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2009 Annual Conference update



VACo will soon release registration information on the 2009 Annual Conference. Registration forms will be mailed to all counties on Aug. 14. At the same time, the conference registration form will also be available online.

By the end of August the schedule of breakout sessions and other features of the conference should be finalized. For the most up-to-date information about VACo's 75th Annual Conference please check VACo's Web site on a regular basis.

At this time, we'd also like to recognize and extend our appreciation to all who have agreed to be corporate sponsors for various conference events.

These include Suntrust for sponsoring Monday box lunches; UnitedHealthCare for sponsoring name tag lanyards; Dominion Virginia Power for sponsoring the Sunday evening reception; Robinson, Farmer, Cox for once again sponsoring the Monday night President's Reception; Moseley Architects for sponsoring the conference tote bags, and (along with Trane) sponsoring the cash awards for the highest achievers for counties participating in the Go Green initiative; Nationwide Retirement Solutions for sponsoring the Sunday afternoon break; Wendel Companies for sponsoring the Monday morning break; and Northrup Grumman for sponsoring the Monday afternoon break.

VACo releases budget survey; seeks your help

By Aaron Hugeback
VACo Intern

Given the current condition of the Virginia's economy, state officials will be sweeping in every corner for cash and coin and coming up with new ways to cut state funding, including state aid to local governments.

VACo and VML released a budget survey on July 27 to draw the attention of the public, the General Assembly, and the governor to the severe fiscal situation localities are facing.

Armed with concrete knowledge of the difficult choices localities made to balance the FY 2010 budget and the concerns for FY 2011, VACo and VML can inform Richmond of the severe consequences of the recession on local governments.

Information from every corner of Virginia is critical in painting a clear fiscal picture of Virginia's localities. Knowing how counties have had to tighten the belt will help VACo effectively lobby the General Assembly and the Governor's office.

Asking questions about current and expected future revenues and expenditures, VACo and VML hope to gain an understanding of how localities are trying to weather FY 2010.

Local government officials who helped test the survey already raised



concerns about how the gaps covered by ARRA funding will be covered in the future.

VACo and VML chose to administer the survey online through Survey Monkey. Survey results will be analyzed by VACo, VML and Fiscal Analytics, a contracted fiscal analysis firm, and will be shared with Virginia's counties. VACo asks CFOs and budget directors to complete the survey by Aug. 31.

VACo and VML consulted with local government officials from a cross-section of Virginia localities in an effort to make the survey straightforward and relevant.

We would like to thank all those who participated for their valuable contributions.

VACo has secured agreements from Virginia gubernatorial candidates Bob McDonnell and Creigh Deeds to appear in separate Q&A videos. Lisa Shaffner will host. Dominion Virginia Power will produce. Look for it on www.vaco.org in September.

Aug. 19: U. S. Supreme Court decision triggers special session; Kaine releases revenue projections



Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has called a special legislative session of the Virginia General Assembly on Aug. 19 to address the U. S. Supreme Court's recent decision of *Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts* regarding the Constitutional guarantee that criminal defendants retain the right to confrontation under the sixth amendment.

The Court determined that a defendant has a right to confront the laboratory analysts who test his or her evidence. The decision affects lab technicians and others who administer or analyze blood-alcohol, drug and DNA tests as well as doctors overseeing autopsies.

Virginia law does not currently require the prosecution to have these persons present in court to present lab analysis and results and the General Assembly will address this situation on Aug. 19.

VACo will monitor the session and resulting legislation to assess potential local government impacts.

Budget Outlook

Prior to the special session on Aug. 19 Gov. Kaine is scheduled to provide legislators with updated state revenue projections. As previously reported by VACo on July 15, and in anticipation the revised revenue projections, the governor has directed state agencies to prepare 5, 10 and 15 percent reductions plans for fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

As outlined by Wayne Turnage, the governor's Chief of Staff in a statewide memo on June 30, "These new reductions will be in addition to the reduction amounts already contained in the [state budget]."

At this time it is unclear whether or not on Aug. 19 the governor also will announce the next round of state budget reductions.

