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## Telecommunications

### Study subcommittee adopts blueprint for tax reform

A joint subcommittee studying telecommunications taxes has adopted a framework for legislative reforms that could lead to an overhaul of how the industry is taxed in Virginia in 2005.

Del. L. Preston Bryant Jr., chairman of the HJR 651 study on the taxation of telecommunications, announced the blueprint for legislative reform July 23. The study subcommittee adopted the framework by a vote of 4-3-1. The framework permits local governments and the telecommunications industry to continue negotiating through 2004. If enacted during the 2005 legislative session, the reforms would take effect on July 1, 2005.

A local government telecommunications advisory group assembled by VML and VACo was scheduled to meet in Charlottesville on Aug. 1 to discuss the blueprint and to seek a consensus on a set of

principles that will guide local governments during negotiations.

The charter of HRJ 651 expires on Aug. 1. Bryant is obligated under the requirements of the resolution to report the framework to the state's larger tax restructuring study subcommittee, SJR 347. SJR 347 is charged with completing its work before Nov. 1.

Here is a summary of the framework adopted by the subcommittee:

- Adopt legislation in 2004 outlining the parameters of reform.
- Adopt legislation in 2005 enacting the reform. If enacted, the reforms would take effect on July 1, 2005.
- The 2004 legislation will require the collection of fiscal year 2004 local tax revenue and industry revenue data. Although the proposed rates will be referenced

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## VML Annual Conference

### Brookings researcher to speak; workshops set

Robert Puentes, a senior research manager with the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy at The Brookings Institution, will deliver a keynote address at the Oct. 20 opening session of the VML Annual Conference.

The conference will be held Oct. 19-21 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

Puentes is responsible for the center's Metropolitan Initiative, which examines development trends occurring in metropolitan areas nationwide — explosive growth at the suburban fringe coupled with decline or slow growth in the older urban core. Prior to joining Brookings, he was the director of infrastructure programs at the Intelligent

Transportation Society of America where he managed programs related to advanced traffic and incident management, traveler information, transit and regional ITS planning, as well as handling all transportation demand management activities.

Political commentator Bob Holsworth also will deliver a keynote address at the Oct. 20 opening session. Holsworth is a professor of political science and public administration, and director of the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

A full line-up of workshops has been scheduled for Monday afternoon, with sessions to be held on:

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in the 2004 legislation, the data will serve to establish the rates in the 2005 legislation.

- For purposes of modeling FY04 revenues, the data collection effort will examine local rates adopted as of July 1, 2003.

- A new uniform telecommunications tax rate would be 4.5 percent; the respective E-911 fees would not be greater than 75 cents per line (landline) and wireless phone. As mentioned, the modeling is intended to verify these rates.

The industry's proposal collapses several local telecommunication taxes, and adds a few new ones, to a single and low rate of 4.5 percent. The new rate would apply to the respective bill of each of the proposed taxable services. The proposed services include local exchange

(local telephone calls), inter-exchange (a proposed new tax applied to long distance calls), wireless (a proposed new tax), paging (a proposed new tax), cable and satellite television (the tax on satellite is a proposed new tax). Additionally, the industry proposes separate and monthly E-911 fees of not more than 75 cents per landline and per wireless telephone, respectively. The industry's proposal requires a central point for collection and distribution.

The new tax would replace the following local telecommunication taxes and fees: consumer utility; local gross receipts (only the portion above 5 percent currently billed to customers); E-911 and the cable franchise fee. Additionally, the new tax would replace the Wireless E-911 and state's relay service fees. The

latter assists the hearing impaired. Cable companies also would pay the right-of-way telecommunications fee that currently is applicable only to telephone landlines subscribers. The current fee is more than 60 cents per subscriber.

The industry contends that the proposal is revenue neutral (in the aggregate) and revenues will grow at a rate faster than local governments will experience with the current tax system. The General Assembly would have to establish a revenue sharing formula.

VML and VACo have not endorsed the proposal. The two organizations have endorsed the framework that provides for continued negotiations. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Edwards at 804/649-8471, [medwards@vml.org](mailto:medwards@vml.org). ❖

## AT THE LEAGUE

### Annual conference continued ...

- State electronic procurement program
- Land use liability (sponsored by VML Insurance Programs)
- Implications of HIPAA for local governments
- Creative reuse of shopping malls
- Transportation reform & transportation funding
- Education funding and tax restructuring
- Wireless broadband project (Town Track)
- The effects of changing demographics on local governments
- Electric deregulation
- Telecommunications tax reform
- U.S. Senate Quality Award Program
- Ask a local government attorney (Town Track)

Host City Night, sponsored by the city of Roanoke, will be held in the Center of the Square on Monday night. The square is an easy walk from the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

Tuesday's agenda includes an address by Roanoke Vice Mayor Nelson Harris at the Prayer Breakfast. Chic Thompson, president of the Creative Management Group in Charlottesville, will deliver the keynote address at the Oct. 21 opening session.

