INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED MAR 1 3 2009

Branchville Volunteer Fire Department
Post Office Box 111
15310 Broad Street
Branchville, VA 23828-0111

March 10, 2009

Office of the Sheriff
J. E. Covington, Jr. Captain
Post Office Box 70
Courtland, Virginia 23837-0070

Dear Jim;

Enclosed is the letter you requested Firefighter J. Colby DeWald write detailing the loss of pager serial # 136WFJF540.

We understand, from our conversation, the county will seek reimbursement from their insurance carrier. We're sorry we involved our insurance carrier but there have not been any clear instructions as to how lost equipment is to be handled.

You indicated there were pagers available, in your possession, which could be issued once a letter detailing the loss was received. Please advise me at 647-9089 or 562-0186 when the pager has been programmed for Branchville Fire.

Have a nice day,

C. Justin Overby
Chief

cc: Mike Johnson, County Administrator
Captain Raymond Pope, Property Officer

RECEIVED MAR 12 2009

March 12, 2009

Mr. Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator
Southampton County
PO Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

WHRO PIONEER AWARDS

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your sponsorship of the 6th Annual WHRO Pioneer Awards held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. With your help, we raised much needed funds to support WHRO's local programming and education initiatives in Hampton Roads.

WHRO's Pioneer Award honors individuals or organizations who have made significant and lasting contributions in the fields of public broadcasting and education telecommunications, and who have improved the quality of life in the Hampton Roads. This year, 363 guests joined WHRO to celebrate the valuable work of Williamsburg humanitarian Lois S. Hornsby and former WHRO President and General Manager John R. Morison.

Sponsorships of $500 and higher received acknowledgement in the Pioneer Awards event program book, on event signage, in the upcoming May edition of *Dimensions*, the WHRO Member Guide, and on the WHRO website.

According to our records, **Southampton County** contributed **$2,500** to the Pioneer Awards and received **$700** in goods and services (6 tickets to the Pioneer Awards and a half page ad in the event program).

The tax deductible amount of your contribution is $1,800.

WHRO is a non-profit organization. Please consult with your tax advisor regarding deductibility of your donation.

Again, we greatly appreciate your participation and hope you will join us again next year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (757) 888-9358 or via email at Jan.Johnson@whro.org.

Thank you again for your support,

Jan Johnson

Jan Johnson
Donor Relations Manager

Dear Mike, County Board Members and Staff,

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers in remembrance of our mother on her passing.

Your kindness, prayers and remembrances are deeply appreciated. We were blessed for so long with my parents devoted marriage, committment to each other and God and their everyday example of that committment.

Again we say thanks

Family of Alberta West

Ronnie & Cindy

Donnie & Andrea

Your kind expression

of sympathy

is gratefully acknowledged

and deeply appreciated

RECEIVED MAR 0 6 2009

ReEnergy
HOLDINGS LLC

Renewable Energy &
Innovative Waste Solutions

20 Century Hill Drive, Suite 203
Latham, NY 12110

reenergyholdings.com

February 26, 2009

Mr. Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Southampton County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Chairman Jones:

Thank you once again for endorsing the process that will allow ReEnergy Holdings to prepare and present a final, complete proposal for the privatization of all of SPSA's assets. We remain committed to present a final proposal to you and the other SPSA member communities within 60 days after the commencement of our due diligence process. This should allow you the opportunity to compare our definitive proposal to privatize all of SPSA's assets to SPSA's alternative to privatize just the waste-to-energy facility and the other debt restructuring options which we understand are currently being analyzed by the CAO group.

The importance of our gaining access on a timely basis to SPSA's documents, facilities, and certain SPSA staff members cannot be understated. To this end, Vince Mastracco of Kaufman & Canoles submitted a letter to SPSA on Tuesday, February 24th to formally present a majority of the member communities' expressions of interest and request a date to begin our due diligence efforts. At the SPSA Board meeting held on Wednesday, February 25th, however, SPSA did not take any public action on our request to commence our due diligence review.

ReEnergy is prepared to immediately commence this due diligence effort in a manner that will be efficient, expedited, and minimally disruptive to the SPSA organization. We are sensitive to the fact that several of the senior management team at SPSA have recently left the agency and thus we will accommodate the scheduling of time with key staff members, which is an important part of the due diligence process.

