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Budget proposals reflect plummeting state revenue

Local governments would see some substantial cuts — and additional cost responsibilities — for a variety of programs if the General Assembly adopts the budget proposed by outgoing Gov. Jim Gilmore. Gilmore presented his final budget proposals to the General Assembly budget and revenue committees on Dec. 19.

The governor's presentation covered two substantial budget proposals — the so-called "caboose" budget to fund the remainder of fiscal year 2002, which ends June 30, 2002, and the 2002-2004 biennial budget, which begins July 1, 2002. This year's caboose budget document, which at 576 pages is 112 pages longer than 2002-2004 biennial budget proposal, is the most complex and comprehensive ever, because it addresses all of the items not amended or updated last spring when the governor and General Assembly hit a budget impasse. It also includes changes proposed as the result of the worsened economic picture.

Under the proposed caboose budget, local governments would be subjected to a \$10.4 million cut in HB 599 funding for the current fiscal year. This cut would take place in the second half of this fiscal year, unless the General Assembly decided to either replenish the diminished pot or defer the proposed cuts until the next fiscal year. HB 599 funding is tied to projected growth in the state's general fund. On Dec. 3, the governor reduced the FY 02 revenue forecast by \$993 million. Growth thus far is less than 0.1 percent, far below the projected growth rate of more than 7 percent. Revised revenue estimates affected as well the projected HB 599 distributions for FY 03, which were decreased by \$3.8 million in the governor's proposed budget.

While the governor announced that there were no cuts in direct aid, public education was not spared. The \$55 million-a-year

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House to consider important rule changes

The House Committee of Rules recommended a series of rule changes Dec. 19 intended to streamline the work of the chamber. The committee proposed the elimination of six standing committees and a prohibition on subcommittee meetings between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The latter rule is intended to reduce the number of subcommittees, although the Committees of Appropriations and Rules are exempted from this rule.

In recent years, the proliferation of committee meetings, including subcommittee meetings, has created scheduling and quorum related issues.

Assuming that the House adopts the proposed changes on the first day of the 2002 General Assembly session on Wednesday, Jan. 9, the number of House standing committees would decrease from 20 to 14.

The committee also is recommending a reduction in the size of most committee memberships. With the exception of the House Committee of Appropriations (currently 30 members and proposed to be 25 members) most committees would be reduced from 24 or 26 members to not more than 22 members. Additionally, all House members would be appointed to "not less

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school construction grants fund was discontinued, to be replaced by a \$25 million-a-year loan subsidy program to be financed through the Literary Fund. In addition, the lottery hold-harmless program would be discontinued and the costs of retiree health care credits would be shared with localities. All add up to significant cuts in education.

In terms of direct aid to education and the financing of the Standards of Quality, none of the recommendations made by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in its recent study, including restoring administrative costs that were dropped in FY93, appear in either year of the budget. The budget continues the practice of recommending a teacher salary increase for only the first year of the biennium, and of making that increase effective on Dec. 1. The Literary Fund continues to be a source of funding for teacher retirement and debt issuance for Standards of Learning initiatives. Locality-specific numbers on aid to education for FY02 through FY04 are in the Aid to Localities section of the budget document at: <http://www.dpb.state.va.us/budget/02-04/buddoc02/atl.pdf>. The locality-specific tables start on page 4.

Local governments would be affected in other ways by the governor's call for 2 percent across-the-board state agency cuts in FY 02 and the additional 4 percent cuts in FY 03. This time around, all branches of government (legislative, judicial, and executive) as well as non-general funded agencies are slated for budget cuts. Only key law enforcement and direct aid to public education are shielded from cuts for now. According to Department of Planning and Budget staff, the administration is attempting to shield some local government operations from the 2 percent cuts in FY 02. DPB indicated that agencies would receive some guidance regarding cuts in FY 03 as well, which could protect some local operations, but there are no guarantees.

In FY 02, some of the proposed exemptions from the 2 percent cuts include direct aid to K-12 education, ABC profits (which will be cut in FY 03 for other reasons – see below) and other aid-to-localities programs, selected economic development programs, medications provided by community services boards, state funding for juvenile detention operations, jail per diem payments, and direct community health services in local health departments. Everything else is on the table for the 2 percent, and the results of these cuts will not be known until after January at the earliest. The budget bill contains the targets by agencies so that the General Assembly can see and react to them.

Summary of selected items in proposed FY 2002 budget

What follows is a brief summary of proposed actions in the caboose bill and the 2002-2004 budget. These are proposed actions that may be amended by the 2002 General Assembly or Gov.-Elect Mark Warner. While local governments will likely not emerge from this process without serious cuts, local officials should alert their legislators to proposed items that would have particularly damaging effects on local operations and services.

