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Gov. Kaine kicks off next phase of Stimulus.Virginia.Gov



Gov. Timothy M. Kaine recently launched an overhauled Stimulus.Virginia.Gov, transforming the state's original, pioneering Web site into Virginia's comprehensive online portal for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

With the conclusion of the project solicitation phase of the Commonwealth's program to implement the recovery plan, the Web site is transitioning to present a wide range of information related to the ARRA—including maps, graphs, charts, and downloadable tables that allow citizens to see where proposals have originated, where money is flowing, and what specific projects and geographies are benefiting from recovery plan funding.

"In Virginia—just as in other states across the country—we've made transparency and accountability a core part of our program to implement the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," Governor Kaine said. "As we work to build a stronger economic future for Virginia, the redesigned Stimulus.Virginia.Gov will be a central tool to ensure Virginians can see where funds are being used and how the recovery plan is working in our state."

Virginia will receive approximately \$4.8 billion in direct appropriations

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Timely broadband information about grant processes and reminder about future national Web meetings



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The following are highlights from the March 10 public meeting at the Commerce Department, as well as updates from the March 16 public meeting. For background on the broadband stimulus program, please see the March 13 FS Contact on www.vaco.org.

Three grant rounds

The National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) plans on holding three rounds of grant applications and awards, with roughly one-third of the \$4.7 billion funds to be awarded each round.

Note that a significant portion of the funds are earmarked for particular purposes, so estimates are that \$3.8 billion will be available for local projects. Meanwhile, \$2.5 billion is available in Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grants, loans and loan guarantees.

Within 60-90 days of the public comments (explained below), USDA will issue the first of three rounds of Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA)

for RUS funds. Each RUS round will be spaced 3-4 months apart.

- **First NTIA grant round:**
April-June 2009
- **Second NTIA grant round:**
October-December 2009
- **Third NTIA grant round:**
April-June 2010

The panelists did not say whether individual projects would be limited to funding from a single round, but that scenario may end up being stipulated in the final guidelines. While projects that are "ready to go" are generally favored under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), it appears localities may have time to get broadband projects up to that level of readiness to apply for second or third round of funding.

Once grants/loans are awarded, both agencies will conduct workshops to help guide recipients.

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NACo Deferred Compensation Program provider strong

Recent headlines and the current economic climate highlight the importance of making sure personal and retirement investments are with a financially strong company. As part of its oversight of its Deferred Compensation Program, NACo hires an independent consultant to evaluate several different program aspects. These include the creditworthiness of Nationwide Financial, the parent company to our program administrator, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, and assurance that the fixed annuity investment option offers a competitive return to our program participants.

In their analysis of the creditworthiness of Nationwide, the consultants concluded that it is a strong, stable insurer that continues to strengthen its foundation. This analysis provides assurance that participants' funds are being managed by a financially sound organization.

The NACo deferred compensation program, also known as a 457 program, is a voluntary program that gives county employees the opportunity to save regularly for their retirement on a pre-tax basis. One of the investment options available to participants is a fixed annuity that offers county employees the opportunity to earn an investment return at a fixed rate that is established quarterly by Nationwide. In addition, on an annual basis, Nationwide sets an investment rate minimum (or floor) for the year.

NACo's deferred compensation program continues in its number one slot on the return it provides to county employees who are invested in the program's fixed annuity option.

According to the study, the 2007 return on this investment option placed highest among its competitors. The report was released at the Nov. 14, 2008 meeting of NACo's Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, held in Riverside County, California. This study has been conducted every year since 1989, and the NACo program has always come out on top.

"Our 28-year partnership with NRS continues to deliver a quality program that helps county employees save for a more comfortable retirement - this is more important than ever in today's economy," said Larry Naake, NACo executive director.

The competitive interest rate test concluded that Nationwide met its contractual requirement to equal or exceed the top one-third of its competitors.

This study reviewed the fixed annuity option offered by Nationwide and its nine largest competitors.

The consultants' analyses are only one feature of NACo's deferred compensation program that distinguishes it from others. As a result of NACo's Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, the NACo program is the only one in the country that receives oversight and is advised by county participants. It also benefits from the oversight and endorsement of 41 state associations of counties.