ReEnergy also wants to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to underwrite the expenses related to a third-party independent advisor who would be retained by the eight member communities to assess the fairness of our proposal, including a comparison to the SPSA waste-to-energy privatization option.

We will keep you informed on our progress, and appreciate your continued support for a transparent, open process. Please do not hesitate to contact Vince Mastracco or me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Larry Richardson
Principal & Executive Officer

cc: Mr. Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator
Mr. Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Esq.

City of Franklin
VIRGINIA
Growth • Community • Spirit

June Fleming
Interim City Manager

RECEIVED MAR 0 2 2009

February 23, 2009

Mr. W. Douglas Caskey
Isle of Wight County Administrator
Post Office Box 80
Isle of Wight, VA 23397

Mr. Michael W. Johnson
Southampton County Administrator
Post Office Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Regional Cooperation Efforts

Dear Doug and Mike:

I am pleased to report that the Franklin City Council unanimously authorized joint meetings between the City of Franklin, Isle of Wight County and Southampton County to discuss various topics to include Economic Development, an Airport Authority and possible solutions for disposal of municipal solid waste responsive to the current situation with SPSA. James P. Councill, Mayor, Raystine Johnson, Vice Mayor, and myself will represent the Council.

I look forward to hearing from Carey Mills Storm in Isle of Wight with regard to the setting of dates and times to meet.

Sincerely,

June Fleming,
Interim City Manager

207 West 2nd Avenue, Post Office Box 179, Franklin, Virginia 23851 – 757-562-8503 – Fax 757-562-7982
E-Mail: *jfleming@franklinva.com* – City Web Site: www.franklinva.com

Virginia Cooperative Extension

A partnership of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University

VirginiaTech
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

School of Agriculture
Virginia State University

Southampton County Extension Office
P.O. Box 10
21300 Plank Rd.
Courtland, VA 23837
757/653-2572 Fax: 757/653-2849
E-mail: ebonnett@vt.edu
www.vt.edu

RECEIVED FEB 26 2009

February 23, 2009

To Anyone Interested in Attending 4-H Camp,

The time to start registration for the 2009 4-H Camp is now! Southampton County will be camping with Isle of Wight County for 4-H Camp this year. The Southampton/Isle of Wight County 4-H Camp will be held July 6-10, 2009 at Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield, Virginia. 4-H camp is a great opportunity for youth to meet new friends, participate in classes, participate in new activities, and to have fun.

Enclosed you will find a registration flyer for this years 4-H Camp. Registration deadline for this year's 4-H camp is April 24, 2009 or until all slots are filled. A $50 deposit is due at the time of registration for all camp slots. Final payment for camp is due on May 29, 2009. The camper fee for 2009 4-H Camp is $175. Slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information including the registration form that must be filled out and returned to the Extension Office. All forms must be delivered to the Southampton County Extension Office at 21300 Plank Road, Courtland, VA or mailed to P.O. Box 10, Courtland, VA 23837.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 757-653-2572 or ebonnett@vt.edu.

With 4-H Spirit,

Erika Bonnett

Erika Bonnett
Associate Extension Agent, 4-H
VCE-Southampton County

Enclosure

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations for this event, please contact the Southampton County Extension Office at 757-653-2572 during the business hours of 8am-5pm to discuss accommodations at least 30 days prior to the event.

www.ext.vt.edu

Extension is a joint program of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local governments.

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

A partnership of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University

VirginiaTech
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

School of Agriculture
Virginia State University

Southampton County Extension Office
P.O. Box 10
21300 Plank Rd.
Courtland, VA 23837
757/653-2572 Fax: 757/653-2849
E-mail: ebonnett@vt.edu
www.vt.edu

RECEIVED FEB 2 6 2009

February 25, 2009

Dear Teens:

Wow, how quickly this year has went by so far. Can you believe that it is already almost March? With that said I am enclosing two great opportunities for you to participate in during the next two months. These are both leadership building activities for 14-19 year old 4-Hers.

