

Technology

The Governor's proposed 2004-06 appropriation for Technology includes \$21.7 million GF and \$66.2 million NGF. Appropriations for the former Department of Information Technology, Department of Technology Planning, and the Virginia Information Provider's Network have been consolidated into the Virginia Information Technologies Agency pursuant to the technology consolidation approved by the 2003 Session.

The appropriation for the Innovative Technology Authority reflects a reduction of \$1.9 million GF the first year and \$3.8 million GF the second year to implement the phase-out of general fund support for the Center for Innovative Technology by FY 2008.

Finally, a number of appropriation increases are proposed for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to fund additional start-up costs for that agency. These funds would be in addition to funding generated by the recently approved internal service fund charges paid by agencies receiving VITA services. No agency operational savings from the technology consolidation are anticipated until FY 2006, at which time VITA initiatives are anticipated to have reduced GF and NGF costs by a total of \$5.1 million.

- **Innovative Technology Authority**
 - ***Reflect Phase-Out of GF Support for CIT.*** The appropriation for the Innovative Technology Authority reflects a reduction of \$1.9 million GF the first year and \$3.8 million GF the second year to implement the phase-out of general fund support for the Center for Innovative Technology by FY 2008. These appropriations represent reductions of 25 percent in FY 2005 and 50 percent in FY 2006 compared to FY 2004 funding levels.
- **Virginia Information Technologies Agency**
 - ***Efficiency Savings.*** Creates a reversion clearing account to capture savings achieved by VITA in the areas of technology enhancements, operational efficiencies or other cost-containment measures. The general fund portion of the savings achieved by VITA initiatives is projected to be \$1.6 million in FY 2006. Such savings would be transferred to VITA. A related item in Part 3 transfers the anticipated \$3.5 million nongeneral fund portion of VITA generated savings as well.

- **VITA Start-Up Costs.** Recommends an appropriation increase of \$4.8 million GF in the first year to fund on-going start-up costs to implement VITA’s efforts to consolidate network management and security, a statewide customer service center and desktop services for state agencies. The largest share of costs is \$2.4 million for enhanced network security.
- **VITA Equipment Costs.** Provides \$519,000 GF each year to continue supporting the financing costs for equipment associated with VITA’s Cisco Information Center, network security, and the customer service center.
- **E-mail System Consolidation.** Provides an increase of \$1.9 million GF in the first year to fund the general fund share of efforts to consolidate the 94 separate electronic mail systems executive branch agencies currently operate. This action is intended to reduce future licensing and support costs.
- **E-911 Network Improvements.** Provides an increase of \$1.0 million NGF each year from the E-911 fund to be used to increase network responsiveness and support new technologies and wireless data services. This increase is to remain unallotted until the expenditure has been approved by the Wireless E-911 Services Board.