Aid to localities

- HB 599 – reduces the appropriation by \$10.4 million because of decreased general fund revenues.

Compensation Board

- Jail per diems – adds \$19.5 million to cover per diem funding for local and regional jails.
- Staffing ratios – adds \$212,990 to fund 30 new deputy sheriff positions to achieve mandated ratio of one deputy per 1,500 people in a jurisdiction.

Community Development

- Enterprise zones – adds \$611,500 to fund grants for 2001 as required by law, and furnishes additional funding for 2002 to cover anticipated job grants.

Education

- Decreases funding in SOQ, incentive-based, and categorical education programs

to reflect changes in sales tax estimates, student enrollment, composite index, participation rates and debt service requirements. Decrease of \$17.4 million in GF and \$244,874 in NGF.

- Increases distribution of share of lottery proceeds to school divisions in support of education reflecting updated estimates for FY00, 01 and 02. For FY02, increase of \$13.3 million.
- Supplants general fund spending for teacher retirement funding with Literary Fund dollars. For FY02, decrease of \$57 million in general funds, and increase of like amount in non-general funds.
- Decreases VRS contribution rates from 4.24 percent to 3.6 percent. Local contributions also will decrease. For FY02, decrease of \$10.8 million.
- Decreases VRS retirement rate for teachers from 7.7 percent to 4.24 percent. This action was taken administratively last spring; localities have previously been notified of this change. For FY02, savings of \$56.9 million.

Comprehensive Services Act

- State share of costs – adds \$58.2 million to fund the state share of costs for mandated special education and foster care services for CSA youth. The additional funding made to the CSA since the beginning of FY 02 is the result of an initial underfunding of this program in the 2000-2002 budget, not because of unprecedented program growth.

Health Department

- Information technology – adds \$1.4 million for equipment and operation of the VISION system, the department's automated information management infrastructure. It supports local as well as state health department operations.

Medicaid

- Adds additional funds for the current 5,386 mental retardation waiver slots, and increases by 150 the number of slots available for mentally retarded consumers. This requires \$10 million in state general fund dollars and \$11.8 million in non-general funds (federal Medicaid funds).

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Public Safety

- Juvenile detention costs – adds \$7.5 million to fund the state share of operating costs of new or expanded detention facilities operated by localities. Adds \$18,512 to fund the state share of construction cost overruns of the Henrico Juvenile Detention Center.

Transportation

- Transfers more than \$73 million of dedicated transportation funding authorized in the Virginia Transportation Act of 2000. The funds are replaced with debt (the budget authorizes the use of additional Federal Revenue Anticipation Notes (FRANs)).

Miscellaneous

- Creates a central source of funding to respond to terrorist events or non-natural emergencies. For FY02, increase of \$7.5 million.
- Continues car tax relief program at current level. For FY02, savings of \$46.0 million.
- Cuts agencies by two percent (exempts key law enforcement officers, direct aid to education and debt service). For FY02, savings of \$57.2 million.
- Establishes a reversion clearing account to reflect appropriation reductions administratively implemented by executive order. For FY02, \$70.4 million.
- Adjusts revenue producing productivity savings strategies account to include productivity savings. For FY02, \$19.5 million.

Selected items in proposed 2002-2004 biennial budget
Aid to localities

- ABC profits and wine taxes – adjusts for the first time in 10 years the amount transferred from ABC profits to the general fund for treatment, care, study and rehabilitation of alcoholics by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. This means about \$7.5 million less available for payments to

localities in FY 03. Wine taxes are level funded from FY 02.

- HB 599 — decreases the funding base by \$3.8 million due to downward revision of FY 02 revenues. Local distributions in FY 03 may also be affected by adjustments in the HB 599 formula, due to incorporation of updated census data.

Judicial agencies

- Across-the-board reductions – adds another 4 percent to the 2 percent cuts slated for FY 02 for agencies of the judicial department for a total of \$9.7 million each year of the biennium. These cuts, which exempt the Criminal Fund, the Involuntary Mental Commitment Fund, and justices' and judges' salaries, may affect local governments as well, depending on how they are implemented.

Compensation Board

- Jail per diems – adds \$12.9 million each year to reimburse local and regional jails for inmate per diems.
- Delays the June 2003 reimbursement to localities until July 2003. Currently, localities' reimbursements are received a month after they are incurred except for June, when the Comp Board sends a reimbursement payment for May and an estimated payment for June. By moving the June payment to July, the state will receive a one-time saving of \$38.7 million.

