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Jail reimbursements may fall by 77% in FY04 4th quarter

The State Compensation Board predicted a shortfall of \$13.3 million for jail per diem payments in FY04, which would translate into a 77 percent cut in the FY04 fourth quarter reimbursement.

Compensation Board Executive Director Bruce Haynes made the disclosure at a Sept. 3 meeting of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on General Government.

A shortfall of \$7.3 million in state per diem payments was included in the FY03 budget. The shortfall resulted in a 50 percent cut in per diem payments to localities in the fourth quarter of FY03.

In response to questions from committee members, Haynes made it clear that the FY03 shortfall affected local governments, not the jails and sheriffs. Localities bill the state for reimbursement at the rate of \$8 a day for each local-responsible inmate and \$14 a day for each state-responsible inmate.

The state payments are reimbursements for expenses already incurred by the locality.

Haynes also summarized the history of cuts to constitutional officers over the last three years.

In FY02, the Compensation Board had a \$30 million budget reduction target, which was met by restricting money for transfers and filling vacancies.

The budget reduction target for FY03 was \$36 million, which was met by eliminating equipment funding (\$4 million); eliminating meetings and conference funding for most offices (\$106,310); not providing additional assistant commonwealth's attorneys approved for career prosecutor (\$1.1 million); reducing office expenses by 55 percent for sheriffs, 65 percent for treasurers and commissioners of the revenue

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TANF reserve evaporating; increased costs could loom

The reserve in Virginia's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program will be gone by June 30, 2004. Further, Virginia's projected spending from the TANF federal block grant may outstrip available funds in FY04 by \$34.4 million. State Department of Social Services staff presented the news to the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources on Sept. 8 in Richmond.

TANF is the federal block-grant program that resulted from welfare reform. It is distributed to states to help cover the costs of a variety of welfare programs. In Virginia

the grant money helps pay for a number of important services administered at the local level.

From 1997 until last year, Virginia experienced substantial decreases in its TANF population. At the same time the caseload was decreasing, Virginia continued to receive the same level of TANF block grant funds from the federal government. As a result, Virginia had the flexibility to use some of its unobligated TANF money for services that would benefit TANF-eligible recipients and other needy Virginians.

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and 75 percent for clerks (\$5.8 million); and restricting transfers and vacancy money.

Additional budget cuts in FY03 resulted in further reductions in reimbursements of 7 percent for commonwealth's attorneys, 11 percent for treasurers, commissioners and clerks, and reductions of \$8.7 million in per diem payment for jails. Some of the FY03 cuts in per diems were pushed forward into FY04.

Further reductions made in the FY04 budget include: elimination of paying off annual leave (\$1.6 million); elimination of paying office expenses for sheriffs (\$3.5 million); jail per diem reductions (\$13.3 million); reductions of \$11.7 million for treasurers, commissioners, commonwealth's attorneys and clerks.

Haynes presented figures showing the effects of cuts on the Compensation Board's budget as compared to the state general fund. In FY01, the Compensation Board appropriation was \$518.7 million, or 4.16 percent of the total state general fund.

Today the appropriation is \$490.7 million, or 4.02 percent of the general fund. The board's budget was reduced 5.39 percent, while the general fund was 2.18 percent less than it was in FY01.

The Compensation Board budgets only minimal office expenses for a few constitutional officers. It no longer budgets for equipment for any office (except for some sheriffs), travel and meeting expenses or annual leave pay-off.

Haynes concluded that the reduction has two outcomes: reduction of services to citizens or local government funding of all or part of the shortfall, "resulting in a further erosion of the constitutional officers' independence from local government control."

Had local government officials testified, they would have added that any funding made up by local governments only adds to the unfunded mandates placed on local governments by the state, and to the tax burden placed on local taxpayers. ❖

TANF reserve continued ...

TANF funds became particularly valuable when the state's economy declined. Virginia was able to supplant some general funds for human services programs with TANF money. Programs affected by this supplanting included Healthy Families, the Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP), and Centers for Employment Training.

