

STATE: VIRGINIA

Date of Report: September 9, 2008

Nature of report (preliminary, final, advisory, executive/legislative):

- **Final report** – Final report to Governor

Key recommendations:

- Created working groups-
 - Broadband Measurement, Availability and Adoption
 - Technology
 - Applications
 - Business Models
- Strengthen Commonwealth's focus on broadband, codify a Broadband Deployment Council made up of members from executive, legislative branches plus representatives from providers and consumers.
- Strengthen Office of Telework Promotion
- Conduct educational campaigns
- Assist communities with broadband friendly ordinances and fast track permitting.

Key programs initiated:

- Technology Matrix of Attributes
- Mapping project – similar to Kentucky, to uncover unserved areas and list services for 4200 industrial properties
- Online toolkit for communities

Recommended appropriation:

- None – maps out plan of action, provides background information, recommends continued support for existing funds and programs.

Web link to agency or task force:

- http://www.otpba.vi.virginia.gov/broadband_roundtable.shtml
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Statement of Values:

- **Vision statement – None other than charge from Governor to make recommendations that will connect every business to affordable broadband by 2010 following the principles of long-term sustainability, public private partnership and community driven strategy.**

Where we've been:

- 2006 established Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance.
- Used ERate, the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission to leverage \$300+ million dollars of in state investment in broadband.

Where we are today:

- 2006 survey indicates less than half of VA residents utilize broadband
- Only 15 of the 4200 industrial properties marketed by the state remain to achieve broadband access.

Where we want to be:

- **Level the knowledge gap between users and vendors**
- **Shared inventory of infrastructure for planning**
- **Facilitate development and deployment of broadband dependent applications to spur community investment**
- **Universal access for business by 2010**

How are we going to get there?

- **Make broadband deployments in unserved areas a public policy priority, aligning existing resources and cooperating with the private sector**
- **Remove barriers to investment, leverage existing assets**
- **Create incentives to investment**
- **Work with Federal agencies**
- **Leverage existing organizations and the Commonwealth's buying power**

Broadband functionality (tiers of service)

- **Uses "new" FCC definition of 768 K down, at least 200 K up to define broadband.**