- Clarifies definition of state and local responsible inmates – by making a change in the definition of inmates between those with 12 month sentences and those with sentences of one year or more, the number of inmates identified as state-responsible will decrease, and thereby reduce the number required to be housed by the Department of Corrections. It will reduce the per diem paid to local jails as well for the housing of these inmates. Currently local jails get an additional \$6 per day for inmates defined as state-responsible.

Community Development

- Regional Competitiveness Act – reduces funding for this program by \$1 million each year of the biennium.

- Industrial Site Development – replaces general funds with Virginia Public Building Authority bonds to fund projects in this program. The same number of projects to be funded each year is not expected to change, just the funding source.

Comprehensive Services Act

- Restructure program costs – requires localities to pay 50 percent of the costs for all non-Medicaid expenditures, while eliminating the local match for Medicaid expenditures and supposedly increasing local administrative funding. Currently, the highest local match level is 45 percent. This measure would save the state at least \$26.8 million over the biennium.

- Supplant state general funds with TANF grant – removes \$1.1 million of state general funds each year and replaces them with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding. This would restrict the way in which localities match federal dollars as well as the purposes for which funding could be used.

Education

- Increases spending to update the costs of the SOQ to account for changes in average daily membership, the composite index and other factors. Again, none of the changes recommended by JLARC to more accurately reflect the true costs of the SOQ were included in this funding. For FY03 — \$187.1 million; FY04 — \$229.1 million.
- Increases spending to update costs of public education categorical programs (vocational education, special education, foster care, alternative education, etc.). For FY03 — \$9 million; for FY04 — \$12.9 million.
- Increase of general funds and decrease in non-general funds to update costs of incentive-based public education programs (maintenance, lottery, school construction, K-3 class size reduction, additional teachers, at-risk four-year old, etc.). The decrease in non-general funds is attributed to debt service payments no longer being needed in the next biennium.

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For FY03, \$2 million in general fund and a decrease of \$41.1 million in non-general fund; for FY04, increase of \$939,780 in general fund and a decrease of \$11.7 million in non-general fund.

- Increases funding for direct grants for programs such as Project ECOLE, Project Discovery, etc. \$2.9 million in each year of the biennium.

- Increases funding for a 2 percent salary increase for teachers for FY03 effective Dec. 2, 2002. For FY03 — \$28.3 million; for FY04 — \$48.8 million.

- Increases funding through non-general funds to pay for the debt service on new equipment note issuance of \$116 million over the biennium to continue to implement web-based testing on the Standards of Learning. The proceeds of the debt will be received in 2003, and the Literary Fund will pay for the debt service in 2004. For FY04, \$13.7 million in non-general funds.

- Discontinues funding for the school construction grants program, while authorizing \$25 million in interest rate subsidies. For each year of the biennium, reduction of \$55 million.

- Decreases funding by reducing funding for teaching materials not related to the SOQ while increasing support for texts and materials supporting the SOQ. For each year of the biennium, a decrease of \$3.2 million.

- Decreases spending for the teacher retiree health care credit by funding it through the SOQ model. When enacted, the state promised to pay the entire cost of this program. The administration rationalizes this shift in funding by saying localities can pay the additional costs through the savings achieved through the recommended lowering of VRS contribution rates. (There was no offer to take the program back once VRS rates increase.) The program will increase VRS retirement contribution rates by 0.67 percent. For FY03, the state saves \$18.3 million; for FY04, the state saves \$17.8 million.

- Decreases funding by reducing the VRS contribution rate for teachers in FY03 and FY04, and realizing savings through the proposed reduction for the current year contained in the caboose bill. The budget savings reflects the retroactive application of the reduced retirement rate in FY02 (4.24 percent to 3.6 percent) and reducing the retirement rate (4.24 percent to 3.77 percent and increasing the group life rate (0.32 percent to 0.4 percent) for FY03 and FY04. (Note that for localities, the proposed VRS contribution rate in FY03 and FY04 will be 4.44 percent, which is the 3.77 percent plus the 0.67 percent contribution rate to cover the retiree health care credit). The reduction in the retirement rates saves \$7.6 million in FY03 and \$7.2 million in FY04.

- Discontinues the lottery-hold harmless grant program. For each year, a decrease of \$14.8 million.

- Decreases general fund spending by paying the state share of teacher retirement and Social Security with Literary Fund proceeds. For FY 03 a decrease in general funds of \$86 million and an increase in non-general funds of the same amount; for FY04, a decrease in \$81 million in general fund and an increase of \$81 million in non-general fund.

Aid to libraries

- Decreases funding by 25 percent for “infopowering” the Commonwealth. For each year, a decrease of \$500,000.

- Decreases funding by 25 percent for state aid to local libraries. For each year, a decrease in \$5.1 million.