VACo will continue to report on the state revenue and budget picture.

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VACo Notes

VACo Steering Committees, Board Meeting, and Open House & Building Dedication



Aug. 14
1207 E. Main St. Richmond

Meeting agendas, directions and parking information will be communicated closer to Aug. 14.

Preliminary Meeting Schedule:

I. 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Steering Committee meetings Part I

- Administration of Government
- Education
- Environment and Agriculture
- Finance

II. 11:45 a.m. Box Lunches for Steering Committees

III. 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Steering Committee meetings Part 2

- Community, Development and Planning
- Health and Human Resources
- Telecommunications and Public Utilities
- Transportation

IV. 2 p.m. VACo Board meeting

V. 5 p.m. Open House & Building Dedication (1207 E. Main Street, Richmond, 23219)

Virginia counties recognized for model programs



Visit www.vaco.org to read a description of each winning program.

The Virginia Association of Counties is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Achievement Awards recognizing model local government programs.

The winning counties and program titles are:

- **Carroll County:** “Economic Milestone” (Regional Collaboration)
- **Chesterfield County:** “Emergency Worker and Dependant Shelter” (Criminal Justice & Public Safety)
- **Fairfax County:** “The ART Conference” (Organizational Development)
- **Fairfax County:** “Road DAWG” (Criminal Justice & Public Safety)
- **Gloucester County:** “Full Service School Project” (Human Services)
- **Hanover County:** “Citizen-Driven Curbside Recycling Program” (Environmental)
- **Henrico County:** “Electronic Waste Recycling” (Environmental)
- **Henrico County:** “Regional Supplier Conference” (Regional Collaboration)
- **James City County:** “Neighborhoods Organizing Ways to Achieve Connections” (Information Technology)
- **Loudoun County:** “Real Estate Assessment Review Online Application” (Customer Service)
- **Prince William County:** “Home Help Program” (Community & Economic Development)
- **Prince William County:** “Virtual Public Hearing” (Public Affairs & Communications)

- **Roanoke County:** “Innovation Without Funding” (Information Technology)
- **Rockbridge County:** “Rockbridge Area Prevention Coalition” (Human Services)
- **York County:** “Wetlands Interpretive Sanctuary for Education” (Environmental)

VACo received 72 entries for the statewide contest. The Honorable Kate Hanley, Secretary of the Commonwealth; Tedd Povar, Associate Director of the Virginia Institute of Government; and Elmer Hodge, former Roanoke County Administrator, served as judges for this year’s statewide awards program.

“We had a record number of entries this year,” said James Campbell, VACo executive director. “This shows that many counties are adapting to the economic environment by developing innovating programs to affect positive change in their community. I am thoroughly impressed by all the quality work that can be replicated throughout the state and the country.”

Hodge, who served Roanoke County for 22 years as administrator, also commended the quality of the entries. “I am most impressed with all the applications and equally pleased that so many small- and medium-sized counties participated,” Hodge said. “Applicants seemed undaunted by the economy and, in fact, found new ways to meet the needs of their communities in ways that did not require additional local funding. These projects reflect the

strong leadership that has always been present in Virginia’s 95 counties.”

This was the fifth consecutive year Povar has served as a judge. “We fully appreciate the time taken by the applicant counties to prepare and submit award nominations,” Povar said. “Many of these submissions required hours of detailed preparation to fully describe the project and its surrounding context. The professionalism, ingenuity, and creativity displayed are very encouraging, particularly as we face the most challenging period for local government in recent memory. We congratulate all the applicants on a job well done, and, in particular, those that received award recognition.”

The VACo Achievement Awards is a competitive program open to local government members of the association. Held annually, it recognizes local government programs in awards criteria that include innovation, cooperation and model practices.

Several collaborative projects were submitted in 2009, prompting the judges to create a new category—Regional Collaboration.

Representatives from each of the award-winning counties will receive a certificate at an official ceremony during VACo’s 2009 Annual Conference in November. Also, VACo will present several awards at Board of Supervisors meetings.

VACo exists to support county officials and to effectively represent, promote and protect the interests of counties to better serve the people of Virginia.