(For further information on NACo's Deferred Compensation program, please contact Lisa Cole at NACo at 202/942-4270 or lcole@naco.org or NRS at 877/677-3678 or www.nrsforu.com.)

VACo Notes



Dean Lynch

The Wake County, N.C., Board of Commissioners relinquished its chambers on Feb. 19 for the second of NACo's hearings on U.S. health reform.

Chairman Harold Webb, Commissioner Betty Lou Ward, a past-president of NACo, and Commissioner Joe Bryan, who also serves as first vice president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, welcomed the Health Reform Working Group to Wake County and Raleigh.

The hearing provided an opportunity for county officials from across the southeastern states to contribute their voices to the national debate. The event was chaired by NACo President-elect Valerie Brown.

"The purpose of these hearings is to engage county officials and health care professionals from across the country to help NACo contribute to national health policy reform," Brown said.

VACo's Dean Lynch outlined some of the health policy priorities for counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia — particularly the problem of access, noting that there are not enough medical professionals to provide health care in the rural counties. Observing that the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech motivated the legislature to provide funding for behavioral health programs, which had languished for years, he suggested that, regrettably, it may take a crisis to focus lawmakers' attention.

Green County Video Spotlights: Reserve a Digital Camcorder



NACo wants to help your county communicate how your green government practices are helping to save taxpayer dollars, boost the local economy, and benefit the environment.

Thanks to the generous support of the 19 corporate sponsors of NACo's Green Government Initiative (www.greencounties.org), digital camcorders are now available for loan to your county. A member county may reserve a digital camcorder for a four-week period of time and record a 5-minute video(s) on the county's green government efforts.

Categories for the green government videos are:

- Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency
- Green Fleets and Alternative Fuels
- Climate Protection and Air Quality
- Purchasing and Procurement
- Waste Management and Recycling
- Land Use and Conservation
- Water Quality and Conservation

NACo encourages all participants to emphasize the green project's financial savings, job creation, and economic development impacts. Videos may showcase efforts in any or all categories but must adhere to NACo's guidelines, including a maximum time of 5-minutes. Any county is welcome to submit more than one best practice video.

Videos will be uploaded to NACo's YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/NACoVideo) for all to access and learn from.

Reserve a camcorder today by contacting Kelly Zonderwyk at kzonderwyk@naco.org or 202.942.4224 for more details.

Already have a digital camera and/or an applicable video? Be sure to get in touch for guidelines and instructions on how to participate.

Have you visited www.greencounties.org lately? Find a searchable database, free webinars, fact sheets, presentations, competitions and more!

VACo launches new ARRA Web site and introduces a weekly e-mail communication

VACo staff met recently and decided to alter the way we present our members the latest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act news and information.

Lately, members have received many e-mail communications from VACo alerting them about deadlines for grant opportunities as well as advice and direction on how to proceed. VACo also tried to answer as many questions as possible and provide key links to important information.

VACo believes that since this is a very busy time for many members, some of our communications are getting lost in the constant flow of data.

VACo decided that the best approach was to design a more user-friendly ARRA Web page that our members can check daily at their convenience. Members will find links to it from www.vaco.org.

The new site is broken into different ARRA categories so members can easily find the information they seek without having to sift through other news that does not apply to them.

Also, every Friday VACo will send an e-mail that reviews all the news and posts for the past week. This e-mail will help members stay current and catch up on anything they may have missed. It also will be separated in categories so members can quickly find information.

Of course, if there's a pressing deadline or an important issue VACo needs to correspond to members immediately, we will not hesitate to send out a Capitol Contact or Federal Stimulus Contact or personal e-mail.

We hope members find this new approach more efficient and productive. Please feel free to contact Mike Edwards (804-343-2503) or Gage Harter (804-343-2502 with any questions or concerns.

VDOT schedules meetings to discuss proposed service changes



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has been hosting public meetings across the Commonwealth to collect public input on a comprehensive plan to address long-term funding reductions.