Health Department

- Supplant state general funds with TANF grant – removes \$1.5 million of state general funds each year and replaces them with TANF funding to pay for a variety of programs including teen pregnancy prevention, and the Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Virginia. Programs would be required to apply for funding from the state.

Medicaid

- Children’s health care – reduces state funding for the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security program (FAMIS) due to lower-than-projected enrollments and revised funding from the State Corporation Com-

mission. Reduces state funding by \$1.7 million in FY 03.

- Savings proposals – proposes to achieve \$19 million in savings to state by optimizing Medicaid claims and cost recoveries with a number of agencies, including CSA, local health departments, local school divisions, community services boards and local governments. No details of exactly how such savings would be achieved are available.

Social Services

- Propose consolidation of local departments – resurrects 10 year old plan to consolidate local social services operations and management, improve efficiencies, and designate satellite offices. Projected savings to the state of \$4 million over two years.

- Replace old computers – adds funds to replace 1,700 computers statewide, including 1,300 critical systems in local departments that interface with a major state on-line system.

- Fund CSA assistance and review team – adds funding and four positions to help support a technical assistance team housed in the Office of Comprehensive Services that is supposed to work with local governments on alternative funding sources for CSA (such as Title IV-E) and improving efficiency of the program.

Natural Resources

- Provides \$3.9 million in first year and \$2.15 million in the second year for statewide match for participation in the federal Conservation Reserve Program. This will provide landowner incentive payments for best management practices, supplemental payments for land removed from agricultural production, and purchase of dedicated conservation easements.

- Does not include funding for the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Funding was to be replenished each year with a portion of the state surplus. Without a surplus, there is no required payment due to the Fund. (In his remarks to the committees, however, Gilmore included water and sewer projects as

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eligible under his alternative policy option for Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds. Twenty-five percent, or \$104 million, was proposed for such "economic development projects.")

- Includes \$2.5 million in FY 03 and \$3.7 million the second year in hazardous waste, solid waste and water program fee increases to offset parallel reductions in general fund revenues. The proposal increases fees by about three times current levels.

Public Safety

- Eliminate payments in lieu of taxes – saves the state \$2.9 million each year by eliminating a program by which communities housing state prisons receive payments to pay for local services provided to such facilities.

- Juvenile detention operating funds – adds \$5.9 million in FY 03 and \$12 million in FY 04 to pay the state's share of costs associated with operating local secure detention facilities. Not every facility would receive the 50 percent cost share called for in the Code' – exemptions would be made because of state budget shortfalls.

Technology

- Transfers more than \$8 million from the Wireless E-911 Fund to the Department of Technology Planning to support the Virginia Base Mapping Program managed by the Virginia Geographic Information Network Division. The mapping system is intended to "provide a consistent foundation for the use of spatial data in geographic information systems across the Commonwealth..."

- Transfers \$2.5 million each year from the Wireless E-911 Fund to the Department of State Police to support the operations of their dispatch centers that answer 911 telephone calls.

- Transfers \$200,000 each year from the Wireless E-911 Fund to the Department of State Police to support cellular dispatcher service operations.

Transportation

- Transfers more than \$652 million of dedicated transportation funding (\$317 million in 2003 and more than \$335 million in 2004). The funds are replaced with debt to be supported with state General Funds. More specifically, the governor proposes transferring the highway share of the revenue generated by the one half-percent of the state's sales dedicated to transportation. Aviation, transit and rail and port funds are not impacted by this specific proposal.

- Transfers approximately \$200 million of dedicated transportation funding. The funds were authorized in the Virginia Transportation Act of 2000. The funds are replaced with debt (additional FRANS).

Virginia Retirement System

- Increases funding for administrative costs and supplements contributions to the Volunteer Firefighters and Rescue Squad Workers Service Award Program, which was created to provide a basic compensation supplement to individuals who have reached the age of 60 and have been either a volunteer rescue squad worker or firefighter for at least 20 years. \$200,000 for each year of the biennium.

- Decreases state funding by reducing contribution rates for state retirement programs. For FY03, decrease of \$29 million; for FY04, \$30.3 million. Does not include the savings generated from decreases for teacher contribution rates, which are reported in the section on education.

Miscellaneous

- Increases funding to continue car tax reimbursement at the 70 percent level in tax year 2003 and 100 percent level in tax year 2004. For FY03, a savings of \$36.2 million; in FY04, an increase of \$111.3 million.

- Increases funding to support a 2 percent increase in the salaries of state-supported local employees on Dec. 1, 2002 (includes constitutional officers, social services employees, local elected board employees, health department, local juvenile justice workers and others.) For FY03, increase of \$7.8 million; for FY04, an increase of \$24 million.