Gov. Kaine announces \$1 billion milestone in ARRA funding allocated for infrastructure projects

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announced on July 20 that more than \$1 billion in American Restoration and Recovery Act funding has been allocated for infrastructure projects in Virginia. The infrastructure projects, and jobs created, would not have been possible without the stimulus money provided by the federal government.

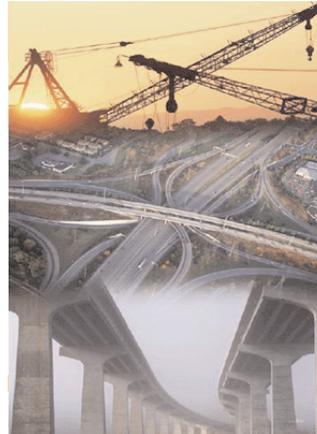
“These projects are beginning at a time when we are facing a national economic crisis, and they are putting Virginians to work,” Governor Kaine said. “The projects also will pay long-term dividends to all of us, in the form of improved bridges and highways, railways and other transit, sewage treatment and drinking water.”

The Commonwealth of Virginia is expected to receive about \$4.8 billion from the Recovery Act. Individuals, private organizations and businesses, and local governments are also eligible for additional Recovery Act funding. As more Recovery Act funds are allocated, more jobs and improvements are

expected statewide.

Infrastructure allocations to date include:

- \$123 million for highway safety and construction improvements;
- \$116 million for transportation projects selected by regional planning organizations;
- \$116 million for bridge replacement or repair;
- \$114 million for pavement preservation and restoration;
- \$96 million for road construction associated with the BRAC process;
- \$70 million for sewage plant work;
- \$62 million for rail improvements;
- \$28 million for urban transit projects;
- \$21 million for transportation enhancement projects;
- \$14 million for small urban transit projects;
- \$19 million for clean drinking water



projects;

- \$8 million for “green” clean water projects;
- \$4 million for rural transit projects;

About \$184 million for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, shared with Maryland and Washington, DC.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board, local governments, the Department of Transportation,

Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Department of Environmental Quality, and Department of Health are now getting the work under contract so that jobs are saved and created. For example, 23 jobs have been created with just two highway paving contracts.

A complete list of infrastructure projects can be found at VACO’s Web site.

DEQ establishes Wind RAP

By Larry Land
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The Department of Environmental Quality has established a Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) to assist with the development of regulations to implement HB 2175 (Hogan), a bill requiring DEQ to develop a “permit-by-rule” for small renewable energy projects.

These are projects that will generate under 100 megawatts of electricity through such renewable sources as wind.

The bill also requires permit-by-rule procedures to be developed for such other renewable sources as biomass and water movement.

Under HB 2175, one condition of being approved for a permit-by-rule is for an applicant to provide certification that his/her project is consistent with local land use ordinances.

Major issues to be considered by the RAP will be the effect that wind turbines have on wildlife, view sheds, nearby water quality and other natural resources. There are complicated provisions in HB 2175 that will make a simple “permit-by-rule” framework for wind turbines a challenge to develop.

For example, the legislation requires that as part of the application review process for a permit-by-rule for a wind turbine, there would need to be “an analysis of potential environmental impacts” and that “where relevant” there would need to be “an analysis of the beneficial and adverse impacts of the proposed project on natural resources.”

The purpose of a “permit-by-rule” process is to allow for expedited, less expensive permit review procedures to be followed for facilities that are less



complicated and therefore do not require as exhaustive a review and analysis as landfills, large wastewater treatment plants or other structures subject to more rigorous and technical permit requirements. Presently, a “permit-by-rule” framework (often described as a “checklist”) is used to approve permits for such facilities as waste transfer stations and recycling facilities.

DEQ’s goal is to have the new “permit-by-rule” regulations for wind turbines in effect by 1/1/11. The RAP is scheduled to hold six meetings between Aug. 1 and Nov. 30.

Larry Land is a member of Wind RAP.



VACo is collecting county seals for its new Web site. And during the course of this process, we realized something--these seals are really cool.