The annual meetings of the Urban, City and Town sections will be held after Thompson's keynote address. Each section meeting will include the election of the section chair and vice chair, as well as a workshop. The section chair serves on the VML Executive Committee.

The workshop topics for the section meetings are:

- Town Section: Economic Development & the Building Maintenance Code
- City Section: Homeland Security
- Urban Section: Smart Growth & Urban Revitalization

In the afternoon, three workshops and a series of round tables will be held. Workshop topics include:

- University / community / college relations,
- Findings of the state's Urban Policy Task Force, and
- Freedom of Information / Conflict of Interests.

Officials attending previous conferences will remember the Local Government Round Tables, in which subject experts preside over quick 30-minute sessions with delegates who then move on to another table of their choice.

Topics will include:

- Local experience with the Public/Private Infrastructure Act
- Religious Land Use Protection Act
- Town annexation
- Virginia Local Sickness & Disability Program
- Virginia Retirement System issues
- Comprehensive Services Act
- Officer Next Door
- Cost-effective water reuse
- How your Web site can save you dollars
- Traffic calming methods
- Streamlined Sales Tax Project
- VML/VACo Bond Program

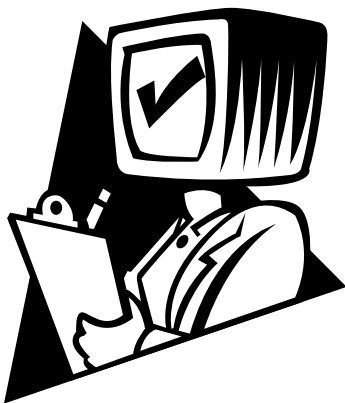
The annual business meeting and election of officers will be held in the latter half of Tuesday afternoon.

The conference will conclude with the annual banquet, which features presentation of the 2003 Achievement Awards, remarks by the incoming president and entertainment by the Doo Wopp All Star Review, a classic five-piece group that will perform legendary songs from the golden years of rock 'n' roll.

For additional information about the conference, please visit the VML Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org) or call the league at 804/649-8471. ❖

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## SOQ update cost to state estimated at \$525 million



The cost of funding the Standards of Quality as currently defined is expected to increase by at least \$525 million for the 2004-06 biennium, according to a presentation by Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Dan Timberlake at the July 23 meeting of the State Board of Education in Richmond. The state has budgeted \$3.7 billion for fiscal 2004.

Local costs would increase by \$429 million, based on the state paying 55 percent of the costs of the Standards of Quality and localities paying 45 percent.

The cost update, called re-benchmarking, is done each odd-numbered year as part of the biennial budget process. Re-benchmarking represents the cost of continuing the existing Standards of Quality, with updates to account for changes in enrollment, inflation and other data that affect the cost of the SOQ.

The \$525 million does not include the cost of the Board of Education's proposal to add an additional 12,000 teachers to those funded by the SOQ (see the July 4 issue of *Update*). This proposal, if fully implemented in fiscal year 2004, would cost the state an estimated \$323 million and local governments an estimated \$259 million. The board, however, is pursuing implementation of the proposal over a four-year period.

Instructional staffing ratios, as well as support costs, primarily determine the funding for the SOQ. The cost of re-benchmarking will be added to the cost of

the state budget for education presented by the Department of Education and the Board of Education to the governor and the Department of Planning and Budget.

State political leaders quoted in the July 24 issue of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* cast doubt as to whether the re-benchmarking would be funded at the level requested. A spokesperson for Gov. Mark R. Warner said that the fiscal climate would make the funding difficult. Del. Vincent J. Callahan, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was quoted as saying: "We'll probably have to scale that [request] back if the revenues are not where they need to be." Sen. Russ Potts, chairman of the Senate Education and Health Committee, said: "We have just got to make the prudent financial decision in light of the tough economic times we are going through right now." Del. Leo Wardrup, at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission held June 9 in Richmond, expressed concern about the state having to re-benchmark since the costs would continually be increasing due to local salary decisions.