In March we will be having the Southeast District 4-H Leadership Retreat (March 20-21). This will be a fun district wide event that will give you the chance to learn more about YOUR leadership skills, meet people from all over Southeast Virginia, have fun, and much more. The theme for this year is "Be All You Can Be . . . . Make the Best Better". There will be classes such as cyber leader, reality leader, financial leader, citizen leader, and a challenge course/team building. Learn more about what these classes are and registration information in the enclosed brochure.

The second opportunity is Spring Teen Fling on April 3-5, 2009. This is a District wide event in which teens get the chance to meet with other teens, learn more about district events, take interesting classes, and much more. Please see the Spring Fling brochure for more information and registration information for this event.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 757-653-2572 or you can email me at ebonnett@vt.edu.

With 4-H Spirit,

Erika Bonnett

Erika Bonnett
Associate Extension Agent, 4-H
VCE-Southampton County

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this event, please contact the Southampton Extension Office at 757-653-2572 during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 30 days prior to the event.

www.ext.vt.edu

Extension is a joint program of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local governments.

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
RICHMOND

ROSLYN C. TYLER
25359 BLUE STAR HIGHWAY
JARRATT, VIRGINIA 23867

SEVENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

RECEIVED FEB 25 2009

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
EDUCATION
GENERAL LAWS
MILITIA, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

February 23, 2009

The Honorable Nick Kitchen, Mayor
P. O. Box 189
Capron, VA 23829

Dear Mayor Kitchen:

I received an e-mail from Mary Beth Washington regarding stimulus money for your 3 projects for Capron that are water and security issues. These projects may be eligible for funding based on the stimulus guidelines. However, the money will be allocated to the Southampton County Board of Supervisors regarding proposed projects. Please contact your county board representative, Moses Wyche and County Administrator, Mike Johnson to make them aware of the projects in Capron and funding requests.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Delegate Roslyn Tyler

Cc: Moses Wyche, Capron District Representative
Mike Johnson, County Administrator

DISTRICT: (434) 336-1710 • RICHMOND: (804) 698-1075 • E-MAIL: DELRTYLER@HOUSE.STATE.VA.US

RECEIVED FEB 2 4 2009

19 February 2009

The Honorable Roslyn Tyler
Virginia House of Delegates
General Assembly Building
P.O. Box 406
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Ms. Tyler:

I am writing in response to your letter to the editor published in the "Tidewater News" February 11, 2009. In the letter you stated that you are "against the Navy building a landing field in communities that do not want one without seeking other alternatives prior to making final decisions." I appreciate your obligation to address the concerns of your constituents, and understand the nature of those concerns.

In fact, the Navy is committed to seeking public input and exhaustively examining all viable alternatives prior to making a final decision with respect to the OLF. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, we are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to inform our decision with respect to the five potential OLF sites. We continue to work with agencies in the Commonwealth and the State of North Carolina, as well as other organizations and academic institutions, to find compatible activities at these sites that could benefit communities located in the vicinity of an OLF. These are real benefits, beyond what the OLF would bring to the region. They could potentially include protection and enhancement of the natural environment, testing for increased sustainability of aquifer systems, lease opportunities to increase county revenues, facilitating community accepted development, and/or assistance in keeping the land in its natural state to preserve the rural way of life these counties cherish.

The Navy does not wish to impose its vision of the future on any county or region but can provide assistance in implementing the county's vision, whether it is economic development or retaining a rural environment. I remain ready to meet with you and local officials to better understand that vision and to work for a solution that both meets our real national security requirements and supports the long term goals of the community.

Notably, the Navy has not yet made any final decisions. At present we are investigating five sites, three of which are in Virginia and two in North Carolina. All of these sites are being examined equally, with no preferred alternative identified. This summer we anticipate publishing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This document may identify one or more preferred alternatives, but will not constitute a final decision. That decision cannot be made until at least 30 days after publication of the Final EIS which is not expected until the summer of 2010.

