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Ten Virginia Counties Recognized for Exemplary Programs

July 22 – The Virginia Association of Counties is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2005 Achievement Awards recognizing exemplary local government programs.

The counties and program titles are listed below:

- **Albemarle County**- Family Support Program
- **Augusta County**- Stuarts Draft Park
- **Chesterfield County**- Talent Management: Building the Bench Strength for the Future
- **Chesterfield County**- Rapid Sequence Intubation Program
- **Dickenson County**- Dickenson County Wireless Integrated Network
- **Fauquier County**- Buy Local Campaign, “Shop Here Fauquier”
- **James City County**- Looking to Learn
- **James City County**-School Mediation Actively Reduces Truancy
- **Montgomery County**- Comprehensive Plan Participatory Planning Initiative
- **Stafford County**- Youth Driver Taskforce

VACo received 43 entries from 18 counties. Former Prince William County Attorney Sharon Pandak, Virginia Institute of Government Associate Director Tedd Povar and Former Brunswick County Supervisor Grady Martin served as judges for this year’s statewide awards program.

“VACo is pleased to recognize these ten outstanding programs,” VACo Executive Director James Campbell said. “The Achievement Awards offer an opportunity for local governments to exchange ideas and find out what has worked for other counties.”

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

The award winning submissions will be displayed and representatives from each of the ten counties will receive a certificate at an official ceremony during VACo’s 2005 Annual Conference, Nov. 13-15.

For more information about the programs and county contact information, please call Wendy Jenkins at (804) 343-2502.

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