

**REPORT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUDGET**

**Use of Funds Appropriated for
Postsecondary Education
Opportunities in Southside Virginia**

**TO THE GOVERNOR AND
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



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The Honorable John H. Chichester
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
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The Honorable Vincent Callahan, Jr.
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
Post Office Box 1173
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Messrs. Chairman:

Item 506. M of Chapter 951, 2005 Virginia Acts of Assembly, provides \$1.0 million to support the "coordinated and cooperative development of postsecondary educational opportunity in Southside Virginia." I am writing to notify you that the Department of Planning and Budget is preparing to transfer funds in accordance with the act based on recommendations from the Secretary of Education.

The transfers are as follows:

1. \$300,000 to the Office of the Secretary of Education for distribution to the New College Planning Commission, committee of the Harvest Foundation, to implement the terms of the November 11, 2005 Memorandum of Understanding between Virginia Tech and the New College of Virginia Planning Commission;
2. \$300,000 to the Office of the Secretary of Education for distribution to the New College of Virginia Planning Commission, committee of the Harvest Foundation, to support efforts to increase college readiness and access, and for administrative support, student services, office expenses and facilities assessments;
3. \$170,000 to Longwood University to support the expansion of the Southern Regional Technology Consortium to Henry and Patrick counties and to the City of Martinsville (\$150,000) and to help offset costs associated with a Summit on Economic Development in Southside (\$20,000);
4. \$100,000 to the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, to expand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and training for K-12 teachers and students and businesses throughout the region; and,

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5. \$30,000 to the Office of the Secretary of Education for distribution to the Patrick County Education Foundation, to support college access programs;

Please note that the \$100,000 listed in the act for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia was previously allocated to the agency. Please feel free to contact me or the Honorable Peter Blake, Secretary of Education, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Brown

c: The Honorable John M. Bennett
The Honorable Michael J. Schewel
The Honorable Peter Blake
Dr. Daniel J. LaVista