Again, I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and local representatives to discuss ways we can mitigate adverse impacts as well as opportunities to enhance the economy and environment of the community.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral D. O. Anderson, USN
Vice Commander
U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Cc:
The Honorable Timothy Kaine
The Honorable Frederick Quayle
The Honorable Harry Blevins
The Honorable Louise Lucas
The Honorable Ken Stolle
The Honorable John Cosgrove
The Honorable William Barlow
The Honorable Riley Ingram
The Honorable Barry Knight
Mr. Robert Crouch, Office of Commonwealth Preparedness
Secretary Patrick Gottschalk, Commerce and Trade
Mr. David Paylor, Director Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Tyrone Franklin, Surry County Administrator
Mr. Michael Johnson, Southampton County Administrator
Ms. Mary Jones, Sussex County Administrator

Thursday, 12 February 2009

15. Delegate Urges Others To Join Anti-OLF Movement

(TIDEWATERNEWS.COM (OPED) 11FEB09)...Delegate Roslyn Tyler, House of Delegates 75th District

These press clips are prepared by the COMFLTFORCOM public affairs office to inform key personnel of news items of interest to them in their official capacities. They are not intended to substitute for newspapers or periodicals as a means of keeping informed about the meaning and impact of news developments. Selection or distribution of articles does not imply endorsement. Further reproduction for private use or gain is subject to original copyright restrictions.

15. Delegate Urges Others To Join Anti-OLF Movement

(TIDEWATERNEWS.COM (OPED) 11FEB09)...Delegate Roslyn Tyler, House of Delegates 75th District

To the Editor:

Last week the Virginians against the Outlying Landing Field Committee held public meetings in Sussex, Southampton and Surry counties for the purpose of updating residents on the Navy's OLF project.

Your Board of Supervisors members, committee chairman Tony Clark, consultant attorney Barry Steinberg and I are working long hours to protect your quality of life in Southside Virginia. However, everyone's support is necessary and vitally important to win this fight.

As you are aware, the Navy has selected three sites in Virginia for the OLF. All three are located in Southside Virginia.

The Dory Site is located in Southampton County. The Mason Site is located in Sussex County and the Cabin Point Site is located in Surry County. By no means am I against the Navy and the training of its pilots. However, I am against the Navy building a landing field in communities that do not want one without seeking other alternatives prior to making final decisions. Additionally, I do not support the loss of family farms, the reduction of county revenue, the adverse environmental conditions and the disturbance of peace and tranquility of our rural communities.

We have been working on this issue for the past 13 months. Mid-summer, the Navy will hold public hearings to address concerns and questions gathered from the scoping meeting held last summer. The final decision will be made by Congress in Washington, D.C., and the future governor of Virginia. Please help us in our fight.

Washington County, N.C., did it. We can, too! Contact your state legislators in Richmond, congressmen and senators in Washington, D.C., and gubernatorial candidates to voice your concerns. Together, we can make a difference.

Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.
A Waste Management Company
4 Liberty Lane West
Hampton, NH 03842

February 19, 2009

RECEIVED FEB 2 3 2009

Mayors and Members of City Councils
Chairs and Members of Boards of Supervisors
City Managers
County Administrators
City and County Attorneys,

Dear Madams and Sirs,

There has been much in the news, and on your respective agendas, regarding the fate of the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA). There is understandable urgency to restructure SPSA's operations so residents and businesses will continue to receive safe and effective waste disposal services.

You should know that SPSA has already started down a path to sell or outsource key assets and services. My firm, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. (Wheelabrator), was designated in a competitive bidding process, under the Commonwealth's comprehensive PPEA process, as one of two operators qualified to buy the waste-to-energy (WTE) plant in Portsmouth. A sale to Wheelabrator will enable SPSA to significantly reduce its debt and municipal tip fees without signing long-term contracts or relinquishing control and ownership of all assets.

In accordance with SPSA's procurement regulations, Wheelabrator has contributed a substantial sum of money to the Authority to fund the comprehensive review of our purchase proposal and operation plan. In addition, we have invested hundreds of man-hours in due diligence inspections of the Portsmouth facility. We would not be doing this if we did not feel it has a long and productive future.

We believe SPSA is pursuing a responsible course in determining the final disposition of the WTE plant. Wheelabrator, which is well capitalized, has more than 30 years experience in its field and a strong environmental and safety record. We are working expeditiously with SPSA staff and consultants to furnish all relevant materials and fully expect the Authority to select a new facility operator by June 30.

