshop (and the full Chesapeake Watershed Forum).

Workshop registration fee: \$75 - covers all meals, lodging and costs Thursday lunch to Friday lunch.

Watershed Forum registration fee: additional \$175 - covers all meals, lodging and costs for Friday afternoon, all-day Saturday and Sunday morning - a real bargain, all at the scenic National Conservation Training Center!

Get your registration form, and view the full forum program, at: www.acb-online.org/project.cfm?vid=318

"The Perfect Storm" workshop

Wednesday, September 17th

Noon until 3 p.m. (lunch buffet provided)

Part of COVES 2008 Conference

- *Join a panel of experts to discuss today's environment and challenges.
- *Discover the processes and tools available to identify opportunities... facility assessments, demographic analysis, energy audits, etc.
- *Find out about potential solutions and how to gain support and finance your initiatives.
- *Hear about other's successful outcomes and what they've learned in the process!



Meet panelists for this special workshop:

- *Charlie Barksdale, Utilities and Performance Contracting Manager, DMME for the Commonwealth of Virginia
- *Jerry Walker, Energy Manager, County of Henrico
- *Rob Comet, Principal, BCWH Architecture
- *Armando DeLeon, Assistant School Superintendent, County of Henrico
- *Deborah Coats, Board of Supervisors, County of Hanover
- *Dennis Howard, Senior Vice President, SunTrust, Institute and Government Banking
- *Larry Cummings, Direct Sales and Solutions Manager, Trane (Facilitator)

Use this informal setting to discuss the challenges all public governments are wrestling with today, and take advantage of the significant experience this panel has in identifying and implementing facility improvements that substantially reduce energy consumption. In some cases, energy savings may be used to pay for all of the building renovations with no additional capital required by the owner!

Commonwealth of Virginia Energy & Sustainability Conference

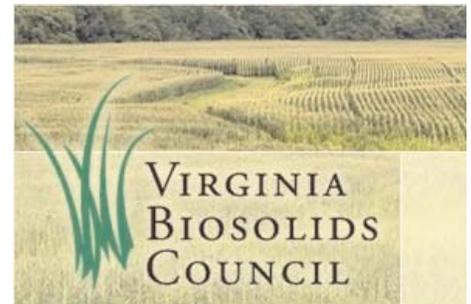
Sept. 17-19/Greater Richmond Convention Center

Click here to visit the COVES 2008 website and register: www.vsb.org/coves2008/

**Biosolids Technology
Forum**

Sept. 17

**Convention Center
Richmond**



Richmond Innovative technologies for energy production and pioneering options for residuals management will be the focus of the one-day forum.

The event will take place one day before the Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability (COVES) Conference.

The forum is sponsored by the Virginia Biosolids Council and the Biosolids Renewable Energy Task Force, a partnership of the Council, Virginia conservation groups, representatives of Virginia state agencies and Virginia municipal wastewater treatment operators.

Speakers for the forum include leading researchers and engineers.

This forum is designed for wastewater treatment professionals and other public employees, and representatives of non-profit conservation and environmental organizations.

There is no charge for the forum, although registration is required.

The agenda and registration forms can be found at the Virginia Biosolids Council Web site. The URL address is www.virginiabiosolids.com.

To e-mail the registration form, you must save it with a new name, such as "Forum_yourlastname.pdf" and then attach the new form to your e-mail to: forum@virginiabiosolids.com.

VITA IT Services Roundtable

Sept. 22
Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center
Chester

The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) will be hosting a Information Technology Services Roundtable on Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center (CESC) in Chester.



This roundtable will be the first in a series conducted in seven regions around the state to brainstorm ways that VITA can help local governments deliver IT services. The Integrated Services Program Director, Steve Marzolf, who manages VITA's E-911 and GIS programs, will be inviting the administrative officers, IT managers and public safety leaders from the Richmond area localities (the same region as the Virginia State Police Division I) to participate in this roundtable.

The goal of this roundtable and the six additional sessions around the state is to develop a prioritized list of IT services that localities need but could use assistance with acquiring.

VITA would then use this list to identify how it may assist the localities in implementing those services similar to the way VITA assisted with the deployment of wireless E-911 services at the local level.