So without discrimination, we listed in alphabetical order the seals we've collected from Accomack to Isle of Wight counties.

In the future, we will present the remaining 65 seals (that's if we collect them all, so send them in!). We hope you enjoy them as much as we do.



Mark Your Calendars

Sustainable Communities Workshop



Thursday, Aug. 6
9:30 a.m.— 3:45 p.m.
Bower Center for the Arts
305 North Bridge Street
Bedford, VA

Hosted by Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council & The Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association.

This innovative workshop will feature presentations and panel discussions on best practices and experiences from local communities on issues facing local governments, including water supply planning, historic & open space preservation, broadband connectivity for rural areas, and energy-saving initiatives.

Panelists include:

- Bob Carter, Director, Community Services Division, Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources
- Karen Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Technology for the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Scott Kudlas, Director of Water Supply Resources, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Joe Lerch, Director of Environmental Policy, Virginia Municipal League

4th Annual Commonwealth of Virginia Energy Symposium (COVES)



Oct. 7-8
Marshall Hall - Center for Leadership and Ethics
Virginia Military Institute

Join 400-500 energy professionals from the public and private sectors to exchange information and technologies to promote a secure, sustainable, and prosperous energy future.

The symposium mission is to help Virginia position herself so that businesses, governments, and citizens anticipate the energy challenges and opportunities ahead and make wise decisions for a sustainable and prosperous future.

The Symposium will take place Oct. 7-8 at Marshall Hall, Center for Leadership and Ethics, Virginia Military Institute, in Lexington.

Register online by July 31 to receive the lowest rate for this important and timely symposium.

Click here for more information.

Census Workshop



Aug. 26 & 27
9 a.m.
Roanoke and Richmond

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Sponsored by the Virginia Employment Commission

Aug. 26

9 a.m.

Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center
Roanoke, VA

Aug. 27

9 a.m.

Holiday Inn Select - Koger South
Conference Center
Richmond, VA

Training and lunch will be provided at no cost to attendees.

The VEC will host two one-day seminars that will provide pertinent information on the 2010 Census. These informational sessions will be conducted by U.S. Census Bureau staff for data users and other interested parties.

To register (deadline is Aug. 21) or to get additional information, please contact Gloria Colvin at 804.786.8225 or gloria.colvin@vec.virginia.gov.

Roanoke County to maximize energy efficiency of its buildings

Roanoke County is in the process of renovating County buildings as part of its overall initiative to improve energy efficiency. The renovations will be funded through utility cost savings. The County also plans to use \$300,000 of federal stimulus money to fund additional improvements.



Roanoke County selected Trane to perform a detailed study of its facilities, which began last month. After an in-depth building analysis, Trane will develop a plan to update the buildings' comfort, lighting, and water systems while adding a greater level of control to all of its building systems. The renovations will result in significant improvements to 25 County facilities including fire stations, community centers, and libraries.

"We're thrilled to bring the necessary analysis and improvements to

these facilities to improve comfort and save money," said Ross Atherton, Trane's Solutions leader for Virginia.

Reducing energy consumption has been a priority for the County for the past eight years. In 2001, the County implemented a System of Environmental Management using ISO 14001 guidelines to research and implement ways to reduce energy consumption and bills. ISO 14001 is an international standard of environmental operation.

The work with Trane will complement the work that is already in place. In 2007, Roanoke County joined Local Governments for Sustainability, also known as ICLEI. As part of its commitment to ICLEI, the County has set a goal for itself to stop increasing carbon emissions by 2012 and to then reduce the County's carbon emissions by three percent every year thereafter until 2020 as Milestone 2 of the ICLEI program.

Roanoke County has also shown its commitment to the environment



through its capital projects. The Western Virginia Regional Jail is LEED certified, and the new fleet service center and multi-generational recreation center (Green Ridge Recreation Center) will also receive certification.

"I am proud of our efforts to reduce energy consumption through the programs and projects we have in place and look forward to making our existing buildings even more energy efficient," said Clay Goodman, Roanoke County Administrator.