I have met recently with several appointed and elected officials in your area and would be pleased to have an opportunity to address your entire Council or Board of Supervisors regarding Wheelabrator and the benefits of selecting a private sector operator of the WTE portion of SPSA's system. In that regard, Jack Ristau, Wheelabrator's Vice President for Business Development, will make a presentation to the SPSA Board of Directors on February 25.

In the meantime, I have enclosed information about Wheelabrator's experience and capabilities. We look forward to operating the WTE facility and providing dependable waste management services in the six cities and counties that comprise the SPSA service area.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Schwartz

Mark Schwartz
Senior Manager, Business Development

WASTE MANAGEMENT

"Team exercises were most beneficial. Discussion of analyses was most interesting. I found them thought provoking and they opened my eyes to issues and creative solutions I had not thought of on my own."

We will be building on our initial success with the second course, "Human Resource, Financial and Performance Management for Local Government Managers," which began January 21st. Jack Tuttle, City Manager of Williamsburg, is teaching this course from the Richmond Center.

Negotiations are ongoing with Virginia Tech to integrate the four Certificate courses into the regular MPA program. We hope to offer the introductory course to interested students as early as the fall of 2009. Once we receive approval for this initiative, we will be marketing the program to both local government employees and others. The new financial model will not require individual local governments to sponsor students or provide direct financial support.

Thank you again for your support for this effort to prepare the next generation of local government managers. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 540-448-1102.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Stripling

The Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management

A four-course graduate certificate program emphasizing:

- Local Government and the Professional Manager
- Human Resource, Financial, and Performance Management for Local Government Managers
- The Context of Local Government Management
- Local Economic Development Planning

A partnership between Virginia Tech's Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP) and the Virginia Local Government Management Association

VirginiaTech
Invent the Future™

Center for Public Administration and Policy

School of Public & International Affairs

The College of Architecture and Urban Studies

The Rationale:

The Commonwealth of Virginia has long benefited from the service of highly qualified local public managers. However, many from this cadre of professional public managers are approaching the end of their careers, and there is currently a serious need to develop the next generation of competent public managers who will provide leadership for local governments and local agencies in the coming decades. The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has identified this as one of the most important issues that local governments will face in the coming decade. The certificate program responds to these impending demographic changes among local government managers in the commonwealth as well as throughout the other forty-nine states.

The Virginia Tech Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP), in partnership with the Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA), has developed a new graduate certificate program in local government management in order to help address this pressing workforce development need in the Commonwealth.

The Students:

The central goal of the program is to offer graduate-level training in local government management that both prepares pre-career students for capable public service at the local level and enhances the capacities of existing local government employees who aspire to be town, city, or county manager or assistant/deputy managers. In-career professionals currently working in local government positions form the first cohort in this graduate certificate program. They include local government managers, assistant directors, department heads, budget and policy analysts, engineers, and planners as well as other professionals from operating departments of local governments.

Students who complete the graduate certificate are encouraged to continue their studies on their own in a master's program with the university. The credits earned as part of this certificate can be applied to a Masters of Public Administration degree with Virginia Tech, a program which offers courses in Blacksburg, Alexandria, and Richmond.

The Curriculum:

The graduate certificate consists of four 3-credit hour courses – for a total of twelve hours of graduate coursework. Students are required to complete all four courses in order to earn the credential.

PAPA 5044 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGER

Explores the institutions and systems in which public administrators work, and the dynamics of public administration within the larger political, economic and social environment. A special focus is placed on the local government management profession, the evolution of the council-manager government, and the core ethical and democratic values of the profession. Skills necessary for effective local government managers, including critical strategic thinking, communication, and organizational and community leadership competencies, are reviewed. The course explores career management approaches for the local government managers and considers the implication of future trends in local government management and the profession.

PAPA 6354 ADVANCED TOPICS IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT: HUMAN RESOURCE, FINANCIAL, AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS

An examination at an advanced level of selected managerial processes in the public sector. This course will focus on

local government human resource, financial management, information technology, and performance management process(s) that managers must use when working in local government organizations. Additionally, topics will include public procurement, risk management, safety management, franchise agreements, and contracting for municipal services.

