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Dear Governor Kaine and Members of the General Assembly:

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Economic Crisis Strike Force regarding its activities and accomplishments. This report is submitted pursuant to §2.2-205.1 of the Code of Virginia. I serve as chairman of the strike force, and several cabinet members and agency directors are members. The statute requires the Economic Crisis Strike Force to report its activities each year.

Chapters 79 and 80 of the 2006 Acts of Assembly codified the Economic Crisis Strike Force to “respond as needed to economic disasters in Virginia communities by (i) immediately providing a single point of contact for citizens in affected communities to assist with accessing available government and private sector services and resources, (ii) assisting localities in developing short-term and long-term strategies for addressing the economic crisis, and (iii) identifying opportunities for workforce retraining, job creation, and new investment.” Subsection E of the Act defines “economic disaster” as an employment loss of at least 5% during the immediately preceding six-month period, the closure or downsizing of a major regional employer in an economically distressed area, a natural disaster or act of terrorism for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency, or other economic crisis situation, which in the opinion of the Governor adversely affect the welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

During the 2006 calendar year, the Strike Force has held one meeting and has established one Coordinated Relief Center in Galax (serving Grayson County, Carroll County and Galax) to respond to large economic dislocations in that area.

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**Coordinated Economic Relief Center:**

Early in 2006, Galax Mayor C.M. Mitchell requested that the Governor establish a Coordinated Economic Relief Center in Galax to respond to significant job losses over the preceding 6-month period. The Governor approved the creation of a center on March 21, 2006.

The Galax Coordinated Economic Relief Center (CERC), or "Strike Force Center" is located at 974 East Stuart Drive in Galax and opened on April 21, 2006. The Strike Force Center continues to provide displaced workers and low-income families with a single point of entry for access to a full array of services. As of November 1, 2006, the Center has served a total of 1,385 citizens. The Center has provided 10,152 referrals to partner agencies for services. More than 300 customers secured employment after being served by the Center and 140 customers have been enrolled in Trade Act and WIA training programs. Since the opening in April 2006, the Center has sponsored 34 Job Fairs involving 84 employers that were attended by 381 jobseekers. The CERC operation has been extended for an additional six-month period through April 21, 2007, which will represent a full twelve months of operation.

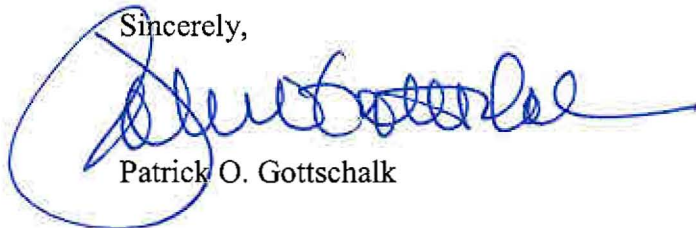
Most recently, the Strike Force organized a Regional Job Fair held on November 16, 2006 in partnership with the Crossroads Institute, Local Workforce Investment Board, and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance. Forty-five area employers participated in the fair, along with several Strike Force Center partners. The Regional Job Fair was an overwhelming success, and served almost 1,600 job seekers.

The One-Stop Operator staff of the Galax VEC has acted as liaison with the Workforce Investment Board and the Consortium of Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEO) and WIB Area II Workforce Centers to integrate service-delivery with the One-Stop Delivery System.

Two tables are attached for your information. The first categorizes client referrals made by the Galax CERC, and indicates the broad range of services required in the community. The second table indicates the outcomes from those referrals.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information about this important program.