- Creates a central source of funding to respond to terrorist events or non-natural emergencies. For FY03, increase of \$5 million; for FY04, increase of \$7.8 million.

- Continues the 2 percent cut in state agency appropriations in FY02 and adds another 4 percent cut in 2003. The reduction is continued into FY04 with no additional reduction. Exempts key law enforcement officers, direct aid to education and debt service payments. For FY03, reduction of \$176.6 million; for FY04, decrease of \$178.9 million.

- Increases funding through the semiconductor manufacturing education grant for expansion of a plant in Manassas. For FY03, increase of \$1.5 million.

- Increases funding for semiconductor manufacturing performance grant program. For FY04, increase of \$6.7 million. ❖

Budget briefing scheduled Jan. 7

ONCE AGAIN, the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget will conduct a briefing on the contents of the proposed fiscal year 2002 budget and the 2002-2004 biennial budget for local government officials and staff. The briefing will be held Monday, Jan. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Richmond Marriott Hotel. The briefing is open to all local government representatives. There is no registration requirement or cost to attend.

This briefing allows local government representatives to hear explanations of proposed actions in the budget that would affect local governments and to ask questions of the DPB managers and analysts who compiled the budget document. Usually DPB provides as well copies of spreadsheets and tables that break down selected proposed budget actions by program and by locality. Call Janet Areson at VML, 804/649-8471, if you have questions. ❖

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Budget information available on-line

An explanation of proposed budget actions is available on the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget's web site, www.dpb.state.va.us. Click on the "New" item near the top of the homepage to see the document.

The budget bills may be found on the Legislative Information System, www.leg1.state.va.us.

The 2002-2004 budget bills are HB30 or SB 30, and the 2002 budget bill (caboose bill) is SB 29. ❖

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than two nor more than four" standing committees.

Although subcommittees would be prohibited from meeting between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., the parent committee may forego its regularly scheduled meeting to allow its subcommittees to meet. This rule, for example, permits the Committee of Finance's subcommittees to continue to meet on Monday afternoons.

Committee restructuring:

- The Committees of 1) Labor and Commerce and 2) Corporation, Insurance and Banking become the Committee of Commerce and Labor.

- The Committees of 1) Agriculture, 2) Chesapeake and its Tributaries, 3) Conservation and Natural Resources and 4) Mining and Mineral Resources become the Committee of Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Chesapeake Bay.

- The issues previously addressed by the Committee of Claims will now be administered by the Committee of Appropriations.

- The Committee of Interstate Cooperation is eliminated.

- Committee of Militia and Police becomes the Committee of Militia, Police and Public Safety. ❖

CTB adopts 6-year transportation plan; Gilmore replaces funding 1-day later

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) adopted the fiscal year 2002 Virginia Transportation Development Plan — the new six-year plan — on Dec. 18. Prior to 2000, VDOT typically advertised the new plan in the spring and adopted it to coincide with the new fiscal year (July 1). The plan is VDOT's highway construction programming schedule and operating budget. According to an earlier VDOT press release, "VDOT has an average of more than 600 construction and maintenance projects worth nearly \$3 billion underway at any one time."

One day later, Dec. 19, Gov. Jim Gilmore released his proposed fiscal year 2002 budget amendments and fiscal years 2003-2004 budget. The governor proposed converting \$920 million of dedicated transportation funding (cash) to debt. The above figure includes more than \$270 million in state General Funds dedicated

to the VTDP through the Virginia Transportation Act of 2000.

These actions are intended to infuse the state's General Fund with cash in an attempt to balance the budget. VDOT is a special fund agency supported with non-general fund revenues, including transportation user fees (for example the gas tax and one-half percent of the state's sales tax). VTA authorized over six years (fiscal years 2001-2006) the transfer of more than \$700 million in General Funds to the VTDP.

As previously reported, the state of VDOT's financial health

is questionable:

- The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) concluded from its review of the 2001 plan that the value of the projects anticipated for construction exceeded anticipated revenues by about \$3.5 billion.



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- The staff of the Senate Finance Committee, in a separate review of the 2001 plan, concluded that VDOT's revenue forecast was about \$350 million in excess of what could reasonably be expected.

- The staff of the Senate Finance Committee reported in October that VDOT had borrowed more than \$60 million from construction funds to support maintenance activities (maintenance and operational activities take statutory priority over construction).

VML staff understands that additional borrowing is continuing; the borrowing is necessary for VDOT to support day-to-day activities, such as meeting payroll.

VDOT adjusted the final plan downward by about \$20 million from the advertised plan of November.