The re-benchmarking is not completed, as all the data necessary to complete the process is not available. Factors that remain to be included in the re-benchmarking include changes in the composite index of local ability to pay, changes in retirement contribution rates and health insurance premiums, inflation factors and sales tax projections. ❖

## Adequate Public Facilities subcommittee work progresses

A subcommittee of the Commission on Growth and Economic Development held its second meeting to explore whether Virginia should adopt an adequate public facilities law. The Adequate Public Facilities subcommittee identified the general elements of a possible new law that would give local governments tools to accommodate growth in a rational way by creating an overall plan to build public facilities. The subcommittee also established a meeting schedule for the rest of the year.

Over the last couple of years, members of the General Assembly have proposed APF fee and impact fee bills. None have made it out of committee. The Growth Commission took on the

APF and impact fee issue during the last session. The commission created a subcommittee to recommend legislation on the topics to the full commission by the late fall. In order to complete its work on this important topic, the subcommittee had to gain permission from the Rules Committee to hold additional meetings. The subcommittee now plans to hold three more meetings by late fall. The next will be held the first week of September. At that meeting, the subcommittee intends to work through a draft bill. The subcommittee at its meeting held July 23 approved the elements of the bill. Following the next meeting, the work group will refine the enabling legislation.

Following that, the group will hear from the public and then present its findings to the full commission.

At the meeting, it was agreed that unless the APF/impact fee enabling legislation is reached with a significant degree of consensus, it would die another death in the House Counties Cities & Towns Committee. In the last meeting, the group appeared to be working seriously toward consensus on a bill that would provide meaningful APF authority. The group did not get hung up on any of the major elements of the APF law, thanks in large part to co-chairs Sen. John Watkins and Del. Frank

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### Public Facilities subcommittee continued ...

Hall. Just because the subcommittee plowed through the entire APF topic did not mean that everyone endorsed the work product that came out of the meeting.

The subcommittee includes the co-chairs and Del. Terrie Suit as the third legislative member. Dana Dickens, mayor of Suffolk and a leader of the Coalition of High Growth Localities and Jeff Harvey, Stafford County's planning director, serve on the subcommittee, along with Richard Napier, a Realtor, Chris Miller, president of the Piedmont Environmental Council and Percy Montague, a Realtor from Charlottesville.

The group discussed how an APF law would work in the areas of the public facilities involved in the law; the level of obligation of localities to build the facilities; the means to identify the facilities in a given jurisdiction; how to identify the level of services is adequate in each category; and the funding mechanisms for the facilities.

The group identified schools, police and fire facilities as those that would be included in the law. The group eliminated libraries, parks and roads. Librar-

ies and parks were identified as not being the essential core services. The difficulty with including roads is that VDOT controls road funding. It would be very difficult to bind VDOT to any APF law and therefore, in order to reach a bill that could survive the General Assembly, roads would not be included. There is no question that transportation is second only to education as a problem and expense caused by growth. The political realities of the structure of state and local government, however, made it politically impossible to include transportation.

The topic of whether a locality would be obligated to build the facilities was a major issue. The consensus seemed to be that if a locality adopts an ordinance and approves a developer's project based on a construction schedule for the public facilities related to the project, then the locality could not fail to build those facilities on a schedule approved by the locality. This brought up the issue of the authority of one board or council to bind future boards or councils. The subcommittee also discussed the possibility of allowing a developer to pay for a facility in order to

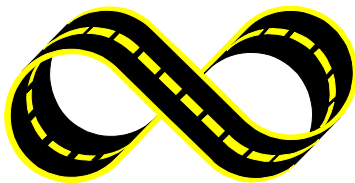
be permitted to start construction of a facility.

Turning to the acceptable levels of service, the group hopes to identify state and national standards that define the levels of service for the various public facilities. The subcommittee directed staff to research the standards for educational facilities and other public facilities that would be part of the APF enabling legislation.

The subcommittee appears to have reached agreement that the bill would apply only to growing areas of the state. VML expects to see legislation that is similar to the conditional zoning provisions of Title 15.2 of the state code, where a significant growth rate is the criterion for conditional zoning.

In other states, the APF law is relaxed if the project includes affordable housing; is developing a low-impact development, such as a large facility with few workers; or if the project is in an economic development area where the locality hopes to spur development. The subcommittee reacted favorably to including provisions along these lines. ❖

### 6-year plan hearings moving to this fall



The Commonwealth Transportation Board is moving public hearings on the state's Six-Year Improvement Program from its traditional spring timeframe to the fall.

