



## 2006 Telework Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Telework Advisory Committee met twice during the interim to discuss telework in the Commonwealth. At the first meeting, the group reviewed the Commonwealth's current telework policies and discussed barriers to establishing successful telework policies. The discussion quickly moved into a discussion of the deployment of a broadband infrastructure in the Commonwealth, because without access to broadband, an employee does not have an effective means of telecommuting. Because of this discussion, the second meeting was focused almost exclusively on different models utilized for the broadband deployment.

The Advisory Committee was originally convened to review House Bill 1240, referred to JCOTS by the 2006 Session of the General Assembly. While the committee did not make any recommendations specific to the details of that bill, the committee did agree, by consensus, that pursuing an effective telework policy for the Commonwealth and ensuring that necessary policies are in place, is important to assist in transportation, economic development, and worker satisfaction.

### **Recommendations:**

- I. **Continuation of Discussions:** The Telework Advisory Committee recommends that the JCOTS continue discussions related to telework during the 2007 Interim. Specifically, the group recommends to continue to review the deployment of broadband and associated policies. The group also noted that if telework becomes more pervasive in the workplace, workers compensation policies might also require review.