During these meetings, VDOT has provided a brief presentation regarding the proposed changes that will impact drivers in each area including planned reductions to rest areas, Safety Service Patrols, mowing/roadside maintenance, ferry services and the closure of VDOT residency offices. Officials also have collected feedback from registered speakers.

Service changes support the three-part Blueprint for the Future.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board implemented the first phase of the blueprint — reductions in the number of new projects that will be built — when it adopted a revised Fiscal Years 2009-2014 Six-Year Improvement Program on Feb. 13. The revised

program cut \$2 billion in funding, delaying or eliminating 808 projects.

The second phase of the blueprint involves VDOT staffing changes and organizational restructuring. VDOT announced that it will cut 1,000 full-time and 450 part-time staff in its construction development program, field operations and administrative functions, and will close 15 residency offices and 36 equipment repair facilities around the commonwealth in the next 18 months.

The third phase of the blueprint focuses on reducing spending for VDOT programs and services. These proposals include:

- Reducing Rest Areas and Welcome Centers
- Reducing Ferry Services
- Reducing Safety Service Patrols
- Reducing Interstate Maintenance Services
- Reducing Vegetation Management

For more information, visit www.ctb.virginia.gov/meetings.asp

Public meetings will be held as follows.

All meetings begin at 6 p.m

March 19-Culpeper District

Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive
Culpeper, VA 22701

March 25-Bristol District

Southwest Virginia Community College
Charles King Community Center
(Building 295)
724 Community College Road
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

March 26-Richmond District

VDOT Central Office Auditorium
1221 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

March 30-Fredericksburg District

(general meeting)
Caroline County Community Center
17202 Richmond Turnpike
Milford, VA 22514

March 31-Fredericksburg District

(Sunnybank/Merry Point ferry focus)
Lancaster Public Library
235 School Street
Kilmarnock, VA 22482

April 1-Northern Virginia District

Fairfax City Hall/Room 111
10455 Armstrong Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Connolly elected freshman class president in Congress



Congressman Gerry Connolly will be the new President of the Freshman Class in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The 33 Democratic freshmen elected Connolly by acclamation at a meeting Wednesday morning in the Capitol. Connolly will assume office in July.

Commenting on Connolly's election, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said, "I congratulate Gerry Connolly on his election as class president. Gerry has truly hit the ground running and is well-respected by his colleagues in the House. I'm confident he'll make a great Freshman Class President."

Connolly said he will use his new leadership position "to protect the interests of the class, insure they have a voice in the legislative process, and help channel their concerns to the appropriate committees and House leadership."

VACo Achievement Award Program applications will be sent out to members and posted on www.vaco.org the first week of April.

Be on the lookout!

Photo courtesy of the Courier-Record/Blackstone



Cathy Giorgetti's hard work and talent has opened many doors

When Cathy Giorgetti joined Lunenburg County in 1992, she was hired as an administrative assistant. Now more than 16 years later, not only has Giorgetti moved up the ranks to county administrator, but she also has added five other titles.



"I had no notion at all that I could become county administrator or do all the jobs I'm doing now when I first started with Lunenburg County," Giorgetti said. "But when you work at a small county, you have opportunities to learn and wear many hats."

As an administrative assistant, Giorgetti gradually earned additional responsibilities that included payroll, keeping board minutes and maintaining the office. Her hard work caught the eye of the Board of Supervisors and she was promoted to assistant county administrator in 1994.

"She caught on really fast," said Frank Bacon, a member of the Lunenburg Board of Supervisors for 20 years. "You could tell she had excellent professionalism and a sound ability to make decisions."

In 1996, Gordon Erby, then Lunenburg County administrator, left to become circuit court clerk. But before his departure, Erby recommended to the Board that Giorgetti should be his successor.

"I was honored that Mr. Erby would push for me to replace him," Giorgetti said.

She became interim county administrator on Jan. 1, 1997. Soon after, Giorgetti was hired as the full-time administrator.

"Of course with any new hires, you take a risk," Bacon said. "But in this case, I was convinced in a few months that we made an excellent decision."

Bacon points to an assignment that solidified Giorgetti as the right choice. It was early in her tenure as administrator when the Board made the decision to buy a piece of property to relocate

one of the county offices.