By holding the hearings in the fall, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation say they will have more time to evaluate public input on transportation priorities for the six-year program. The fall timeframe also coincides with the update of secondary road plans and allows more time for coordination with MPOs and other agencies. Often in the past, the CTB has approved the revised plan in early summer following hearings in the spring.

Transportation Secretary Whitt Clement will chair the evening meetings, to be held in each of the state's transportation districts. The format of the meetings will be to have information stations set up and an opportunity to ask questions of

transportation personnel as the first part. The second part will include a presentation followed by questions and answers from the meeting participants.'

The public hearing schedule for the Six-Year Improvement Program (FY05-FY10) is as follows. Times and locations will be announced later.

Sept. 23    Fredericksburg District  
Sept. 25    Richmond District  
Sept. 30    Lynchburg District

Oct. 7      Culpeper District  
Oct. 9      Staunton District  
Oct. 21     Bristol District

Nov. 6      Hampton Roads  
Nov. 12     Salem District  
Nov. 13     Northern Virginia District ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

## Governor's Urban Policy Task Force continues work

Since creating the Urban Policy Task Force in May, Gov. Mark R. Warner's appointees have met on four occasions. Most recently, the group met in Charlottesville on July 18 and in Roanoke on July 28. Thus far the group has initiated a draft white paper entitled a *Rationale for a State Urban Policy*, and established three separate work groups.

At the meeting in Charlottesville, members heard a presentation from Bruce Katz, director of the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy at the Brookings Institution. In his presentation entitled

*Developing a State Agenda for Urban Policy*, Katz indicated that according to U.S. Census data the urbanized population of Virginia represents 73 percent of the state's residents.

Katz recommends that states tackling the problems found in urban areas begin by addressing five areas, including: Fix the basics (including schools); build on assets (including existing institutions and major employers); create quality neighborhoods; build family wealth (including fostering personal income); and influence metropolitan growth and preserve open space (including instituting land-use and transportation reforms).

At the meeting in Roanoke, the group broke into three work groups. The three subject areas include:

- education and training, public safety, finance and tax structure;
- community and economic development, tourism, human services; and
- regionalism and governance, transportation and land use-development.

The committee is scheduled to meet three more times, including Aug. 15 in Richmond, Sept. 9 in Hampton Roads and Sept. 23 in Northern Virginia.

City managers Darlene Burcham of Roanoke, David Canada of Petersburg, Jim Spore of Virginia Beach and George Wallace of Hampton have been appointed, as has been VML Deputy Director Mike Edwards.

Warner asked the task force members to recommend actions that will make the state a more effective partner for urban areas seeking to rebuild and revitalize. A report from the Governor's Urban Policy Task Force is due to the chief executive by Sept. 30.

Other members of the Governor's Urban Policy Task Force include: Maurice Jones, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services

and deputy chief of staff to the governor (chairman); Del. Fenton Bland of Petersburg; Jean Boone, advertising director of the Richmond Free Press; Chris Evans, Virginia brownfields coordinator for the Department of Environmental Quality; and Greta Harris, executive director of the Local Initiatives Support Corp. office in Richmond.

Also, Jerrauld Jones, director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; Linda McMinimy, coordinator of the Virginia First Cities Coalition; John Moeser, professor of urban studies and planning at Virginia Commonwealth University; Karen Rae, director of the Department of Rail and Public Transit; Connie Sorrell, director of policy for the Virginia Department of Transportation; Dan Tatar, assistant vice president and community affairs officer for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and Dan Timberlake, assistant superintendent for finance for the Virginia Department of Education.

For more information, contact Mike Edwards: [medwards@vml.org](mailto:medwards@vml.org). ♦

## State establishes new business outreach program

The Virginia Department of Business Assistance has launched a new business outreach program. DBA staff will work with regional and local economic development offices to help develop or strengthen their business outreach programs to existing businesses. This new program will use existing staff and resources.

The program is a revised approach to a former program, eliminated as a result of budget reductions, where state economic development representatives visited Virginia manufacturers. The new program will not only ensure that the state maintains awareness of state and regional business issues, but will also help keep the Department of Business Assistance and city and county eco-

nomics development officials informed of local business concerns. Members of DBA's Existing Business Services team will work with regional and local economic development offices to keep them apprised of state resources that can complement local activities to encourage business growth, retention, and enhancement.

"The concept behind the Business Outreach program is to support business outreach programs at the most effective point — in the communities where the businesses thrive," said DBA's Director of Existing Business Services Wayne Waldrop.

