

## Integrated Government Advisory Committee Meeting Summary, October 11, 2005

Delegate Nixon opened by stating that the main purpose of today's meeting was to improve citizen access to state government. Delegate Nixon introduced Scott Somerhalder from Virginia.gov to give a presentation on e-government and Virginia.gov as a portal to citizen services offered by the Commonwealth. Mr. Somerhalder's presentation is available on the JCOTS website.

Delegate Nixon asked Mr. Somerhalder to explain the major impediments to improvements with the website. One of the goals cited by Mr. Somerhalder was to make Virginia.gov easier to use and building on customer feedback. Delegate Nixon was also interested in hearing what were the most frequently used portals on Virginia.gov. Mr. Somerhalder did not have the information available but was going to get back to Delegate Nixon on this matter.

Patrick Cushing, JCOTS Staff Attorney, presented the changes made to the existing JCOTS website. Patrick compared the old website with the new website to show the more logical structure and ease of access to information. Comments from the advisory committee focused on taking the website one step further towards a more professional looking site. Some members also expressed an interest in having more archived information available on the website. There was also mention of using the website as a tool for receiving public comment. Basically the site needed a more refined content management system.

Lisa Wallmeyer, JCOTS Director, presented her preliminary report on electronic tolling, which is available on the JCOTS website. The committee asked Lisa to look into the report recently published by the EZ Pass consortium to help identify where e-tolling is going. There was some concern among committee members about the privacy implications of widespread RFID use. Delegate Nixon stated that he would like to see a section in Lisa's report relating to laws that protect private information accessed by RFID, costs of e-tolling vs. standard tolling, and more specific metrics identifying how many toll roads currently exist in the Commonwealth. Lisa plans to have the final draft of the report by the next I-Gov meeting.

The advisory committee then opened discussion on HB 2495, which relates to performance of state contracts by U.S. citizens and legal aliens. The bill would basically restrict all state bodies from contracting with illegal aliens or foreign corporations. The advisory committee unanimously agreed that such a bill would have implications way beyond what was intended and administering such a law would severely restrict economic growth in the Commonwealth.

Finally, Lisa updated the committee on the PPEA/VITA process. No new developments were reported and the meeting was adjourned.