The cuts affect local governments and are as follows: Primary (\$6 million); Secondary (\$8 million); and Urban (\$5 million). ❖

IN CONGRESS

Brownfields funding increased, liability relief provided; Congress passes clean-up bill

The U.S. Senate unanimously passed brownfields legislation on Dec. 20, one day after the House gave its approval. The Brownfields Reform and Small Business Liability Relief Act (H.R. 2869) helps finance the cleanup of brownfields and provides liability relief for small business owners. The bill will provide \$200 million annually for brownfields assessment and cleanup.

Local governments could access this funding for new assessment pilots and supplemental grants. And, for the first time, localities could access direct grants for brownfields cleanup. Of the \$200 million that Congress could authorize, \$50 million a year would be available for the cleanup of petroleum contamination. The legislation also encourages brownfields

redevelopment by protecting developers from lawsuits if additional toxic wastes are found. Liability protection will extend to contiguous property owners and prospective purchasers. According to the Local Government Environmental Assistance Network, President Bush is expected to sign the legislation. More information is available by logging onto www.lgean.org and clicking on "what's new."

EPA defines "brownfields" as abandoned, idled or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or development is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. Five Virginia communities were awarded assessment grants for brownfields redevelopment projects under earlier legislation. ❖

POSITIONS

Longer version of job ads posted at www.vml.org
BECAUSE OF THE LARGE number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the of position descriptions in *Update*. A full version of all of the job listings published here appears on VML's web site at www.vml.org. Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete description.

Electric Distribution Superintendent, Danville
SALARY: \$44,185-\$49,697. Coordinate, plan and direct line construction and

maintenance of power transmission and distribution system for Utility Department's Electric Division. Direct emergency repair operations; oversee switching operations to provide reliable electric service. Apply to: City of Danville, Human Resources, P.O. Box 3300, Danville, VA 24543, the Virginia Employment Commission or see www.ci.danville.va.us for city application. Open until filled. EOE.

Client Server Engineer, Hampton
SALARY: Negotiable (+) benefits. Install, configure and troubleshoot computer servers, databases, applications and association assemblies. Min. quals. B.S. in Information Technology or related field and MCSE certification. 3 yrs. exper. w/ MS SQL databases to include 2 yrs. exper. managing/configuring servers. One yr. exper. with GIS preferred. Any acceptable comb. of educ. and exper. that qualifies for this position may be

considered for reqs. outlined above. Submit city application and/or resume to include DMV consent form to: Department of Human Resources, 22 Lincoln St., 4th fl., City Hall, Hampton, VA 23669 or E-mail hrdept@hampton.gov. For info. or to request accommodation call 757/727-6345, Fax: 757/727-6449. Visit www.hampton.gov. Deadline: Jan. 31. EOE.

Police Patrol Officer (Academy recruit), Hampton

SALARY: \$25,918 (+) benefits as recruit. \$27,214-\$40,821/yr. after completion of academy and field training (+) education incentive of up to \$2,200/yr. HPD is a three-time nationally accredited agency. Call Department of Human Resources at 757/727-6345 to register for an assembly and request a packet by Jan. 18. Assemblies will

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be held Jan. 19, Jan. 21, Jan. 22 and Jan. 24. For accommodations contact the Department of Human Resources, 4th Fl., City Hall, 22 Lincoln St., Hampton, VA 23669. Tel: 757/727-6345, FAX 757/727-6449 or E-mail: hrdept@city.hampton.gov. Deadline: Jan. 18. EOE.

Director of the Department of Fire and Rescue, Caroline County

SALARY: \$39,216-\$57,130 DOQ. (Pop. 22,000) Readvertisement. Responsible for managing Department of Fire and Rescue, and coordinating the system of emergency fire and rescue services. Serves as emergency services coordinator; directs and manages enhanced 911 and fire/rescue communications system. Must possess and maintain following certifications: EMT-B, Firefighter II (or equivalent), Fire Instructor II, Fire Officer I and Haz Mat Ops. Completed county application must accompany all resumes. Obtain applications by contacting county administrator's office at 804/633-5380. Send applications and resumes to: County Administrator Percy C. Ashcraft, P.O. Box 447, Bowling Green, VA 22427. Deadline: Feb. 1. EOE.

Deputy County Administrator, Alleghany County

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Should have thorough knowledge of public administration, budgeting and fiscal practices, purchasing, and management practices. Perform high-level assistance to the county administrator. At least 5 yrs. exper. and/or educ. in public administration, business, personnel management, or related field and some exper. in a staff or administrative position in local gov't. Resumes to: Tammy D. Stephenson, Alleghany County Administrator, 9212 Winterberry Ave., Suite C, Covington, Va. 24426. For additional info., contact Stephenson or Christy Johnson at 540/863-6600. Deadline: Feb. 15. EOE.