The Business Outreach program is the latest program at DBA designed to promote economic growth by helping

Virginia businesses prosper. The program follows the recent launching of the agency's Virginia Business Information Center, which provides toll-free and e-mail access to Virginia businesses in search of answers and resources.

Businesses can reach the VBIC by calling 804/371-0438, toll-free at 1-866-248-8814, or by e-mailing [VBIC@dba.state.va.us](mailto:VBIC@dba.state.va.us).

For more information on the Business Outreach program, contact Dave Fuller at [dfuller@dba.state.va.us](mailto:dfuller@dba.state.va.us) or 804/371-8131. ♦

## ETCETERA

## Are there tax credits in your future?

Norfolk was one of just 28 communities nationwide last year to win the U.S. Department of Treasury's New Market Tax Credits. Proceeds from the sale of the New Markets Tax Credits will allow the city to develop a new shopping center, expand the supply of affordable housing and create a loan fund for small businesses.

Now, it's your community's chance. The Treasury Department will hold a

nationwide broadcast on this year's New Markets Tax Credit competition from 1 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 6.

HUD Richmond will host the broadcast in its offices at 600 E. Broad St. in downtown. For more information about the New Markets Tax Credit program or about how to register for the broadcast, contact Barry Brown at [barry\\_w\\_brown@hud.gov](mailto:barry_w_brown@hud.gov) or call him at 800/842-2610, ext. 3738. ❖

## POSITIONS

### Longer version of job ads posted at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org)

Because of the number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the position descriptions in *Update*. A full version of all of the job listings published here for the past two months appears on VML's web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org). Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

### Planner, Cape Charles

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. FT to assist with review of site plans, plats, erosion and sediment control plans, and serve as staff liaison to Planning Commission, Wetlands Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Historic District Review Board. Reqs. bachelor's in urban/regional planning, extensive knowledge of planning and development, computer skills using Microsoft Office, and effective communication skills. Resume must be accompanied by cover letter that includes salary requirements. Fax or mail to: Town Manager, Cape Charles, 2 Plum St., Cape Charles, VA 23310. Fax: 757/331-4820. Deadline: Aug. 15. EOE.

### Regional Jail Superintendent, Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail

SALARY: \$85,000 midpoint of range DOE (+) benefits. Manage regional 520-inmate jail that has just completed \$18 million expansion. Provide leadership and supervision to appx. 100 sworn officers and 40 civilian personnel; report to Regional Jail Authority Board; responsible for \$10 million operating bdgt. Min. AA degree with background in managing jail with at least

400 inmates. Position description and state application at [www.albemarle.org](http://www.albemarle.org). Cover letter with resume and completed state application to: Albemarle County Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Telephone: 434/296-5827. Fax: 434/296-5828. E-mail: [gilliam@albemarle.org](mailto:gilliam@albemarle.org). Deadline: Sept. 15. EOE.

### Environmental Codes Compliance Officer, King and Queen County

SALARY: \$28,000-\$30,000 to start (+) benefits. Assists implementing the county's erosion/sediment control, wetlands, Chesapeake Bay and biosolids programs. Duties include technical review and enforcement of development plans to ensure compliance with these programs. Reqs. bachelor's degree with a concentration in engineering and/or environmental science. For more information, contact the county administrator's office at 804/785-5975. Completed county application required. Deadline: Aug. 11. EOE.

### Town Clerk/Treasurer, Chatham

SALARY: DOE/DOQ (+) benefits. Manage treasurer's office, which includes payroll, utility billing, accounts payable and receivable, fund accounting, purchasing, tax billing and collection, and decals. Provides agenda and attends all council meetings. Reqs. degree in accounting, finance, business admin. or equiv. employment exper. Experience in MS Office and Excel spreadsheets. Applications available at: Treasurer's Office, Town Hall, 16 Court Place, Chatham, or by mail at P.O. Box 370, Chatham, VA 24531. Contact: 434/432-8153. Deadline: Aug. 29. EOE.

### Deputy County Administrator, Stafford

SALARY: Up to \$112,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Provide advice and guidance to

departmental directors; coordinating projects and organizational development; develop long- and short range plans; coordinate requests from board of supervisors; assist with coordination of major capital improvements; and serve as liaison with regional organizations. Bachelor's degree (MPA/MBA preferred); considerable exper. in local govt. Submit resume, cover letter, and required county application available at [www.co.stafford.va.us](http://www.co.stafford.va.us) or 540/658-4596 to: Stafford County, Human Resources, P.O. Box 339, Stafford, VA 22555; fax: 540/658-4597. Open until filled. EOE.