The chair of the Board voted against the action but it passed with a majority vote. However, the saga did not end there.

Giorgetti called Bacon several days later and indicated that the chair and the county attorney had refused to carry out the action.

"I instructed her to go to another attorney," Bacon said. "It was the ruling of the board and the county decision. Legally, it had to be carried out."

Giorgetti went back to the chair and county attorney and told them it was her duty as county administrator to proceed with the decision.

"She did this even though it would cause her to contradict the chair of the Board," Bacon said. "That was a major event that convinced me that she worked for the county and the Board and not any individual."

Giorgetti followed her marching orders and eventually the property was

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Mark Your Calendars

Sunshine Week

March 15-21



Sunshine Week is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

Participants include print, broadcast and online news media, civic groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know.

Sunshine Week is led by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and is funded primarily by a challenge grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation of Miami.

Though spearheaded by journalists, Sunshine Week is about the public's right to know what its government is doing, and why. Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels, and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

Sunshine Week is a non-partisan initiative whose supporters are conservative, liberal and in between.

Visit www.sunshineweek.org for more information.

Ecosystem Based Management: The Chesapeake and Other Systems Conference

March 22-25

Baltimore Inner Harbor Marriott



"Ecological Management Through Land Treatment of Biosolids," will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25. The program speakers include Jeff Corbin, Virginia Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources; Sally Brown, University of Washington; and Greg Evanylo, Virginia Tech.

Jeff Corbin will lead off the session with an overview of the outcomes of the deliberations of the Virginia Biosolids Expert Panel. Sally Brown will address greenhouse gas ramifications of a variety of biosolids use and disposal options, and Greg Evanylo will discuss the fates of nitrogen and phosphorus in the environment from various biosolids use and disposal options.

The presentations will be followed by a facilitated audience Q&A period. The goal of the 1.5-hr session will be to provide an assessment of resulting environmental impacts from wastewater residual management alternatives that can be used by government decision makers to arrive at best management choices based on life cycle analysis.

Virginia Department of



Agriculture and Consumer Services



Virginia Agroterrorism Conference

March 26

**The Smithfield Center
220 N. Church Street,
Smithfield, VA 23430**

Topics

- * Agroterrorism Indicators and Threats
- * Federal and State Resources (VDACS, USDA, FDA, DCLS, FBI)
- * Critical Agriculture and Food Facilities

- * Weapons of Mass Destruction Countermeasures
- * Domestic Terrorism
- * Animal Health Capabilities
- * Food Safety Capabilities
- * Plant Protection Capabilities

Two former VACo presidents pass away

Benjamin Skinner of King William County dies at age 89

Benjamin Jesse Skinner, of West Point, died on Sunday, March 8.

For 20 years, he served in local government, including stints as chairman of the King William County Board of Supervisors, president of VACo, chairman of the West Point Industrial Development Authority and member of the West Point Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.



Skinner was born in Pitt County, N.C., and served in the Army Air Corps in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

He rose to the rank of staff sergeant and served with distinction, earning the EAMET Campaign medal with six Bronze Service Stars and a Bronze Star medal.

Outside of public service, Skinner worked as the manager at a Roses Department Store for 22 years before moving to West Point and opening Point Variety.

Skinner was active in many organizations, including the Kiwanis, where he was past president. He also was involved in the Pamunkey Regional Library Board, The VFW and the local Boy Scout Troop.

Skinner served as VACo president in 1987.

Frank Raflo of Loudoun County dies at age 89

Frank Raflo, a longtime county servant who helped Loudoun prosper, died March 15.

Raflo devoted 14 years as a member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and also served as Leesburg council member and mayor.



of William & Mary in 1940 and then became the editor of the Loudoun News. After his father died, he took over the family business, Raflo's Clothing Store.

In the 1950s, Raflo dove into politics, starting with Leesburg Town Council. He served a term as Leesburg mayor, and then on the Board of Supervisors from 1972 to 1986. Then, for nearly two more decades, he advocated for local agencies on the state Commission on Local Government.