For more information about the event or to indicate that you would like to participate, please contact Steve Marzolf at steve.marzolf@vita.virginia.gov.

Mountain Magic In Fall Bluegrass, Antiques and Crafts Festival

Oct. 4
Downtown Buchanan
Botetourt County



Rediscover the charm of "small town America." Held against the backdrop of the Town's historic Main Street, Mountain Magic In Fall celebrates its heritage through music, crafts, history and architecture.

As Botetourt County's oldest and consecutively longest running Bluegrass Festival, the event features a full day of live music performances held at Center Stage from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The day's activities also include the area's largest Antique and Craft Show, antique Auto Show, interpretive history displays and food!

Phone: (540) 254-1212

VRS releases 2008 returns



After four years of exceptional performance, the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) experienced a minus-4.4 percent return on its investment portfolio for fiscal year 2008, ending the year with \$55 billion in assets.

"While the portfolio out-performed its policy benchmarks, absolute returns suffered due to stress in the housing and credit markets and general economic weakness," said Chief Investment Officer Charles W. Grant. "In this environment, risk premiums increased, resulting in lower market prices for equities and other risk assets.

"The fund maintains a strong liquidity position which will enable us to make attractive new investments during this period of market dislocation," Grant added. "We continue to expect the fund to earn a

reasonable return of 7-to-8 percent over the long term."

The fund's private equity and fixed income produced returns of 15.5 percent and 6.3 percent, respectively, while real estate investments generated a 4.1 percent return. The fund's public equity program experienced a minus-10.4 percent return and the credit strategies program had a minus-4.7 percent return.

The portfolio included \$30.5 billion in public equity, \$11.2 billion in fixed income, \$4.5 billion in private equity, \$4.1 billion in real estate and \$4.0 billion in credit strategies, as of June 30, 2008. The three-year annualized return was 8.9 percent and the five-year annualized return was 11.3 percent.

"We remain confident in the global economy's long-term growth prospects and the fund's ability to generate

acceptable returns over the long investment horizon. Putting this year into perspective, the fund's five-year return was an outstanding 11.3 percent. In addition, the fund is ably managed by an exceptional investment staff with the skills to take advantage of investment opportunities that present themselves during this period of economic slowdown," said VRS Board Chairman A. Marshall Acuff, Jr.

VRS serves over 600,000 active members, retirees and beneficiaries. The active employees include about 147,000 teachers, 105,000 local government employees and about 94,000 state employees. In addition, VRS provides benefits to over 136,000 retirees and beneficiaries. The retirement system ranks as the nation's 24th largest public or private pension fund.

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structure for broadband services since 1998 (primarily through the FCC's "E-Rate" program and the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission), too many Virginians lack access to low-cost broadband services. An analysis of Federal Communications Commission 2006 survey data revealed that less than half of Virginia's households utilize broadband services."

The Roundtable worked in subcommittees that researched and gathered information on a variety of topics, including broadband adoption measurement, broadband technologies, innovative applications, business models and community outreach.

In the final analysis the Roundtable developed a practical and "readily accessible" online toolkit for localities to use as a guide as they work on broadband deployment initiatives. The toolkit ultimately will feature a variety of elements, including information on broadband-dependent applications, the various broadband technologies available and the characteristics of each, and case studies from localities across the Commonwealth that have successfully implemented broadband deployment in their communities.

VACo is developing a broadband work session for the 2008 annual conference in Bath County.

Outline of and link to the Community Toolkit: www.otpba.vi.virginia.gov/roundtable_toolkit.shtml.

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each staff a "round table" to discuss their services with county officials. The vendors will distribute literature and answer questions. County officials will be free to move from table-to-table.

Arriving early? Don't forget the Cascades Gorge Hiking Tour

If you're a non-golfer and arriving at the conference on Saturday, Nov. 8, don't forget the Cascades Gorge Hiking

1. What does your community need?
 - a. Determine what you are trying to do
 - b. Determine what applications are of interest
 - c. Identify a "champion" to carry the ball
 - d. Learn from what others have done
2. How do you do it?
 - a. Determine Demand
 - b. Inventory assets
 - c. Determine existing broadband services
 - d. Determine the type of technology
 - e. Issue RFP/RFI or initiate PPEA
 - f. Collect responses and evaluate options for structuring the deal
 - g. Initiate negotiations/contract
3. Business Case Analysis
 - a. Reallocate existing telecom "spend"
 - b. Calculate "in-kind" contributions
4. How do you pay for it?
 - a. Use "Buy-Down Worksheet" to develop/experiment with models - coming soon
 - b. Leverage federal funds already in play
 - c. Evaluate grant opportunities
 - d. Leverage Virginia Resource Authority or other funding options
5. How do you execute the process in a timely manner?