The caseload pendulum began to swing back last year, when Virginia saw a 5 percent increase in its caseload. A 4 percent increase in caseload is expected this year. While the state reduced its reliance on TANF funds in FY04 for related human services programs, the increase in caseload is causing the reserve to drop more rapidly and could increase overall costs for the program. State DSS staff said that the current budget would have to be cut by at least \$34.4 million this year in order to achieve balance.

To complicate matters, Congress is still working on a reauthorization of TANF, which expired Sept. 30, 2002. Congress approved extensions of the program while it worked on the reauthorization. The latest extension will expire Sept. 30, 2003. While the House passed its version of

reauthorization (HR 4), the Senate has not yet addressed HR 4 in committee. There appear to be notable differences in approach between the two chambers, but if Congress were to approve the reauthorization bill as passed by the House of Representatives, Virginia would have to respond to more stringent requirements that would cost more. At the same time, there is no guarantee that Virginia would see increased funding or even the same funding as it received during the first five years of the TANF program. State DSS staff estimate the cost to the state of meeting the mandatory requirements of HR 4 at approximately \$70 million more per year. This includes additional childcare costs, increasing participation hours, and doubling the employment services caseload.

Reauthorization or not, the TANF budget must be balanced this year, meaning that programs and local administrative costs paid for with TANF block grant funds may see reductions in order to address the projected \$34.4 million shortfall. As DSS staff said, "difficult choices will have to be made." ❖

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Governor pledges to fund SOQ re-benchmarking

Gov. Mark R. Warner pledged that his 2004-06 budget will include full funding for the cost to meet the current Standards of Quality and to begin to fund the revisions to the Standards of Quality recently proposed by the Board of Education.

The governor made his announcement on Sept. 3 at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He said he would put Virginia on a path to addressing the documented needs of the state's acclaimed colleges and universities.

The governor also outlined his "Education for a Lifetime" reform agenda at the same presentation (*see story below*).

The 2004-06 budget, the governor's first biennial budget, will be presented to the General Assembly money committees this December.

Every two years the SOQ is "re-benchmarked" to include changes in student enrollment, inflation and other factors that drive the cost of the standards. The state Board of Education recently projected that the cost to re-benchmark will be an additional \$525 million for the biennium. These figures do not include any changes in retirement contributions, which also are expected to increase.

The Virginia Retirement System's Board of Trustees will release its contribution rates in October. The decline in the value of the stock market and an aging workforce are expected to result in an increase in retirement contribution rates.

The Board of Education's proposal to update the SOQ will add more than 12,000 instructional and administrative positions to those currently required by

the standards. If fully implemented in one year, the increased standards would cost the state an estimated \$323 million and local governments an estimated \$259 million.

Citing the condition of state revenue growth, the board proposed that the governor and the General Assembly consider implementing the recommendation by fiscal year 2006, and the governor, as expected, has taken heed of that suggestion.

The need for some of the positions included in that proposal — those dealing with funding technology support staff and technology instructional specialists — was questioned by some members of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission on Sept. 8 (*see story page 4*). ♦

Governor offers 'Education for a Lifetime' initiative

Gov. Mark R. Warner outlined an initiative aimed at ensuring fiscal accountability and better preparing students to find jobs in a changing economy at press conferences held Sept. 3 and Sept. 9. Additional details on the "Education for a Lifetime" initiative will be announced in upcoming weeks.

The governor focused on three components of the initiative at the Sept. 3 event, held at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He gave additional details of one of these components at the Sept. 9 briefing at the 9th Street Office Building in Richmond.

First, the governor proposed "Senior Plus," an overhaul of the senior high school year. He noted that too many seniors simply mark time their last year, losing interest in school once college acceptances have been received. The proposal will give seniors who are college bound the opportunity to earn a semester's worth of college credit during the senior year.

Community colleges, four-year colleges, distance learning and advanced

placement programs would be the conduits for earning these credits.

The governor said that the proposal could save thousands of dollars in tuition costs. Seniors who are not college bound would take courses designed to give them skills and credentials needed in the workplace.

He also pledged continuation of "Project Graduation," which offers remedial help to students preparing to take the Standards of Learning tests required for high school graduation.