He was VACo president in 1976.

Raflo was named the Loudoun Times-Mirror Citizen of the Year after just one year as supervisor. A newspaper article on Dec. 27, 1973, trumpeted his work directing the county's growth, and hailing Raflo's "consummate intelligence, inexhaustible energy and the ability to motivate."

Those who knew him say Raflo didn't play games and wasn't a politician who would smile and say something and mean something else.

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Coordinate projects

Counties should be looking for regional deployment opportunities in conjunction with towns, neighboring jurisdictions and private providers.

We don't know yet, but there have been some indications that such pooling of efforts into a single proposal/application might be looked upon more favorably than an isolated project serving a single jurisdiction.

Coordination with or inclusion of health clinics or hospitals, libraries, schools, community centers and other institutions serving the public will also likely be favored.

More public meetings announced and public comments requested

The Commerce Department in conjunction with NTIA, the Agriculture Department (RUS program) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will host the following public meetings to receive more input as they develop guidelines for the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) and USDA's Rural Utility Service (RUS) broadband programs: March 19, 23 and 24 at the Commerce Department, plus two "field" meetings: Las Vegas on March 17 and Arizona on March 18.

All meetings are aired live from the NTIA Web site (www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants) with audio/video and text streaming.

The public meetings are organized around key program themes, including but not limited to the definitions to be adopted, the role of the states in the grants process, the relationship of BTOP to the RUS loan and grant program and other ARRA programs, the grant selection criteria, the role of for-profit providers as potential grant recipients, and other topics.

This URL (www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/meetingsarchive.html) provides a detailed list of topics on which public input is specifically being

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from the ARRA—not including tax cuts, which will aid Virginia citizens directly. In addition, a large amount of additional funds will be in the form of competitive grants that have yet to be awarded. These grants may be awarded to a wide range of groups, including state agencies and institutions of higher education, local governments, quasi-governmental organizations, nonprofit organizations, and private companies. White House economists estimate the recovery plan will create or save 93,000 jobs in Virginia over the next two years.

Given the ARRA's unprecedented requirements on disclosure and reporting the use of funding, State Comptroller David Von Moll will be

working to ensure Virginia state agencies and institutions of higher education meet all reporting requirements to the federal government, including:

- How funds are being used;
- Descriptions and status reports on stimulus-related projects;
- Estimates of jobs saved or created by federal stimulus activities; and
- Estimates of tax increases averted because of federal stimulus funds.

The revamped Stimulus.Virginia.Gov Web site mirrors the principles of Recovery.gov by posting this disclosure information as it becomes available. This additional reporting allows Virginians to monitor how the recovery plan is working throughout the state and ensure tax dollars are being spent productively and responsibly. The site will show all available ARRA funds by

Cabinet Secretariat, and map expenditures by locality and will be updated on a continual basis.

Virginia was among the first states in the nation to launch a Web site dedicated to offering citizens, community groups, and localities a voice in the recovery plan process. Between Feb. 10 and March 6, Stimulus.Virginia.Gov received more than 9,000 project ideas, totaling \$450 billion.

Over the next few weeks, the governor's working group on stimulus funds will continue routing these projects to the appropriate Cabinet Secretariat for review and evaluation. Ultimately, recommendations around potential projects will be presented to Gov. Kaine, who is expected to make final decisions on recovery plan allocations in early April.

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purchased and the county office was moved.

"She did not have an underlying political agenda, and she's kept that through all these years," Bacon said. "She's not had a political opinion on any hot issues. She does her job, which is to evaluate the data and return with recommendations. If we follow her recommendations, fine. If we don't, that's fine too. She has no remorse."

Over the years, Giorgetti has added other titles to her resume. Currently she is the county administrator, budget director, clerk to the Board, planning director, purchasing agent and zoning administrator.

"I always loved the budget, payroll, anything that had accounting to it," Giorgetti said. "I think my experience in the past prepared me well for all these roles. I worked for an attorney for 13 years, doing all the legal documents and bookkeeping. Also, my husband was a self-employed trucker and I helped run his business."