PAPA 6154 ADVANCED TOPICS IN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS: THE CONTEXT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT IN VIRGINIA

Examines the powers, structure, roles and responsibilities of the local government within the U.S. federal system and Virginia from the perspective of the local government manager. Considers the election process, state legislative process, state/local relations, and intergovernmental relations that constitute important internal and external forces in the local management environment. Explores the state/local government delivery systems for public education, public safety, transportation, public health, social services, environmental quality, criminal justice, and public works and utilities, as well as other programs that are provided either partly or wholly by local governments.

UAP 5874/PAPA 5874 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

This course will focus on local government management and community development. It will examine the local government management process that supports community and economic development, including local and regional planning processes, growth management, urban design for creating livable communities, property law, and local government tools and strategies for securing economic and community development. In addition, it will focus on the managerial competencies required for leading the community and economic activities of local governments.

The Approach:

Students will be exposed to a full spectrum of local government issues, service delivery options, and management tools. The analysis of a real life, local government case study is central to each classroom experience and these case studies will be used within the courses to emphasize the relationship between the political and management worlds which all local government managers must understand and navigate in order to be successful.

The Opportunity:

The Graduate Certificate Program in Local Government Management is currently being offered through a contract with the Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA). The inaugural cohort of 26 students began their coursework with the start of fall semester 2008 and will complete their coursework by spring semester 2010.

The Center for Public Administration and Policy is exploring opportunities to expand the program so that these and other local government courses may be offered more frequently and to a broader student audience. We would invite local government professionals who are interested in participating in the program as individuals or who would like to discuss providing the graduate certificate for their organization on a contract basis to contact us.

www.cpe.vt.edu/localgov/

Virginia Tech does not discriminate against employees, students, or applicants for admission or employment on the basis of race, gender, disability, age, veteran status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation. Anyone having questions concerning discrimination should contact the Office for Equal Opportunity.

The Graduate Certificate Program in Local Government Management is a partnership between the Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) and Virginia Tech's Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP) created to provide qualified local government professionals currently in service with a challenging, master's level, and real world-based educational opportunity in local government management and public policy. This graduate certificate program consists of four graduate level courses that engage faculty, practitioners, and graduate students in systematic research and study designed to improve the quality of local government management, policy making, and public service.

For More Information

Bob Stripling
Professor of Practice
P.O. Box 1042
Staunton, Virginia 24402
Phone: 540-448-1102
Email: chars08@vt.edu

Scott Weimer
Assistant Director
Virginia Tech
Continuing and Professional Education
702 University City Blvd., (0364)
Blacksburg, VA 24061
Phone: 540/231-7887
Fax: 540/231-9886
Email: weimers@vt.edu

