Technology

Proposed spending for the Office of Technology results in a net increase of \$45.2 million when compared to the adjusted appropriation for these agencies' current operations. This results from general fund decreases of \$1.5 million and nongeneral fund increases of \$46.8 million.

The sole new general fund spending item included in the introduced budget is \$1.0 million proposed for a new consulting service to be performed by the Innovative Technology Authority. New nongeneral fund spending items proposed in the introduced budget include: \$24.6 million to update the Virginia Information Technology Agency's (VITA) nongeneral fund appropriation to better reflect the agency's current expenditures, \$16.0 million for operation of Emergency-911 systems, \$6.0 million for creation of an acquisition services special fund, and \$600,000 to maintain Virginia's aerial photography base map and Emergency-911 address file.

One general fund reduction is also proposed in the introduced budget. This item includes a reduction of \$1.6 million from VITA that was originally scheduled to have been captured in fiscal year (FY) 2006. The Governor's Caboose Bill proposes transferring these savings from FY 2006 to FY 2007.

- Innovative Technology Authority
 - **Consulting Service Line.** Proposes an additional \$1.0 million GF the first year to initiate a program intended to match small, start-up companies with government agencies and large corporations in search of technology services.
- Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)
 - *Transfer Virginia Base Mapping to Central Accounts.* Proposes a reduction of (\$504,715) GF and (\$200,000) NGF the first year, and (\$504,715) GF and (\$200,000) NGF the second year for the Virginia Base Mapping Project. Funding for digital mapping is transferred to the Central Appropriations.
 - Virginia Base Mapping and Emergency-911 Address File.
 Recommends \$300,000 NGF and three positions the first year, and \$300,000 NGF the second year for maintenance of the Virginia Base Mapping Project and Emergency E-911 address file.
 - *FY 2006 Technology Savings.* Proposes a general fund reduction of \$1.6 million the first year to capture savings originally required in

FY 2006, but which the Governor proposes to delay implementation in HB/SB 29 (the Caboose Bill) until FY 2007.

- *Emergency-911 Funds.* Recommends \$7.5 million NGF and three positions the first year, and \$8.5 million NGF the second year for operation of the Emergency E-911 program.
- Acquisition Special Services Fund. Recommends \$2.9 million NGF the first year and \$3.1 million NGF the second year for the acquisition services special fund. This fund would be used to finance programs and equipment acquisitions that may not be reimbursable by the federal government through VITA service charges.
- Adjust Nongeneral Fund Appropriation for Recent Experience. Includes \$12.3 million the first year and \$12.3 million the second year from nongeneral funds to increase the agency's appropriation to account for its current expenditures. The source of the nongeneral fund revenue is agency charges for VITA services and services provided to local governments by VITA at those local governments' request.