Lunenburg County has one of the smallest administrative staffs in the



Cathy Giorgetti (back row left) poses with members of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors.

state. Besides Giorgetti, there are four other full-time staffers—an economic development expert, a building inspector and two administrative assistants.

Despite the small size of the office, Giorgetti is proud that the county has accomplished a lot during her tenure. She lists the consolidation of all county offices at the courthouse as one major success. The county also has built a new

courts building and renovated the historical courthouse. Lunenburg also has a new middle school. Before construction of the school, the county sought and received a AAA bond rating.

"I have people telling me that they wouldn't have my job for anything," Giorgetti said. "But I love it. I come in to the office and don't know where the day goes. It just flies by."

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sought. For example, the topics include:

- Definitions of “unserved” and “underserved” areas for the BTOP, and “rural” for the RUS program.
- Coordination of BTOP and RUS programs.

*VACo reported previously that a single project could not receive both BTOP and RUS funds. However, despite language in the ARRA that seems to provide this, federal regulators said during the March 10 public meeting that projects could utilize both programs.

Since BTOP is not limited to “rural” areas and RUS is, a project that coordinates both a rural and urban or suburban effort may be attractive under both programs.

BTOP and RUS funds cannot be spent on the same equipment or facilities, but they could be coordinated to fund different portions of the overall project.

Update from March 16 public meeting: There was a panel on this issue, but it still remains unclear how the two programs will be coordinated.

- Leveraging with other ARRA programs.

Should the BTOP program be leveraged with other broadband portions of the ARRA, including provisions related to smart grids, health IT, education and transportation infrastructure?

- States’ role in the grant process; state broadband availability map.

The ARRA requires federal consultation with states, but we don’t know, yet, the degree of consultation. The Commonwealth’s role has not yet been determined with regard advising the federal agencies on local projects, or whether the state will apply directly for grant money on behalf of particular local or regional projects.

Meanwhile, the state has worked extensively with Verizon, Comcast and other incumbent providers to develop a State Broadband Availability Map. The

map, which is expected to be published online in the next 30 days, should be extremely helpful to localities in identifying unserved and underserved areas.

Meanwhile, state officials are in the process of sorting through over 350 broadband proposals that were submitted to the governor’s Web site stimulus.virginia.gov.

Update from March 16 public meeting: There was much talk from panelists about states having a role in prioritizing or “aggregating” local or regional projects. The dozen or so states that have already done statewide broadband availability mapping (including Virginia) may be well positioned to play a significant role in the grant process.

- Financial matching requirements; how to determine if a project would not have gone forward at this time without the stimulus funds (which is a statutory requirement), how to determine what projects warrant more than 80 percent federal funds.

How to determine what counts as “matching funds”, i.e. should “in-kind” contributions of facilities or rights of way count towards the local 20 percent match? If, yes, then this could be a huge benefit to localities.

Localities need to be start identifying now nonfederal funding sources and possible in-kind contributions towards the required 20 percent match.

- Timeliness of proposals; how to ensure that the funds can be awarded by Sept. 30, 2010, and how to ensure that projects will be completed within 2 years of receiving funds.

- Reporting requirements. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly reports. Funds can be de-obligated for failure to meet grant objectives.

VACo has been informed by state officials that the federal regulators are particularly concerned about potential waste, fraud and abuse in the broadband programs, so there will likely be strict accounting and reporting requirements.

Expect job creation and economic

development to be part of the required metrics that will need to be tracked and reported.

- Which private companies should be eligible for NTIA grants? The ARRA provides eligible grant recipients are states, localities, Indian Tribes, U.S. territories, nonprofit entities and any other entity, including broadband service or infrastructure providers that the Assistant Secretary of Commerce “finds by rule to be in the public interest.”

Update from March 16 public meeting: There was disagreement among panelists over this issue. Private sector interests are pushing for the broadest possible rule for determining grant eligibility.

Private entities already operating under a state or federal license was suggested as possible rule. However, there was also much concern expressed over accountability and fraud prevention, as well as avoiding duplication of efforts, all of which favor a stronger public role – perhaps even requiring a private entity to be in partnership with a statutorily eligible public entity in order to meet the “public interest” test.