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Loudoun County receives award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Heritage Farm Museum was awarded a core set of conservation books and online resources through a competitive grant process coordinated by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

According to Museum manager Mary Novotny, the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf is a valuable addition to the Museum's library and will be used by interns, staff and volunteers to assist in the management of the Museum's collections and programs.

"When IMLS launched this initiative to improve the dire state of our nation's collections, we understood that the materials gathered for the Bookshelf would serve as important tools for museums, libraries, and archives nationwide," said Anne-Imelda

Radice, director of IMLS. "We were both pleased and encouraged by the overwhelming interest of institutions prepared to answer the call to action,

and we know that with their dedication, artifacts from our shared history will be preserved for future generations."

The Heritage Farm Museum received this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for the care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections



management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006.

IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study it released in partnership with Heritage Preservation, A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America's Collections. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America's collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections. Click here for more information on the Connecting to Collections initiative.

Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009: A Summary of its chief provisions

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Excerpted from NACo County News,
July 13, 2009. By Julie Ufner

By a 219-212 vote the House of Representatives passed the Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (HB 2454). This is a comprehensive bill with many provisions. Chief among them is the establishment of a federal cap-and-trade program.

Estimates on implementation costs of this legislation vary. According to the Heritage Foundation implementation costs could reach \$1,500 a year for a family of four.

The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, an organization that supports the bill, estimates that the legislation will save American families nearly \$4,000 a year by 2030. Recently, the Congressional Budget Office released an estimate that the legislation would cost the average family \$175 each year by 2020.

The bill is 1,400 pages long. Here are some of its highlights.

Cap and Trade: H.R. 2454 would set up a cap-and-trade program for “covered” entities to reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG) 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and 83 percent 2005 levels by 2050. Covered entities would be able to emit GHG to a pre-determined capped emissions level. The measure would also allow trading of emission permits, also known as “allowances,” among covered and non-covered entities. Generally, the emissions cap would limit GHG emissions from entities that produce more than 25,000 metric tons annually of GHG.

Renewable Energy Standard: H.R. 2454 would amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) to create renewable electricity

(RES). This new standard would require electric utility suppliers to use 20 percent of renewable energy and energy-efficiency measures by 2020. A qualified RES would include wind, solar, geothermal, renewable biomass, biogas, biofuels, qualified hydropower, marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy, landfill gas, wastewater treatment gas and qualified waste-to-energy systems.

Establishment of SEED funds: The legislation directs the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to create a program that would allow each state energy office to create a State Energy and Environment Development (SEED) Fund. The purpose of each SEED account would be to serve as a common state-level repository for managing and accounting for emission allowances provided to states designated for renewable energy and energy-efficiency purposes. One-third of the federally designated allowances for states will be distributed to all states equally, one-third will be distributed through a population based formula, and the last third will be distributed based on energy usage. Of the total amount that states receive, 12.5 percent of it will be distributed to local governments for designated usage. The money must be used to supplement existing funds, rather than supplanting them.

Siting of new renewable energy transmission lines: H.R. 2454 encourages the creation of regional grid-planning entities for the purpose of siting new electricity sources. Language was added to the bill to limit the existing federal backstop siting authority – under section 216 of the Federal Power Act – to the Eastern interconnection, and to interstate lines and intrastate segments that are integral to proposed interstate line Federal backstop siting authority takes siting authority away from the states.



National Energy Efficiency Building Code Standard: H.R. 2454 establishes new standards for building efficiency, requiring new buildings to be 30 percent more efficient in 2012 and 50 percent more efficient in 2016. This will apply to both residential and commercial buildings. States are offered allowances that they can sell to support adoption and enforcement of the new standards. The Department of Energy must enforce the standards in states that do not incorporate the building standards into their state building codes.

Agriculture and forestry: Agriculture and forestry are exempt from the bill's GHG emissions reduction requirements. Farmers and ranchers are also offered increased revenue opportunities through an agricultural and forestry offset program. Farmers, ranchers and forest land owners will be able to earn offsets for plans that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions and that sequester carbon. These offsets can be sold to utilities, refiners or other firms subject to limitations on greenhouse gas emissions. The offset program for agriculture and forestry will be managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture rather than the Environmental Protection Agency.