The second part of the initiative will focus on efficiency by using auditors and management specialists from the Department of Planning and Budget to help achieve efficiencies and identify best practices in individual school systems that then can be shared with school divisions statewide. In addition, statewide performance reviews also will be conducted to improve the ability of determining how well schools are doing.

The school divisions of the city of Richmond and the counties of New Kent and Roanoke have volunteered to

participate in the efficiency reviews of individual school systems.

The reviews are modeled after successful programs in Texas and Arizona. The goal is to identify administrative savings through use of best practices in areas such as management, service delivery, human resources, facilities, finance, transportation and technology.

The reviews will focus on administrative and management best practices, not on classroom instruction or student achievement. They will begin late fall and will conclude next year. If the pilot programs are effective, the governor will propose legislation establishing regular efficiency reviews.

The governor said that savings in the administrative and management area would be reinvested back into the classroom.

The statewide performance review will include the creation of a statewide education database that will allow

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citizens to compare more easily the use of school resources across the state.

The review will look at student achievement, expenditures by category such as instruction; pupil services, and compensation; student achievement in relation to expenditures, demographic and socioeconomic factors and school division characteristics such as staffing levels and qualifications of staff.

For example, per pupil maintenance costs and a variety of other data could be compared across school divisions.

The third part of the Education for a Lifetime initiative is a new mentoring program for teachers in their first year. The governor said the program would include incentives and clear standards.

The state also will use "turn around

specialists" who will be trained to go into and improve the most troubled schools in the state.

The governor said other components of his initiative will raise standards for childcare providers, increase participation in FAMIS (the state health insurance program for uninsured children), reform workforce development programs and increase research and development spending to \$1 billion by 2010.

Additional details on these components will be announced in the weeks leading up to the presentation of the budget in late December.

Information on the Education for a Lifetime Initiative can be found at <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/Initiatives/Ed4Life/index.htm>.

At the press conference on Sept. 9, Warner also announced that more than two-thirds of the Title 1 schools participating in the Partnerships for Achieving Successful Schools (PASS) program had shown significant improvement on Standards of Learning test scores.

PASS has targeted more than 100 schools that have been accredited with warning. Visiting academic review teams are assisting these schools in an effort to improve student performance. The schools that receive Title 1 funds from the federal government, which are targeted to children from low income households, receive additional intervention and follow-up. ❖

JLARC accepts, does not approve, report on educational technology funding



The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission refused to give its stamp of approval to a report outlining funding options for educational technology in public schools. Instead, the commission accepted the report Sept. 8, but asked that the preface note that the body did not approve the conclusions.

The report was commissioned by the 2002 General Assembly, which asked JLARC to recommend a state funding formula for educational technology and technology support personnel. The report presented several options for funding technology positions, technology support and hardware.

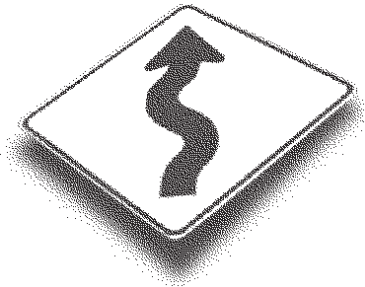
Several members of JLARC, however, questioned the need to fund technology positions.

Del. Leo Wardrup claimed that the report's conclusions were a solution looking for a problem. Del. Lacey Putney said that he was not at a point where he could support including those positions in the SOQ. Del. Frank Hargrove said he didn't accept the conclusions reached in the report. Del. Johnny Joannou said he wasn't convinced of the need. Sen. Kevin Miller said that even if the Department of Education and the General Assembly did

nothing, computers would be used more and more in the classroom over time as new teachers familiar with the technology were hired.

For a while it appeared that JLARC would not even receive the report. Sen. John Chichester, however, said that the General Assembly requested the report and nothing would result from its conclusions unless the General Assembly took action. He said that until the document was put in the form of a bill and passed, it would mean nothing. Del. Vince Callahan said that he could never remember the commission not receiving a report.

