

Technology

The approved 2008-10 biennial budget for the Technology secretariat includes an increase of \$9.2 million in general fund support but no additional nongeneral fund resources. Total general fund spending for the agencies of the Technology secretariat is \$17.4 million or more than 112 percent greater than these agencies' adjusted base budgets. Total nongeneral fund spending for the biennium is \$110.6 million.

The additional general fund spending consists of one item – \$4.9 million provided in each year of the biennium to eliminate a previously adopted reduction in funding of \$4.9 million for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA). The previously adopted savings had been based on assumptions about the level of reductions in the costs of information technology services achieved by VITA. However, these savings had also been factored into the public-private partnership the agency entered into with Northrop Grumman to modernize Virginia's information technology infrastructure. Consequently, the additional funding was provided to ensure these savings were not double-counted.

Although there were no additional nongeneral fund resources appropriated over the biennium for the Technology agencies, the 2008 General Assembly rejected the proposed transfer of VITA information technology procurement services to the Department of General Services and VITA Emergency E-911 services to the Department of Emergency Services.

- **Virginia Information Technologies Agency**
 - ***Remove Savings Assumed in Current Budget.*** Provides \$4.9 million GF in each year of the biennium to eliminate savings that were assumed in the budget for operational efficiencies from the centralization of technology services through VITA.
 - ***Eliminate Nongeneral Fund Appropriation for Virginia Information Providers Network.*** Reduces VITA's nongeneral fund appropriation by \$6.3 million in each year of the biennium due to the outsourcing of the Virginia Information Providers Network. VITA now receives only a nominal amount of revenue from the management of the network and these revenues will now be recorded as part of VITA internal service fund.
 - ***Implement New Fee Structure for Virginia Geographic Information Network.*** Reduces general fund resources for the agency by \$344,334 in each year of the biennium due to the implementation of a new fee structure for base mapping of the Commonwealth and geospatial information services. The agency's nongeneral fund base budget was increased by a corresponding amount to reflect the addition of the revenues VITA will receive from the new fee structure.
 - ***Eliminate Ongoing Operational Efficiencies Requirement.*** Deletes language requiring the agency to continue achieving administrative reductions that VITA

had already incorporated into the rates it charges state agencies for information technology services. There were no additional savings to be achieved because the agency had reduced the costs of its services in order to assist state agencies in achieving their targeted budget reductions.