The entire report, including the toolkit, is posted on Sec. Chopra's Web site.

Tour starting at 1:30 that afternoon. The Cascades Gorge, nestled deep in the Allegheny Mountains, is a beautiful series of waterfalls.

To participate you must pre-register (additional information is on the Conference registration form.) This is a 2.5 hour hike. Intermediate hiking ability and endurance are a must.

Keep checking www.vaco.org and County Connections for updates.

Questions may be directed to Carol Cameron (ccameron@vaco.org) or Larry Land ([lland@vaco.org](mailto:liland@vaco.org)).

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required by the General Assembly. Gov. Kaine's plan details \$17 million in reductions for FY2009 and \$15 million in FY2010. Together with the FY2008 reductions, these actions exceed the \$35 million target by \$14 million.

At the Sept. 9 meeting of House Appropriations Committee, Secretary of Finance Rick Brown reported that FY 2009 revenue collections continued to remain down by 1.8 percent through the month of August compared to the same time last year. While sale tax receipts have declined by 0.3 percent over the last three months, payroll withholding increased by 2.7 percent over the same period.

Sec. Brown noted that during a series of recent meetings with the housing industry and experts on consumer spending and automobiles, the general consensus was that the economy will not begin to show any signs of recovery until late 2009 or early 2010. All of those factors will come into play when the governor finalizes the revised revenue forecast for FY 2009 and 2010.

Prior to the revised revenue forecast, however, Sec. Brown stated that agency budget reduction plans will be finalized for both fiscal years. He advised that agency plans will be for permanent program cuts, not just one-time savings. In response to a committee member's questions, Sec. Brown indicated that for FY 2010, there are two areas targeted for general fund reductions.

Agency plans for 5 percent, 10 percent or 15 percent reductions will be applied to discretionary programs that represent approximately one-third of the general fund budget, or approximately \$5.7 billion.

The other portion of the budget to be reviewed contains programs where reductions would represent what Sec. Brown termed a "structural change" in the way the Commonwealth operated. Those programs to undergo "structural change" review comprise almost 63 percent, or \$10.6 billion, of the general fund budget.

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home to the Phillies, Braves, Rangers, Blue Jays and now the Mariners.

Some famous players who have graced Calfee Park include Mike Schmidt, Nolan Ryan, Kirby Puckett, Javier Lopez, Dave Justice and current sensation Josh Hamilton.

“We averaged 1,020 fans this year,” said Tom Compton, president and general manager of the Pulaski Mariners. “We are well-received by the entire area. There are folks here every night from Bland, Giles, Montgomery, Floyd, Wythe and Carroll (counties).”

Pulaski County also has the distinction of being one of four Virginia counties with two state parks—Claytor Lake and New River Trail. Both provide adventures in camping, hiking, biking, boating and horseback riding. They also are located on the shores of Claytor Lake, which was created in 1939 by the Appalachian Power Company after the construction of Claytor Dam.

That’s not to mention Jefferson National Forest, a 19,300-acre wilderness retreat.

“I think Claytor Lake is probably the most recognizable thing in Pulaski County,” said Pete Huber, county administrator.

It’s not unusual to see sailboats or powerboats hopping on the waters of Claytor Lake on any given day. The lake has also become a hot fishing location where those casting lines can reel in bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass or striped bass.

“There are never bad times at Claytor Lake,” Sheffey said. “It’s the perfect place to spend a weekend.”

Many people have discovered Randolph Park and its Evelyn Alexander Water Park. These are just estimates, but on some days, about 1,600 people come to the water park that features an 8-lane pool, a 38-foot water slide, water basketball and an area for younger kids.