Code Enforcement Program Supervisor, Arlington County

SALARY: \$50,204-\$70,281 (\$81,149 career max). Manage 12-person Community Code Enforcement Section providing field inspections of residential and commercial property for compliance with: zoning; condition of private property; noise; and property maintenance. Reqs: Related B.A. and 3 yrs exper in admin/mngt of code enforcement program with field inspections. Prefer exp with public sector

program, customer contact and BOCA cert. Submission of an application form req. See full job announcement, pick up an application, or apply electronically at www.co.arlington.va.us/pers. To have paper materials mailed, call 703/228-3363 (24-hr jobline), 703/228-3500 (Employment Desk), 703/228-4613 (TTY phone users only). Deadline: Jan. 10.

Building Official, Blacksburg

SALARY: \$36,972-\$50,371 starting range (+) benefits. Administer compliance w/ Va. Uniform Statewide Building code and other applicable regs. Conducts on-site building construction inspections, and inspections of existing buildings, upon request, for conformity with Volume II, Existing Structures section of the building code. Provides administration and inspection of Erosion and Sediment Control ordinances. Certificate of competency from HCD and BOCA certification req. within 6 mos. of employment. Submit town application to: Human Resources Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg, VA 24060. Visit www.blacksburg.gov for application form and more info. Deadline: Jan. 25. EOE.

Utility General Manager, Danville

SALARY: \$88,000-\$100,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Reports directly to city manager. \$106 million bdtg w/ 170 employees. Full service public utility. Strong budget and financial background a plus; extensive exper. in utility mngmnt or city manager/deputy (assistant) manager; demonstrated knowledge of public utility systems, including operations, management, personnel and fiscal reqs. Essential job functions include: Administrative and financial guidance, and direction to the utility's divisions of electric, water, gas & customer service. Submit cover letter, detailed resume, credentials, and salary & employment history to: City Manager, P.O. Box 3300, Danville, VA 24543-3300 or e-mail to emo@ci.danville.va.us. Submissions confidential. For additional information, see www.ci.danville.va.us. Deadline: Feb. 1. EOE.

Director Virginia Marine Science Museum, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$76,198-\$114,297 DOQ (+) benefits (+) relocation assistance. Provides leadership and manages the museum as its chief executive officer; has oversight for annual bdtg. of \$6.4 million and 128 FT positions, and administers on a lesser basis other cultural activities as assigned. As

chief executive of one of the major aquariums in the country, must have strong conservation, public relations and large capital project exper.. For more museum info., visit For info. on position and the city, visit . Submit resume and salary history to: Department of Human Resources, City of Virginia Beach, 2424 Courthouse Drive, Attention: Regina Hilliard, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Electronic and faxed resumes not accepted. Deadline: Jan. 31. EOE.

Senior Engineer — Capital Projects, Leesburg

SALARY: \$47,549-\$76,078 (+) benefits DOQ. Professional engineering position involves review, project management, scheduling and construction of public works projects. Must be experienced in managing both construction and professional service contracts for capital projects, and overall project management, including scheduling and cost control, and able to read and interpret engineering drawings and specifications. Apply to and request application from the Town of Leesburg, Human Resources Department, 25 W. Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176. Tel: 703/737-7177. See www@leesburgva.org for application. Open until filled. EOE.

Planning Director, Norfolk

SALARY: \$71,078-\$122,914 negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (Pop. 234,403). Reports to city manager; leads staff of 69 FT employees and is responsible for a \$3 million (+) annual operating budget. Manages operation of Planning and Building Construction Services Divisions, including: planning for economic, physical, human and social development of the city, for neighborhood preservation and improvement, and for transportation services; providing zoning and land-use guidance; supplying information services; and developing and implementing environmental programs. Residency 6 mos. after employment req. Send resume to: Gerald Plock Associates Inc. / Joshua Kim Associates, 7501 Stallion Circle, Flower Mound, TX 75022. Detailed recruitment brochure available. Expedited search process. E-mail: geraldplock@geraldplockassoc.com. Deadline: Apply immediately. EOE.

Utilities Financial Manager, Stafford County

SALARY: \$44,304 to start (+) benefits. Develops, plans, and manages the county's Utilities Enterprise Fund; identifies, and

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compiles, operational, maintenance and capital improvement costs; develops utility rate and fee structures; oversees utilities customer service functions. Reqs. bachelor's degree in business, finance, engineering, or related field (MBA with engineering background preferred); extensive exper. in local government utilities operations; considerable supervisory exper.; computer proficiency. Send county application (required), resume, and cover letter to: Stafford County, Personnel Department, P.O. Box 339, Stafford, VA 22555; fax: 540/658-4597; for application: 540/658-8628; TTY: 540/658-4534; www.co.stafford.va.us. Open until filled. EOE.