### County Administrator, Montgomery

SALARY: DOQ. (Pop. 83,600 includes 2 incorporated towns and Virginia Tech) General fund bdgt. appx. \$107M, including Montgomery County Schools \$79M. Reqs. bachelor's degree with major course work in public admin. or related field, supplemented by master's degree and/or extensive exper. in a chief or assistant chief administrative capacity in local govt. County application req. and available at 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2-D, Christiansburg, VA 24073; phone 540/394-2007; [www.montva.com](http://www.montva.com). Send applications to: Chair Nick Rush, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2-D, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Deadline: Aug. 29. EOE.

### Program & Project Coordinator (Engineering), Herndon

SALARY: \$38,605-\$48,962 DOQ. Review building plans and specifications, estimates, project schedules and contractor proposals. Reqs. associate's degree and 3-5 yrs experience/training that includes engineering, construction management, inspections and schematic plan review. Valid driver's license req. Call 703/481-1185 or e-mail

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## POSITIONS

jobs@town.herndon.va.us for information / application. EOE.

### Director of Social Services, Portsmouth

SALARY: \$62,044-\$95,000. Provide managerial leadership, administrative direction, planning and coordinating activities related to directing social services programs. Directs provision of all public assistance and entitlement programs administered by city. Master's degree and 5-7 yrs. social work exper., including 5 yrs. as manager or any equiv. combination of training and experience that provides the req. knowledge, skills and abilities. City

application and resume to: City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704.  
www.ci.portsmouth.va.us. Open until filled. EOE.

### Director of Public Services, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

SALARY: \$30,000-\$55,000. Responsible for establishing and managing regional water and sewer projects on the Eastern Shore. Experience in water and wastewater development projects, grant applications and grant administration preferred. Bachelor's or 4-yrs. related experience req.

Send resume to Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, P.O. Box 417, Accomac, VA 23301. Contact: 757/787-2936. Deadline: Aug. 29. EOE.

### Town Manager, Independence

SALARY: DOQ. Oversee town administrative functions. Education and/or experience in public administration and/or public works preferred. A town application must be submitted and can be picked up, along with a detailed job description, at the town office: 136 E. Main St., Independence 24348. Deadline: Aug. 15.

## OTHER POSITIONS

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org).

### Water and Wastewater Operator, Drakes Branch

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### County Administrator, Spotsylvania

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Aug. 31.

### Deputy County Administrator, Spotsylvania

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Aug. 31.

### Community Development Program Manager, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (Richmond)

SALARY: \$40,000-\$52,000 starting range. Deadline: Aug. 8.

### Communications Director, Suffolk

SALARY: \$64,358-\$78,837 (midpoint). Open until filled.

### Civil Engineer, Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (Charlottesville)

SALARY: \$40,523-\$64,837 full range; \$40,523-\$46,601 starting range (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Senior Real Estate Appraiser, Manassas

SALARY: \$42,889-\$55,764. Open until filled.

### Real Estate Appraiser, Manassas

SALARY: \$36,608-\$47,590. Open until filled. EOE.

### Town Manager, Colonial Beach

SALARY: \$50,000 (+) DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Aug. 15.

### Director of Economic Development, Falls Church

SALARY: \$80,000-\$110,000 (+) benefits DOQ. Open until filled.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Aug. 8. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at: [dparsons@vml.org](mailto:dparsons@vml.org). You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758. VML publishes job advertisements at no cost to its local government members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$25 per ad per issue, which includes posting on VML's web site and publication in Virginia Town & City (deadlines permitting). VML edits position descriptions in printed publications because of space limitations.*

## CALENDAR

### Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association Annual Conference, Sept. 10-12, Roanoke

The 19th annual conference and equipment show will be held at the Clarion Roanoke Airport Hotel. Features a lecture series offering continuing professional education credits for certified managers of solid waste facilities; trade show of more than 30 industry exhibitors; outdoor equipment

display and more. For registration information, a conference brochure or exhibitor information, contact Lynn McKinney at 1-800/628-4583 or go to [www.svswwa.org](http://www.svswwa.org).

### Structural Design with Wood: An Introductory Course, Sept. 16-18, Blacksburg

This course is designed for individuals who never had the opportunity to learn wood design basics in a university-level course, but are involved in the design, construction, and inspection of wood buildings. The course

will also include a tour and structural testing demonstration at the Brooks Forest Products Research Center. Visit [www.conted.vt.edu/sdww/](http://www.conted.vt.edu/sdww/) for information and registration.

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