If that wasn’t enough, just get in your car and take a drive. Water and rolling hills are never far away in Pulaski County. Neither is the fun.



Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org.

**Assistant Director of Finance/
Brunswick County**

Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Salary for this position is negotiable. A complete job description is available at the Office of the County Administrator. Submit resume' to the Office of the County Administrator, 102 Tobacco Street, Lawrenceville, VA 23868. Telephone 434-848-3107. Position open until filled.

**Clerk to the County Board/Arlington
County**

Salary: \$85,841-\$115,544
TO APPLY: Submit REQUIRED
Internet Employment Application.
Click here to go directly to the Internet Employment Application and the full job announcement (new window will open). You may go to www.arlingtonva.us/pers, click on COUNTY JOBS, scroll down the alphabetical list and click on the job title – you will see the full job announcement and the APPLY link. Call 703-228-3500 and press 4 if you have questions or e-mail questions to pers@arlingtonva.us.

**Project Manager-Economic &
Community Development/Bland
County**

Applications accepted until position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a state application and resume to: Jonathan Sweet, P.O. Box 510, Bland, VA. 24314. Visit our Web site at www.bland.org or call 276-688-4622 for more information.

**Public Works Engineer/Gloucester
County**

The County of Gloucester is presently seeking a qualified professional to perform engineering & project management. Salary \$47,872/yr or higher DOQ. With an excellent, benefit package. Deadline: 4:30 pm Oct. 1.

Details along with an application for employment may be obtained online at www.gloucesterva.info. Gloucester County Human Resource Department 6467 Main St. Gloucester, VA 23061. 804-693-5690.

**Director of Emergency Services/
Amelia County**

SALARY RANGE: \$60,000 - \$80,000
Applicant must be a resident of Amelia County or willing to relocate. Interested applicants may submit a cover letter, employment application and resume to Thomas E. Harris, County Administrator, P.O. Box A, 16360 Dunn Street, Amelia, VA 23002. Position closes 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. A County application can be requested by calling 804-561-3039 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by e-mail at teharris@amelia-cova.com.

**Public Information Officer/King
William County**

Hiring range \$39,000 - \$48,000, DOQ. Applicants must submit a completed King William County Employment Application (found at www.king-williamcounty.us) and/or resume (including references and salary history) and writing sample to County Administrator, King William County, P. O. Box 215, King William, VA 23086. Open until filled.

**Cable Television Coordinator/Falls
Church Public Schools**

Falls Church City Public Schools is looking for a cable television coordinator for its local PEG station. Anyone interested can see the posting and apply through the Web site at this link: www.fccps.org/hr/jobs.htm.

Finance Director/Caroline County

Responsible for management of the Finance Department and overall direction of financial and budgetary activities of the County. Starting salary up to \$98,668 for well qualified candidate plus excellent benefit package. Interested persons should submit completed County application, cover

letter and resume by Sept. 22 to: Percy Ashcraft, County Administrator, P. O. Box 447, Bowling Green, VA 22427. Application forms, complete job ad and description available at www.visitcaroline.com or by calling the County Administrator's Office at 804-633-5380.

**Executive Director/Central
Shenandoah Planning District
Commission (CSPDC)**

For information, contact Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., Chairman, at (540) 337-7010 or visit www.cspdc.org. Submit letter of interest, resume, completed CSPDC application form (available on Web site) and names and contact information of five references, in confidence, to Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., CSPDC Chairman, P.O. Box 590, Verona, VA 24482. Do not submit via fax or e-mail. Resumes will be accepted through Sept. 29. Salary and benefits based on qualifications.

Executive Director/Halifax County

Industrial Development Authority
Salary Range \$120,000-\$150,000 (DOQ) + Benefits. The successful candidate will be responsible for leading and developing economic development initiatives to create jobs, investments and promote economic growth by recruiting new businesses, expanding existing industries and growing small businesses. Send a confidential resume with letter of interest by Sept. 30 to: Halifax County Industrial Development Authority, Attn.: Jerry L. Gwaltney, P.O. Box 1281, South Boston, VA 24592.

**Director of Planning &
Zoning/Charles City County**

Individual will work closely with the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator and provide staff support to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Wetlands Board and others. Director will serve as Zoning Administrator, Subdivision Agent,

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supervise environmental codes enforcement. Salary DOQ. Position will be open until filled.