The Board of Education's proposal to revise the Standards of Quality includes funding for both technology support staff and technology instructional positions (see the June 6 *Update* for an overview of the BOE proposal). The total estimated cost of the board's proposal, which is subject to revision only by the General Assembly, is \$525 million for a biennium; the cost of the technology support staff and technology instructional specialists accounts for \$108 million of that \$525 million. ❖

FROM THE CAPITOL**Six-year plan hearings begin Sept. 23**

The Commonwealth Transportation Board hearings on the state's Six-Year Improvement Program (FY05-FY10) get underway later this month. The Virginia Department of Transportation hopes that by holding the hearings in the fall that local governments and the public can influence transportation projects earlier in the programming process. In the past, the board held hearings in the spring prior to adopting the Six-Year Plan in June.

The first part of each meeting will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will be an informal "open forum" with information stations and maps and transportation staff on hand to answer questions. The second part, beginning at 7 p.m., will be more in line with the traditional format and will include a presentation followed by public comments from meeting participants. "

The public hearing locations (VDOT districts in parenthesis) are as follows:

- Sept. 23 Caroline County Community Center (Fredericksburg)
- Sept. 25 Appomattox Regional Governor's School in Petersburg (Richmond)
- Sept. 30 O.T. Bonner Middle School in Danville (Lynchburg)
- Oct. 7 Brandy Station Fire Hall (Culpeper)
- Oct. 9 Broadway High School (Staunton)
- Oct. 21 Southwest Virginia Community College (Bristol)
- Nov. 6 Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton (Hampton Roads)
- Nov. 12 Christiansburg High School (Salem)
- Nov. 13 Oakton High School in Vienna (Northern Virginia) ❖

2003 USBC revision underway; property maintenance code review scheduled for Oct. 21

The final version of the 2000 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code is still in the final regulatory stages, and will become effect Oct. 1 (unless petitions in protest of the code are filed, which would delay final implementation). Despite the ink not being quite dry on the new code, the Department of Housing and Community Development is starting the process for the next update, which will be based on the 2003 International Code Council and National Fire Prevention Association Codes.

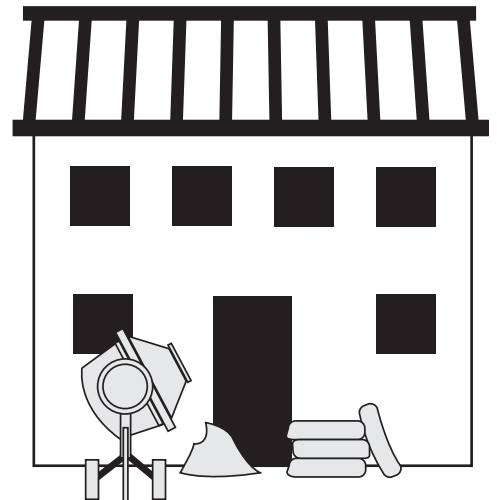
The goal of the state is to return to the three-year code update cycle that the state had followed up until 1996. For the new code update, DHCD is holding meeting with client groups to review 11 model codes and the USBC, State Fire Prevention Code and regulated regulations. Meetings will be held monthly through January 2004.

The first meeting, on the plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas codes, will be held Sept. 24 at DHCD, 501 2nd St. in Richmond.

The second meeting, of more interest to local governments, will focus on the property maintenance code, including current USBC regulations on rental inspections. That meeting will be held Oct. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at DHCD.

People interested in attending should contact Emory Rodgers at erodgers@dhcd.state.va.us or 804/371-7140.

The International Residential Code will be reviewed in November, followed by a December meeting on the existing building code. The January meeting will be an overview of all the codes. The plan is to have a draft ready for review by the Codes and Standards Committee of the Board of Housing and Community Development by early next year. ❖



AT THE LEAGUE

VML/VACo Bond Pool deadline is Oct. 3



The application deadline for the first VML/VACo Finance Program bond pool is Oct. 3.

This new VML member service program gives local governments across Virginia access to some of the lowest cost alternatives for financing major capital projects and equipment. Both large and small local governments can benefit.

Issuing tax-exempt bonds to finance projects typically results in the best interest rates available to local governments. However, there are numerous parties associated with a bond issue, such as underwriters, bond counsel, and financial advisors. As with most professional services, these can be costly.