“Buy American” provisions of the ARRA are being looked at by federal agencies to see what impact or limitations those provisions might have in the broadband programs.

Paper comments should be sent to:

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4812
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Please note that all material sent via the U. S. Postal Service (including “Overnight” or “Express Mail”) is subject to delivery delays of up to two weeks due to mail security procedures.

All written comments received will be posted on the NTIA Web site (www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/index.html).

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org and click the man at the typewriter on the right rail of the page.

Grants Coordinator/Powhatan County

Grade 11

Full-time position

Salary Range \$36,783-\$47,082

Powhatan County is currently recruiting for the position of Grants Coordinator. This position is a full-time, exempt position and reports to the County Administrator. Job duties include researching federal, state and other grant opportunities, processing and coordinating grant applications, monitoring grant accounts, maintaining documentation, reporting to various granting agencies, conducting program evaluations, and working with all county agencies to maximize grant revenue for various programs and services. Applications and a full job description may be obtained at the Powhatan County Finance/Human Resources office at 3834 Old Buckingham Road, or at www.powhatanva.gov. Position closes on Friday, March 27 at 5 p.m.

Finance Director-Town Treasurer/Town of Christiansburg

Responsibilities include serving as Chief Financial Officer overseeing all aspects of the Town's financial management relating to accounting, payroll, procurement, debt issuance, investing of Town funds, budget preparation, grant applications and financial reporting to Town Council and Town Manager. Requires Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field and 5-7 years experience in municipal government accounting. CPA required. Interested persons should complete and return a Town application, cover letter, and resume with salary requirements by April 8 at 5 p.m. addressed to: Town of Christiansburg, Attn: Mayor R. Ballengee, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Application forms are available on our Web site at www.christiansburg.org.

Director of Parks and Recreation/Fluvanna County

Salary DOQ/DOE. Works under the general supervision of county administrator. Plan, organize and direct operations of the Parks and Recreation department as well as develop and improve County parks and public recreation facilities. Must have strong project management and grant management skills. Minimum education and experience include a Bachelor's degree with major course work in recreation and leisure services or a related field and five years of supervisory experience in the recreation field. Detailed list of qualification and application at: www.co.fluvanna.va.us. Submit resume and County application with a cover letter stating your salary expectations to: Fluvanna County Human Resources, PO Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963. Deadline March 23, 5 p.m.

Purchasing Manager/Gloucester County

Salary \$53,788 or higher DOQ. Seeking experienced professional to lead a team of two Buyers & an Administrative Assistant in the procurement of goods & services for Gloucester County & Public School System. Six to nine years progressively responsible exp. in governmental purchasing; requires (CPPB, CPPO) certification or obtain within three years. Detailed list of qualifications and job description available online: www.gloucesterva.jobs. Submit cover letter & resume with Gloucester County Application by March 27 at 4:30 p.m. Human Resource Department: 6467 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061; Phone: 804-693-5690.

Director of Finance/Brunswick County

This full-time position works under the general supervision of the County Administrator. The duties of this position include planning, organizing and directing operations of human resources, budget and financial management. Plans and directs the

County's budget development process. Serves as liaison for various fiscal agencies, working with state and local authorities to ensure fiscal responsibility. A complete job description is available at the Office of the County Administrator or at www.brunswickco.com. Submit resume' to the Office of the County Administrator, 102 Tobacco Street, Lawrenceville, VA 23868 no later than 1 p.m. Friday, March 20. Telephone 434-848-3107 or toll-free 1-800-848-3199.

Senior Assistant County Attorney/Bedford County

The County of Bedford seeks a Senior Assistant County Attorney to perform legal services for the Bedford County Department of Social Services (DSS). Applications are available on our Web site: www.co.bedford.va.us and are also available from the Bedford County Human Resources Department, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, VA 24523, (540) 586-7601, ext. 1221. Annual salary is competitive DOQ. Benefits include: life, medical, dental, and vision insurance, flexible spending plan, retirement, direct deposit, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. Closing date: March 20.