Over the next few months the Senate is expected to consider its own version of climate change legislation.

Consensus elusive on changes to UDA law



Tysons Corner in Northern Virginia. Photo from Microsoft Digital Earth.

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At the request of Del. Clay Athey, chairman of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Development and Land Use Tools in Virginia Localities (SJR 70/HJR 178, 2008), two of the subcommittee's work groups met jointly on July 30 to hear recommendations for possible amendments to the current statute that requires 61 counties, 12 cities, and 46 towns to designate urban growth areas (UDA) in their comprehensive plans.

The work groups heard presentations by four organizations – VACo, the Homebuilders Association of Virginia (HBAV), a coalition of conservation groups (Piedmont Environmental Council, Southern Environmental Law Center, Coalition for Smarter Growth, and League of Conservation Voters), and the Virginia Chapter, American Planning Association – on how to improve the existing legislation to address some of the concerns previously raised about the UDA mandate.

After each presentation, there was a wide-ranging Q&A period among those present. Also commenting on the suggested changes was a representative of

the Secretary of Transportation's office.

On a principal issue, the current minimum residential and commercial density requirement for UDAs in the statute (4 dwelling units per gross acre; 0.4 floor area ratio per gross acres for commercial), suggestions ranged from keeping the existing prescriptive standard to moving to a performance-based requirement. The discussion on that issue revealed that there is no clear understanding by many of the participants of whether that standard should be changed from gross acres to net acres, or if the density standard was an average over the entire UDA rather than applying to every "square inch" of the area. The discussion on the subject revealed that few mixed use developments underway today in counties, meet the current requirements (e.g., Newtown in James City County).

At the June 18 meeting of the subcommittee, Del. Athey introduced draft legislation that attempted to address the "one-size, fits-all" density requirement in the current law by establishing separate density standards for four population brackets: under 50,000 persons, 50,000 to 100,000 persons, 100,000 to 250,000 persons, and over 250,000 persons.

County representatives stated that

the recommended density requirements in the proposed bill for each bracket would be extremely difficult for counties to attain, but there were proponents for keeping the brackets while revisiting the density standards.

Another issue that drew much discussion was changing the term "Urban Development Area." While some argued for not altering the name so as not to confuse out of town developers, others noted that many counties expressed concern that using "urban" would make it harder for citizens to accept the concept.

The wide-ranging discussion covered many other issues and highlighted additional divergent points of view. At the end of the meeting, the convener of the gathering tried to summarize the topics of agreement (few) and disagreement (many), and promised that the summary would be forwarded to Del. Athey. It is unclear at this time what will happen next.

Although the full subcommittee was scheduled to meet on Aug. 19 to hear a presentation from several nationally-known impact fee experts, that meeting had to be cancelled due to the special legislative session scheduled for that date. The meeting has not been rescheduled so far.

Broadband stimulus update

By Jeff Gore
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Applications for the first round of broadband stimulus funds are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14. Localities planning on submitting in this round have no doubt started on their applications, and are furiously working to compile all the required information. All projects meeting the RUS definition of "rural" will have to apply for the RUS program first (a combination of loans and grants), but may also apply for the NTIA program (all grants).

At Senator Warner's broadband summit in Charlottesville last week, the NTIA and RUS administrators strongly emphasized the importance of submitting complete applications.

Applications that lack required information or documentation will be automatically rejected, as will applications that are not submitted by the deadline. Both agencies are encouraging electronic applications, which should be filed before Aug. 14, if possible, in order to address any technical difficulties with the electronic submission.

The state will have a role in prioritizing projects that make the initial cut in this funding round. Karen Jackson, Virginia's Deputy Secretary of Technology, has indicated that the state will develop a set of objective criteria in



order to score the projects referred to it by the federal agencies.

During this "due diligence" phase, applicants will be required to submit more detailed information and documentation regarding their proposals, including such things as environmental and construction permits, if applicable.

The awards to successful applicants will be announced in early November. So, even if your locality is not applying in the first round, there should be a great deal to learn from successful and unsuccessful first round applicants.