Through the VML/VACo Finance Program, local governments can pool capital projects and equipment into one AAA insured bond issue designed to reduce financing costs. Through pooling, local government participants will be able to:

- Share, and thereby reduce, issuance costs, including underwriter's spread, bond

rating, printing, and financial advisory, legal and trustee services;

- Take advantage of negotiated, long-term and volume-discounted preferred pricing of bond ratings, printing, and financial advisory, legal, trustee, investment management, and arbitrage rebate services; and

- Participate in bond issues of sufficient size to be sold competitively and to achieve attractive pricing in the national marketplace.

Issuance costs are shared among all borrowers in the program, redundant tasks and repetitive documents are completed once for the entire group of participants, and volume-based discounts are achieved. The result is dramatic savings.

For more information, contact: Will Turnage, Virginia Local Government Finance Corp. deputy managing director, at 804/916-7125 or wturnage@valocalfinance.org or www.valocalfinance.org. ♦

Chichester to address VML conference



Sen. John Chichester, president pro-tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, will give a keynote address at the Oct. 20 opening session of the 2003 VML Annual Conference. The conference will be held Oct. 19-21 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

The opening session on Oct. 20 will begin at 8:30 a.m. (instead of 9 a.m. as previously announced).

Other speakers at the opening session will include political commentator Bob

Holsworth, director of the Center for Public Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Robert Puentes, senior research manager at the Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy.

The opening session on Tuesday, Oct. 21, will feature a keynote address by business consultant Chic Thompson, president of the Creative Management Group.

Complete information on the conference is available on the league's web site at www.vml.org. ♦

POSITIONS

Longer version of job ads posted at 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. Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

Director of Tourism and Economic Activities, Fredericksburg

SALARY: Negotiable. Lead newly reorganized Department of Tourism and Economic Activities with goal of establishing city as a preeminent national heritage tourism destination: well-preserved historic district, dynamic downtown, access to scenic river and strong, diverse economic base. Serves under direction of city manager and oversees 4 FT and 13 PT employees, and \$1 million bgt. Bachelor's (+) 6-9 yrs. exper. in planning and implementing heritage tourism, marketing and PR programs. Submit letter of application,

resume with salary history and work-related references to: John A. Anzivino or Roger M. Scott, Springsted Inc., 1206 Laskin Road, Suite 210, Virginia Beach, VA 23451: Fax 757/422-6617 or e-mail janzivino@springsted.com. More info. at www.springsted.com. Deadline: Oct 17.

Zoning Officer, Fredericksburg

SALARY: \$33,325 to start. Responsible for enforcement of regulations of Zoning Ordinance Division. Investigate/inspect zoning cases to ensure compliance with regulations. Reqs. bachelor's degree in planning, community development or

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related field w/ 1-3 yrs. previous experience. City employment application req. Apply to Virginia Employment Commission, 3501 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA or the Department of Personnel, 715 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA. Deadline: Sept. 26. EOE.

Safety and Environmental Management Officer, Fredericksburg

SALARY: \$40,711-\$48,853. Coordinate development, implementation, and administration of policies/procedures for city's safety, health, risk management and environmental management programs. Reqs. bachelor's degree in related field w/ 3 yrs previous experience and/or training in occupational/health safety administration or related field. Computer experience req. City employment application req. Apply to the Virginia Employment Commission, 3501 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA or the Department of Personnel, 715 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA. Deadline: Sept. 26. EOE.

Budget Manager, Manassas

SALARY: \$58,906-\$94,245. Assists finance director and city manager in planning annual operating bdtg., 5-yr. CIP and 5-yr. forecast. Develops and maintains these 3 documents. Monitors, analyzes and projects revenues and expenditures. Bachelor's in public admin., business admin., accounting or related field; 5-6 yrs. progressively responsible related exper., including 2-3 yrs. as supervisor; or any equiv. comb. of educ., training and exper. Apply: Department of Human Resources, 9027 Center Street, Room 302, Manassas, VA 20110. FAX: 703/257-5827. E-mail: hr@ci.manassas.va.us. Deadline: Oct. 24. EOE.