Associate Director/University of Georgia

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia invites applications and nominations for a public service faculty position as Associate Director of its Governmental Training, Education, and Development Division (GTED). The position will be available June 1. For a complete position description, qualifications, deadlines, and contact information please visit our Web site at: www.hr.uga.edu/ad-gted.pdf. Application review will begin immediately. Candidates will be

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considered for the position until it is filled. Application materials should include a cover letter, a curriculum vita, and three letters of recommendation. E-mail submissions with attachments are preferred. Please send to: executivesearch@uga.edu
In lieu of email submission, written application materials may be directed to:

University of Georgia, Human Resources
Search Committee, GTED Associate Director
C/o Executive and Faculty Search Group
215 S. Jackson Street
Athens, GA 30602
Confidential requests for information should be directed to the primary consultant, Lindsey Van Note, Executive & Faculty Search Group, University of Georgia, 706-542-6240.

Town Manager/Appomattox

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits.
The Town of Appomattox (pop. 1,761) seeks to fill the full-time position of Town Manager. Responsible for performing complex technical and administrative work serving as the chief operations officer of the Town with responsibility for the planning and administration of the various functions of government and directing the activities of the Department of Public Works. Must be capable of being bonded, have a valid VA Driver's License and Criminal/Credit Background Checks. Town application required. Call 434-352-8268, e-mail fguill@appomattoxva.gov. Submit application, along with resume and cover letter to: Town of Appomattox, P.O. Box 705, Appomattox, VA 24522. Open until filled.

Director of Strategic Resource Allocation/Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA)

Located in Northern Virginia
Director of Strategic Resource Allocation to lead the Finance, Human

Resources and Customer/Community Service functions. Reporting to the Engineer-Director (CEO) of the organization, this is a key executive position that will back up the Engineer-Director in leading the organization, functioning at the CFO level. If this profile fits, send resume and letter to:
Maxine Pegors, PHR
EMA, Inc.
1970 Oakcrest Ave., #300
St. Paul, MN 55113
ASA@ema-inc.com

**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 to: the Department of the Town Manager, 400 South Main Street, Suite 101 Culpeper, Virginia 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.

Building Official/City of Portsmouth

SALARY RANGE: \$71,996-\$97,195
Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Technology, Construction Management, Physics or Math; 3 to 5 years progressively responsible work experience in building inspection, engineering, construction or a related field. Must be able to obtain certification, or become a building official within six months. Submit City of Portsmouth application and resume to City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. www.portsmouthva.gov. Open Until Filled.

Environmental Codes Compliance Officer/King and Queen County

BS in Environmental Science or related field with a minimum of two years experience and DCR E&S certification required within six months of hire. **Salary:** DOQ with excellent benefits. Please send letter of interest, resume

and three professional references (no emails, faxes, or phone calls, please) to: Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Esq.
County Attorney
11817 Canon Blvd., Suite 408
Newport News, VA 23606
Position is open until filled.

Director of Tourism/Town of Appomattox

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits.
Responsible for planning, directing, developing and implementing short and long range goals and strategies to promote the Town area as a travel destination, to provide positive impressions and experiences for area visitors and to raise awareness of and coordinate community hospitality efforts. Town application required. Call 434-352-8268, e-mail fguill@appomattoxva.gov. Submit application, along with resume and cover letter to: David T. Garrett, Jr., Town Manager, P. O. Box 705, Appomattox, VA. Open until filled.

Director of Finance/Hanover County

Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting or related field, supplemented by 8 years of progressively responsible experience, 3 of which in a supervisory capacity. Local government experience is preferred. Master's Degree, CPA or CGFO desired. Ability to deal effectively with department heads, staff, officials, and the public required. Salary range \$98,424-\$132,875 plus excellent benefits. For more information or to apply for this position, please visit our career site at www.hanovercountytjobs.com (804)365-6075, (TDD# 365-6140).

County Engineer/Louisa County

If you have a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from a four-year college or university, enjoy working in a fast paced, challenging environment and want to be part of a County that is experiencing unprecedented growth, please visit our Web site at www.louisacounty.com for complete details or call 540-967-0401. The position will remain open until filled. Salary commensurate with experience.



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