



Commonwealth of Virginia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RICHMOND

July 13, 2009

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine
Governor of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
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Dear Governor Kaine:

As you are aware, many members of the General Assembly have expressed bi-partisan concern about the quality of the information technology services provided to state agencies by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and its private-sector partner, Northrop Grumman, and the conditions of the contract between these two parties. While concerns about the provision of information technology services to state agencies have existed for some time, the recent actions of the Information Technology Investment Board and the appointment of the Secretary of Technology as the Commonwealth's interim chief information officer have only served to heighten these concerns and increase the number of General Assembly members who now share these concerns.

In response to these bi-partisan concerns, the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Science and Technology recently conducted hearings on these matters. Furthermore, the Auditor of Public Accounts has previously conducted numerous audits of VITA and is now examining issues involving both VITA and Northrop Grumman. Finally, as you are aware, the General Assembly authorized an examination of VITA and Northrop Grumman's performance by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). At our request, the Commission staff has accelerated their review and will now brief the findings of their study in October, instead of December as originally scheduled.

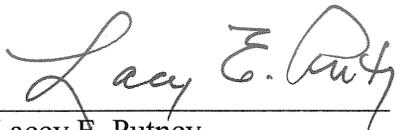
In light of these pending studies and the continued concerns raised by members of the General Assembly we cannot support any modifications to the existing contract's terms or conditions until such time as JLARC has completed its review of VITA and Northrop Grumman's performance and the members of the General Assembly have had an opportunity to digest the review's findings. At that time, it may be appropriate for the Commonwealth to modify the terms of the contract to reflect the recommendations of JLARC and the Auditor of Public Accounts. In no way should the rights or remedies available to the Commonwealth or VITA be waived at this time.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and we looking forward to working with all interested parties over the next several months.

With best regards,

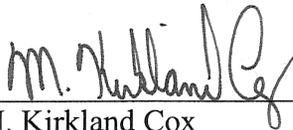
Sincerely,



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Joint Legislative Audit and
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Cc: Members, General Assembly of Virginia
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