The Department of Housing and Community Development is assisting a group of about 10 localities/regions as they prepare first round stimulus applications.

DHCD has indicated that it plans to work with all the localities that have

done broadband planning over the past few years with the help of planning grants from the agency, but for this initial round, they are focusing on the projects that are the most "shovel ready".

Meanwhile, the state is applying to NTIA for broadband mapping funds, in hopes of improving the quality and accuracy of the state's existing broadband availability map.

Jackson also said last week that the state will soon have more detail on the current map, including census block data, which is required in the stimulus application. This should assist applicants once available.

Please visit the broadbandusa.gov Web site for more information on stimulus applications, including an updated FAQ section.



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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.

Regional Director/Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NoVa ERS)

Closing Date/Time: Aug. 14

Job Type: "Full-time, grant-funded (minimum 2 years)"

Salary: Subject to Qualifications

Employer: Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

This position is executive level and will serve under the direction of the NVRC Executive Director in performing work for Northern Virginia Emergency Response System Steering Committee (NVERS).

Benefits:

- Vacation, sick, leave and holidays with pay
 - Health insurance (employer pays 80 percent of premium)
 - Fully paid life insurance & long term disability insurance policies
 - Retirement program
 - Workers compensation coverage
 - Opportunity to enroll in medical & dependent care reimbursement plans and dental insurance plan
 - Opportunity to participate in deferred compensation plan
 - Free parking; on bus route
- Submit resume, cover letter and salary requirements via mail or e-mail to info@novaregion.org. No phone calls please.

Real Estate Assessor/Campbell County

The Campbell County Department of Management Services is seeking a forward-thinking, organized and motivated Assessor with excellent interpersonal skills to direct, plan and organize the Real Estate Office as well as the appraisal and assessment of real property in the County. The primary duties of the County Assessor include but are not limited to: managing and participating

in reassessing all real estate in the County on a schedule prescribed by the Board of Supervisors; overseeing the development, preparation, and maintenance of the residential and commercial appraisal systems within the CAMA system; and acting as the County's representative to the Board of Equalization and overseeing coordination of Board of Equalization processes. Salary Range: Dependent upon qualifications and experience. An excellent benefit package is provided.

Application procedure: Please submit a Campbell County application along with a resume stating your salary requirements. Applications are available online at www.co.campbell.va.us.

County Administrator/New Kent County

New Kent County, home to over 18,000 residents and the 63rd fastest growing county in the United States, seeks to appoint a County Administrator to serve at the pleasure of a five-member Board of Supervisors. Strategically located along Interstate 64 between Richmond and Hampton Roads, New Kent County employs 160 full-time government employees and currently operates within a \$90 million dollar budget. The salary range is \$95,000 to \$115,000 with a competitive benefits package. Additional information about the position and the New Kent community can be found by accessing the "County Administrator Job Opportunity" link from the New Kent County Web site at www.co.new-kent.va.us. Upon acceptance of the position, county residency is required. Qualified interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume minimally including three professional references via e-mail to humanresources@co.newkent.state.va.us or via mail to Human Resources, Post Office Box 50, New Kent, VA 23124 by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. Applicants selected for interview by the Board of Supervisors will be subject to a criminal history/credit/driver's license check prior to the interview. EOE

Crisis Assistance Bureau Chief/Arlington County Government

Salary Negotiable

Visionary leader and change agent needed to guide staff in developing and implementing high quality systems for providing human service programs to residents of Arlington County.

HOW TO APPLY: Open until filled.

Apply early to ensure consideration. Click here to go to the required Internet Employment Application and full job announcement. You may also use your browser to go to www.arlingtonva.us/pers (click on "County Jobs" on the right of the screen). You may attach your resume to the Internet Employment Application if you wish.