Assistant City Manager, Petersburg

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. (Pop. 37,000) Reports to city manager; key member of management team. Coordinate service delivery and undertake special studies; oversee management and direction of city departments. Directly involved in development, review and revision of administrative policies. Reqs. master's in public admin. or related field with extensive municipal govt. exper. Submit resume and/or application and requests for needed accommodations to: City of Petersburg, Human Resources Department, 103 W. Tabb St., Petersburg, VA 23803. Deadline: Sept. 30. EOE.

Planner, Isle of Wight County

SALARY: \$30,000 DOQ. Coordinate and review transportation issues, subdivision plats, land development plans and land-use proposals to ensure compliance with the county's adopted plan and land development ordinances. Min. combination of educ. and exper. equiv. to a bachelor's degree in urban planning or related field with 2 yrs. of related work experience. The search for candidates has been extended and previous applicants need not reapply. Submit completed County application to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Deadline: Sept. 26. EOE.

Street Maintenance Supervisor, Wytheville

SALARY: \$25,561-\$36,491. Perform supervisory, administrative, skilled, technical and maintenance work. Involves responsibility for laying out, assigning and overseeing the work of a number of crews engaged in street maintenance, street repair, refuse collection and disposal, and on occasion, street construction. Graduation from HS or GED, supplemented by 5 yrs. of exper. Application packages are available from Libby Henley at the Town Office, 150 E. Monroe St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or on the town's Web page at <http://townof.wytheville.org>. Phone: 276/223-3321, E-mail: libbyh@wytheville.org. Deadline: Sept. 18.

Budget Manager, Charlottesville

SALARY: \$48,776-\$72,212 hiring range. \$48,776-\$83,324 full range. Prepare and administer budget and fiscal policies; analyze budgetary, financial and operational issues. Typical duties include: preparing revenue and expenditure forecasts for budget development; directing, monitoring and analyzing financial, economic and demographic trends; reviewing of annual departmental budget proposals for compliance with budget policies, city council goals, departmental goals and revenue estimates. Submit a cover letter and resume. Deadline: Sept. 19. EOE.

Director of Planning and Community Development, Colonial Heights

SALARY: DOQ. (Pop. 16,900) Plans, organizes and directs activities and personnel of the Planning and Community Development Department that includes planning and zoning, building inspection, code enforcement, and economic development. Bachelor's degree in planning or related field and extensive experience in local govt. req.

Resume to: City Manager Robert E. Taylor, P.O. Box 3401, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. Deadline: Oct. 3. EOE.

Director of Public Works, Colonial Heights

SALARY: DOQ. (Pop. 16,900) Plans, organizes and directs the activities of the Department of Public Works, including street maintenance, water distribution, wastewater collection and pumping station operation, and refuse transfer station. Department budget is \$6 million with 28 FT employees. Reqs. management level supervisory experience and bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field. Resume to: City Manager Robert E. Taylor, P.O. Box 3401, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. Deadline: Oct. 3. EOE.

County Administrator, Accomack

SALARY: DOQ. (Pop. 38,600) Plan, direct and coordinate day-to-day county operations. Serves as chief administrative and operating officer, ensuring proper operations, staffing and budgeting, and advising and assisting Board of Supervisors on policy making and governance. Completed county application is req. Application packets available by contacting Accomack County Administration Office, P.O. Box 388 (23296 Courthouse Ave.), Accomack, VA 23301, 757/787-5700; or application may be printed from county Web site (www.co.accomack.va.us). Completed applications should be addressed to: Gregory L. Duncan, Chairman, at above address. Deadline: Oct. 17.

Senior Administrative Analyst, Suffolk

SALARY: \$41,531-\$50,876 (midpoint). Responsible for grants management and writing reports. Serves as liaison between city and state or federal agencies; prepares speeches for delivery by city officials; researches issues, history and precedents pertinent to speech topics or occasions. Reqs: Bachelor's degree in public administration, political science, business, or public policy management or analysis and 3-5 yrs of experience in public policy management or analysis. Submit a completed city application to: Human Resources 441 Market St., Suffolk, VA 23434. For application and more information visit www.suffolk.va.us or call 757/923-2070. EOE.