More information on position can be found at www.co.charles-city.va.us

IT Support Technician/Charles City County

Qualified applicants should possess at minimum an Associate's degree, or Vocational/Technical degree with training. To apply, submit an application and resume to County Administrator, Charles City Government, P. O. Box 128 Charles City, VA 23030. Applications may be secured via the Web site www.co.charles-city.va.us or call 804-652-4701 for more information. Open until filled.

Finance Director & Town Treasurer/Town of Culpeper

Salary: \$69,205 – \$99,736 + benefits. \$84M budget 162 Town employees, 9FT + 1PT Treasurer's Office employees. Interested persons should complete and return a Town application, cover letter, and resume by Sept. 20 to: Department of the Town Manager, 400 South Main Street, Suite 101 Culpeper, VA 22701. Application forms, complete job ad, and job description are available online at www.culpeper.to or by calling the Town Manager's office at 540-829-8250.

Project Engineer/Augusta County

The Augusta County Service Authority is accepting applications for a Project Engineer. For a complete job description and application please see our Web site at www.acsawater.com/job. Typical hiring range \$44,325–\$48,938, DOQ. Open until filled.

Assistant Director of Finance/Brunswick County

Assists the Director of Finance plan, organize, and direct operations of human resources, budget and financial management. Salary for this position is negotiable. A

complete job description is available at the Office of the County Administrator. Submit resume' to the Office of the County Administrator, 102 Tobacco Street, Lawrenceville, VA 23868. Telephone 434-848-3107. Position open until filled.

IT Systems Administrator/Dinwiddie County

Salary: \$47,708. Dinwiddie County seeks a Windows Systems Administrator to join an ever growing IT department. Candidate will need to have the ability to work in a high speed environment and be well rounded in the IT field. Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia required. Applications available at www.dinwiddieva.us or at the Dinwiddie County HR Dept., 14016 Boydton Plank Road, P.O. Drawer 70, Dinwiddie, VA 23841 or by calling 804-469-4500 ext 145. Open until filled.

Aging and Disability Services Division Chief/Arlington County

Salary negotiable up to low \$120K Open Until Filled Submit our easy Internet employment application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers. Click on COUNTY JOBS, scroll down past the check boxes and click on the job title. You will see the full job announcement and the link to the required Internet application. Questions? Call 703-228-3500 and press "4." We have staff who will be happy to assist you.

Director of Planning & Zoning/Mathews County

Minimum starting salary is \$55,000+, depending upon qualifications. A county employment application, along with resume and cover letter, is required. To obtain an application and complete job description, contact the County Administrator's office, P.O. Box 839, Mathews, VA 23109 or call 804-725-7172. Open until filled.

Assistant Division Administrator/VDOT

Position #21612

Salary Range: \$53,510-\$109,818 The Programming Division seeks a recognized manager that strives for results and meets challenges head on. Open Until Filled. Salaries are negotiable. Generous benefit package including retirement, deferred compensation plan w/employer match, health insurance, and comprehensive leave programs. Online application required. For further information or to apply, visit www.VDOT.jobs.

Deputy County Attorney/Stafford County

\$93,662-\$145,163/DOQ OPEN UNTIL FILLED Apply online @www.co.stafford.va.us. A Resume will not be accepted in lieu of County application. Performs difficult professional and responsible administrative work in rendering of legal services to the County; does related work as required. Work is performed under the general supervision of the County Attorney. Candidate selected will be required to successfully complete a criminal history and fingerprint check and will be required to satisfactorily complete a post-offer, pre-employment medical exam, alcohol and controlled substance tests at the County's expense unless this requirement has been completed for current County position.

Assistant County Attorney/Stafford County

\$76,086-\$117,956/DOQ OPEN UNTIL FILLED Apply online at www.co.stafford.va.us. A Resume will not be accepted in lieu of County application. Performs difficult professional work in rendering of legal services to the County; does related work as required. Candidate selected will be required to successfully complete a criminal history and fingerprint check and will be required to satisfactorily complete a post-offer, pre-employment medical exam, alcohol and controlled substance tests at the County's expense unless this requirement has been completed for current County position.



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