Fire Chief, Portsmouth

SALARY: \$59,408-\$100,994 range / negotiable DOQ (+) auto and benefits. (Pop. 100,565). Innovative, motivated professional to lead, plan, organize and direct all operations of the city's Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Department w/242 employees. Reports to city manager. Preference given graduates of Executive Fire Officers Program conducted by NFA and those with comparable command exper. Apply: City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704. Resumes accepted with City of Portsmouth application available from Department of Human Resource Management, 757/393-8622, FAX 757/393-8697, web site at www.ci.portsmouth.va.us, or any VEC office. Deadline: Jan. 15. EOE.

Police Chief, Franklin

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. (40 employees). Degree in law enforce-

ment, public admin. or related field, and extensive admin. exper. in police service. Nationally accredited with progressive youth, crime prevention and community oriented programs. At least 5 yrs. of command exper. with local or state govt. police dept. For complete job description and to make application submit resume with letter of interest, references and salary reqs. to Carolyn S. Joyner, Personnel Department, 221 Progress Parkway, Franklin, VA 23851. 757/562-8508. Deadline: Jan. 30. EOE.

Director of General Services, Roanoke

SALARY: \$62,658-93,987. Performs professional and administrative work in overseeing all activities related to building maintenance, repair, light construction, custodial services, purchasing and fleet maintenance. Bachelor's degree from 4-yr. college or university with major in business, civil, structural or mechanical engineering; 5-10 yrs. building construction or maintenance, fleet operations and managerial exper. and/or training; or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. Apply on Internet at www.roanokegov.com, City of Roanoke, Department of Human Resources, 215 Church Ave. SW, Room 207, Roanoke, VA 24011, e-mail: HR@roanokegov.com, fax (540) 853-1218. Open until filled. EOE.

Town Manager, Warrenton

SALARY: Competitive (+) benefits. (Pop. 7,000) Three managers since 1981. Eight-member non-partisan council elected for 4-yr. staggered terms. \$12 million bdtg.; 97 FT employees. Reqs. bachelor's deg. (MBA or MPA preferred); strong professional, administrative leadership; exper. in finance, planning, personnel, and PR; significant mngmnt. exper. and history of stable tenure. Must be committed to high quality service

delivery. Letter of application, detailed resume w/salary history and work related references to: Lawrence Wales, Senior Vice President, Springsted Inc., 1206 Laskin Road, Suite 210, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; Fax 757/422-6617 or e-mail virginiaeach@springsted.com. For further information, visit www.springsted.com. Deadline: Jan. 16. EOE.

Senior Engineer (capital projects), Leesburg

SALARY: \$47,549-\$76,078 (+) benefits DOQ. Professional engineering position involving the review, project management, scheduling and construction of public works projects. Reqs: Graduation from accredited 4-yr. college or university with major coursework in civil engineering or a related field, 6-8 years exper. in design and construction of roadways, neighborhood improvement type projects and public facilities. Apply to and request application from the Town of Leesburg, Human Resources Department, 25 W. Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176. Tel: 703/737-7177. See www@leesburgva.org for application. Open until filled. EOE.

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CALENDAR

Telecommunications Options and Strategies, Jan. 17-18, Roanoke

Presented by the Executive Forum in Information Technology at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Two-day seminar is fourth in a series outlining issues and potential solutions for going the "last mile" improving high bandwidth access to localities. First session of the program (Thursday) is for those who want to hear in plain English about the basics of developing an e-community. Registration: \$120 both days; \$95 Friday only. For more

information, visit web site at www.mps.vt.edu/ITForum or contact Tedd Povar at tep3e@virginia.edu or at 804/371-0202 or Judy Alford at jualford@vt.edu or at 540/231-4227.

VML/VACo 2002 Legislative Day, Jan. 31, Richmond

Annual briefing at Richmond Marriott by VML and VACo staff for member local governments on status of legislation in the 2002 General Assembly. Registration fee of \$20 includes box lunch. Registration: 11 a.m. Program: noon. Contact: 804/649-8471.

Managing Technology 2002 Annual Conference, May 29-31, San Diego

Sponsored by *Governing Magazine*. Annual conference on management of technology. For more information now, call, fax or e-mail The Conference Department, P.O. Box 189, Winchester, MA 01890; Phone: 781/729-8611. E-mail: ConfDepart@aol.com.

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