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OTHER POSITIONS

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at www.vml.org.

Director of Planning and Community Development, Louisa County

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

Historic Preservation Planner, Stafford

SALARY: \$34,382 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Assistant City Manager, Hampton

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ. Deadline: Sept. 16.

Director of Planning, Ashland

SALARY: \$45,992-\$68,988 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 26.

Inspections Supervisor, Danville

SALARY: \$34,636-\$54,220 DOQ. Deadline: Sept. 12.

Director of Economic Development & Tourism, Prince Edward County

SALARY: \$32,000-\$52,000 DOQ. Deadline: Sept. 30.

Deputy County Administrator, Rockingham

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

Economic Development Director, Saltville

SALARY: Negotiable / DOQ (+) bonuses & benefits. Open until filled. EOE.

Town Manager, Bowling Green

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 30.

Director of Parks and Recreation & Leisure Services, Charlottesville

SALARY: Mid \$80,000s-low \$90,000s. Deadline: Sept. 22.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Sept. 19. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at: 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

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/ for information and registration.

26th Annual Virginia Municipal Clerks Association (VMCA) Clerk Institute and Academy, Sept. 21-26, Virginia Beach

Certification training for municipal clerks conducted by Old Dominion University's Center for Global Business and Executive Education at the Virginia Beach Quality Inn and Suites. Visit www.cppd-odu.com for registration information or call 757/683-4247. For registration at the Quality Inn and Suites, call 757-428-8935.

Virginia Hazardous Materials Conference, Sept. 25-27, Virginia Beach

More than 60 educational workshops. In addition, demonstrations, displays and an exhibit hall. Contact: R.C. Powell, 757/925-2432 or Mary Powell (Conventions Plus) at 757/242-3692 for registration materials. Conference information and registration forms at: www.convplus.com. Also, see www.virginiahazmat.org or www.vdem.state.va.us.

Local Government Paralegal Association of Virginia, Inc., Seventh Annual Conference, Oct. 2-3, Portsmouth

Tentative topics include personal investments, a step-by-step guide to conducting a title search, public speaking, legal writing, bankruptcy/electronic filing, and legal ethics/unauthorized practice of law. Great opportunity to make new contacts, gain perspective on local government law, obtain continuing legal education credits, and keep informed of important issues affecting the paralegal profession. Location: Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel. Contact: Linda Burnsed at 540/961-1146, lburnsed@blacksburg.gov, any LGPA officer or board member, or visit Web site at lgpa-va.org.

Firefighting Operations in High-Rise Buildings, Oct. 2-3, Fairfax County

Two-day seminar addressing firefighting considerations at high-rise buildings. Seminar will include various case studies including One Meridian Plaza in Philadelphia and First Interstate Bank in Los Angeles. Topics also covered include Operational Considerations and Tactical Functions, Operations in Fire Control Rooms and Elevators, and Terrorism in High-Rise Buildings. Seminar will be held Oct. 2 and 3 at the Hilton McLean in Tysons Corner. Conference information and registration available at www.fairfaxfireofficers.com.



VML Annual Conference, Oct. 19-21, Roanoke

Speakers, workshops, exhibition hall and more. Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Contact: Joni Terry at 804/649-8471

or jterry@vml.org. Exhibitors contact: Kimberly Pollard at 804/649-8471 or kpollard@vml.org.

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Virginia Building and Code Officials Association Annual Conference, Oct. 26-28, Virginia Beach

At Virginia Beach Resort & Conference Center. Contact: Mary Jo Fields 804/649-8471 or mfields@vml.org.

2003 Virginia GIS Conference, Oct. 27-28, Richmond

At the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Registration \$169. Room block at Crowne Plaza Hotel at \$77 group rate. Contact: Alan Gregory at 804/367-6001 or vagis@richmondregional.org.

VACo Annual Conference, Nov. 9-11, Bath County

Speakers, workshops, exhibition hall and more. 69th Annual Conference at the Homestead. Contact: Linda Butterfield at (804) 788-6652.

NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition, Dec. 9-13, Nashville

Preliminary program information will be available soon. Check www.nlc.org.

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