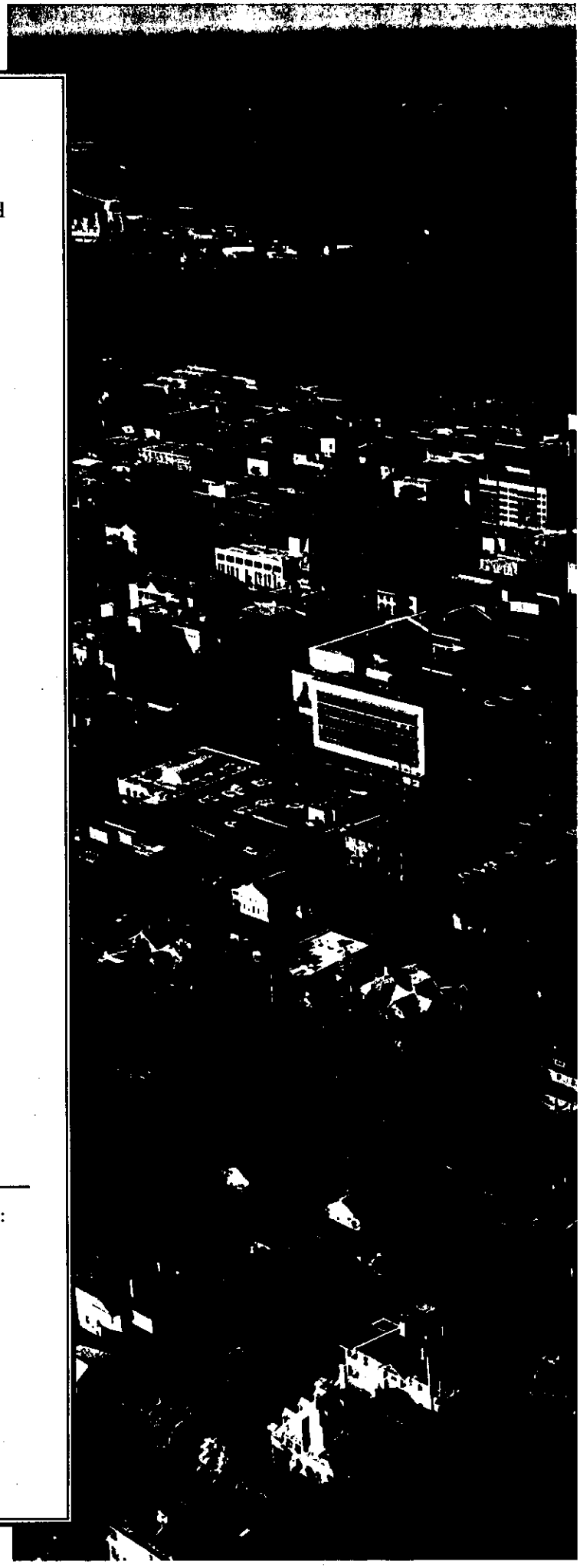
www.cpe.vt.edu/localgov/

CPAP
Center for Public Administration & Policy

VLGMA
Virginia Local Government Management Association

The following localities are represented in the first student cohort:

Town of Abingdon
Town of Blacksburg
Botetourt County
City of Charlottesville
Fairfax County
Town of Glasgow
Henry County
Loudoun County
City of Lynchburg
City of Newport News
Pulaski County
Roanoke County
Town of Rocky Mount
Southampton County
City of Staunton
City of Williamsburg



RECEIVED FEB 17 2009

February 13, 2009

The Honorable Michael W. Johnson
Mayor
County of Southampton
Cty Admin, 26022 Administration Center Dr
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mayor Johnson:

I wanted to let you know about an important step Charter has taken to improve our financial structure. Specifically, we recently reached an agreement-in-principle with a key group of our bondholders to significantly reduce our debt and increase our financial flexibility. This agreement, once approved and effective, will reduce our debt by $8 billion. In addition, these bondholders will invest more than $3 billion in Charter, which will both refinance current debt and provide new capital. Their willingness to increase their investment in Charter underscores their confidence in our business.

In order to implement the plan as expeditiously as possible, we anticipate seeking court approval of the agreement in a voluntary Chapter 11 filing sometime before April 1st. As you may know, the Chapter 11 process is specifically designed to enable companies to continue to operate as usual while they develop and implement financial restructuring plans. Charter is committed to serving our customers and the communities that we serve, both now and in the years ahead.

Charter's operations are strong -- we just reported the ninth consecutive quarter of adjusted EBITDA growth. And as of February 11, we had approximately $800 million in cash, and believe that this, combined with our cash from operating activities, will be sufficient to meet Charter's projected cash needs, including the payment of normal operating costs and expenses, as we proceed with our financial restructuring. We believe that the financial restructuring actions we are taking will help us maximize Charter's underlying value. We are committed to bringing our customers the best, most reliable services, and we look forward to being their provider of choice for high quality video, internet and telephone services for many years to come.

We value our relationship with your community and will work to maintain this relationship throughout this process. We appreciate that our 5.5 million customers rely on us for their communications and entertainment needs. I want to assure you that we are committed to emerging from this process as a stronger, more competitive company and a valuable partner to the communities we serve, our customers and our vendors for many years to come. We will work to ensure that our operations continue as usual and that service to our customers will not be interrupted. In addition, we will continue to pay all franchise fees and other amounts due under our franchise agreements.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 864-254-7408 or Jim Corrin, Charter's Director of Government Relations, at 864-254-7409.

Sincerely,

Anthony Pope
Vice President/General Manager

South Carolina / North Carolina / Virginia KMA • 2 Digital Place, 4th Floor • P.O. Box 367 • Simpsonville, SC 29681
www.charter.com • tel: 864.254.7408 • fax: 864.254.7491