



SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR **2013 ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

At its 2013 organizational meeting, held on April 2, 2013, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science approved the formation of three new advisory committees for the 2013 Interim. The chairman is soliciting applications from interested parties for membership on the committees. In appointing members, the chairman will seek to ensure that all relevant public and private sector perspectives are represented while keeping the advisory committees at a workable size. As in past years, we anticipate that the selection process will be highly competitive. A brief description of each advisory committee can be found below.

- The Broadband and Education Advisory Committee will be formed to study three bills referred to JCOTS by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. HB 1915 (Surovell) would prohibit a school board from making electronic textbooks available to students unless every student has access to a personal computing device and Internet service at his home. HB 2286 (Kory) would allow school boards to purchase electronic textbooks for use in kindergarten through grade 12, and would require the Board of Education to report annually to the General Assembly about access to broadband within each school division. HB 1777 (Filler-Corn) also addresses electronic textbooks, but at the college level through the use of open source electronic textbooks. The Advisory Committee will discuss these three bills, along with other issues that might arise during the course of the meetings regarding access to broadband by students, and use of electronic textbooks or open source education materials, and make legislative recommendations to JCOTS regarding such issues.
- The Computer Crimes Advisory Committee will be formed to study three bills referred to JCOTS for study by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. HB 2050 (Webert) and SB 1030 (Reeves) are identical bills that address the search and seizure of computer contents. SB 1173 (Obenshain) addresses computer trespass. JCOTS was integrally involved in the drafting of the current laws governing computer crimes, which were substantially



rewritten in 2005. This advisory committee will review the amendments proposed by these three bills, as well as conduct a more general review of computer crimes law to ensure that the law has kept pace with technology and is still up-to-date, and make legislative recommendations to JCOTS regarding such issues

- The Intellectual Property Advisory Committee will be formed to study two bills referred to JCOTS for study by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. HB 1738 (Farrell) relates to contracts for invention development services, and HB 2064 would amend the Virginia Uniform Trade Secrets Act. The advisory committee will review these two bills, along with any related intellectual property issues that arise during the course of the meetings, and make legislative recommendations to JCOTS regarding such issues.

To apply for an appointment, please submit a short letter of intent that includes an outline of your relevant background and interest in the specified advisory committee. If you wish, you may also include a brief resume, although the letter will be the primary focus of consideration for appointment. Applications must be received by **Friday, April 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** to be considered. You may submit your application via e-mail, fax, or the U.S. Mail (e-mail is the preferred method of submission) as follows:

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