City Manager/City of Winchester

A minimum of ten years of public and/or private management experience is required in a comparably sized, high performance based organization, with more experience preferred. Past experience of candidates must demonstrate a high level of successful performance in areas that include finance and budget, redevelopment/economic development, strategic planning and implementation of strategic plans, team building and employee development, public relations, building community consensus and working with diverse populations. The salary for the position is negotiable within a range of \$125,000 to \$145,000 based on the candidate's qualifications and experience and is supplemented by an excellent benefit package. Please submit a letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by Aug. 9. For a complete community/position profile related to the position, please visit www.springsted.com.

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Director of Finance/Brunswick County

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. Master's degree in accounting, budget and finance field, CPA Certification preferred. Requires five (5) years professional experience in budgeting and finance, preferably in local government, some of which shall have been performed in a supervisory capacity. 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, Virginia 23868. Position open until filled. Telephone 434-848-3107 or toll-free 1-800-848-3199.

Director of Fire, EMS and Emergency Services/Prince George County

The position will be responsible for planning, organizing and directing the overall operation of the fire departments, emergency medical services and emergency services for the County; coordinating emergency planning for all man-made and natural disasters; managing the County Fire, EMS and Emergency Services; coordinating disaster and hazardous materials responses. To apply online please visit our Web site at www.princegeorgeva.org. Please attach all appropriate certifications, as listed above, with application. Faxed or emailed applications not accepted. Open until filled. Salary negotiable, with competitive benefit package. For more information, please call (804)722-8669.

Assistant County Manager/Lincoln County, N.C.

An employee in this position will assist in the management and long range planning of County government and

will act for the County Manager during his absence in all areas of County administration. Work involves extensive contact with officials, department heads, and the public. Completion of a master's degree in business administration or public administration, or graduation from an accredited college or university in a related field with major course work in public administration and considerable experience in local government administration and extensive responsible administrative experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have thorough knowledge of modern public administration management, techniques, and principles with a minimum of five years experience. Salary – negotiable. Applications available online at www.lincolncounty.org or send applications to Lincoln County Human Resources, 115 West Main St., Lincolnton, NC 28092. Position open until filled.

Purchasing Agent/Lincoln County, N.C.

An employee in this position under limited supervision, performs supervisory, administrative, and purchasing work, which involves planning, developing, and implementing policy and procedures for negotiating and entering into contracts to procure materials, supplies, equipment, and services for the County. Reports to the County Manager. Graduation from high school supplemented by college-level course work in purchasing, business or public administration, and 3 to 5 years of progressively responsible experience in governmental purchasing; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Salary hiring range - \$44,760 – \$68,108 Negotiable. Applications available online at www.lincolncounty.org or send applications to Lincoln County Human Resources, 115 W. Main St., Lincolnton, N.C. 28092. Position open until filled.

Human Resources Director/City of Martinsville

The City of Martinsville seeks a

qualified candidate for the position of Human Resources Director. The employee will provide direct management and oversight of recruitment and selection activities as well as classification, compensation, benefits, wellness, and workers' compensation programs. Work also involves the creation, delivery, and evaluation of City-sponsored professional and organizational development efforts, facilitating discussions with employees and supervisors to prevent and help resolve problems which arise out of or affect work, advising management on sensitive or significant workforce and employment-related matters, and ensuring compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations regarding public employment.

Salary DOQ. Submit cover letter and required City application to: City Manager's Office, PO Box 1112, Martinsville, VA. Full description and application available at www.martinsville-va.gov. Open until filled.

Social Services Director I/Middlesex County

Position Number 00001-09
Salary: \$41,564.00 - \$75,000.00
Full-time Position: 40 hrs/wk
Application Deadline: Open until Filled
Duties and Responsibilities: Directs the operations of a local social services department serving a rural population of 10,000+. Interprets regulations and procedures. Special Instructions to Applicants: A completed Commonwealth of Virginia Application must be received at the address below: Middlesex Dept. of Social Services PO Box 216 Urbanna, VA 23175-0216
Candidates may also submit a resume; however, a resume will not substitute for an application. For more info, contact Lori Stallings or Jo Ann Wilson-Harfst at Middlesex DSS at 804-758-2348 or see jobs.agencies.virginia.gov. E-mailed applications are not being accepted at this time. EEO
Please include the classification title, position number, and location of the position you are applying on all forms that you submit.



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