Sincerely,



Patrick O. Gottschalk

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cc: The Honorable William H. Leighty  
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<b>Galax Strike Force Center Referrals</b>	
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Carroll Co. Adult Ed.	6
Chamber of Commerce	0
Crossroads Institute	16
Department of Child Support Enforcement	29
Department of Labor and Industry	77
District III Senior Services	22
DSS- Carroll Co.	123
DSS- Galax	72
DSS- Grayson County	65
Goodwill Industries( <i>formerly Experience Works</i> )	70
FAMIS	118
Galax Adult Ed.	4
Grayson Co. Adult Ed.	0
Grayson National Bank	29
Job Corp	10
Medical/Dental/Counseling Referrals	2
Mountain Shelter	497
Mt. Rogers Adult Ed.	551
Mt. Rogers CSB	5
Mt. Rogers Health District	68
New River Valley Medication Assistance	7
Other Community Agencies	142
Radford Family Health Clinics	100
Rooftop of VA CAP	92
SHARE	115
Southwest Virginia Legal Aide	11
Twin County Regional Hospital	59
Virginia Dept. Rehabilitative Services	150
Virginia Dept. Veterans Services	126
VHDA	3
WIA Adult	71
WIA Dislocated Worker Program	34



	WIA Youth	5
	Willing Partners	81
	Wytheville Community College	127
	Resource Room	347
	VEC Unemployment	1690
	VEC Trade	3943
	VEC Job Services	1868
	VEC Veterans Services	46
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>10781</b>

**GALAX COORDINATED RELIEF CENTER OUTCOMES**

Referred To	Outcome Description	Total Outcomes
District III Senior Services	AA Application Submitted	2
District III Senior Services	AA Application Not Submitted	1
District III Senior Services	AA Title V Older Worker Services Provided	0
District III Senior Services	AA Employed	0
District III Senior Services	AA Did not meet criteria for enrollment	1
Grayson County Adult Education	AE Received Education Assistance	0
Grayson County Adult Education	AE Did not Receive Education Assistance	0
Job Corp	BH Met Criteria for Service	6
Job Corp	BH Did Not Meet Criteria for Service	0
Virginia Housing Development Authority	BR Met Criteria for Service	0
Virginia Housing Development Authority	BR Did Not Meet Criteria for Service	0
WIA YOUTH	CC Enrolled Intensive Svcs	2
WIA YOUTH	CC Enrolled in Training	0
WIA YOUTH	CC Provided Program Information	0
WIA YOUTH	CC Did not meet criteria for enrollment	0
FAMIS	CP Application Submitted	42
FAMIS	CP Application Not Submitted	43
FAMIS	CP Provided Health Care Insurance	22
FAMIS	CP Did not meet criteria for enrollment	11
DSS - Grayson County	DM TANF No (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM VIEW Yes (Eligible)	0

DSS - Grayson County	DM VIEW No (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM Food Stamps Yes (Eligible)	11
DSS - Grayson County	DM Food Stamps No (Not Eligible)	1
DSS - Grayson County	DM Medicaid Yes (Eligible)	3
DSS - Grayson County	DM Medicaid No (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM SLH Yes (Eligible)	1
DSS - Grayson County	DM SLH No (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM Child Care Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM Child Care NO (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM Information and Referral	48
DSS - Grayson County	DM EAP Fuel Yes	1
DSS - Grayson County	DM EAP Fuel No	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM EAP Cooling No	1
DSS - Grayson County	DM EAP Crisis Yes	1
DSS - Grayson County	DM EAP Crisis No	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM TANF Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Grayson County	DM EAP Cooling Yes	1
DSS - Galax	DS TANF Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Galax	DS TANF No (Not Eligible)	1
DSS - Galax	DS VIEW Yes (Eligible)	1
DSS - Galax	DS VIEW No (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Galax	DS Food Stamps Yes (Eligible)	16
DSS - Galax	DS Food Stamps No (Not Eligible)	2
DSS - Galax	DS Medicaid Yes (Eligible)	2
DSS - Galax	DS Medicaid No (Not Eligible)	1
DSS - Galax	DS SLH Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Galax	DS SLH No (Not Eligible)	2
DSS - Galax	DS Child Care Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Galax	DS Child Care NO (Not Eligible)	0
DSS - Galax	DS Information and Referral	33
DSS - Galax	DS EAP Fuel Yes	1
DSS - Galax	DS EAP Fuel No	1
DSS - Galax	DS EAP Cooling Yes	1
DSS - Galax	DS EAP Cooling No	0
DSS - Galax	DS EAP Crisis Yes	0
DSS - Galax	DS EAP Crisis No	0
Department of Labor & Industry	DT Receive Services	44
Department of Labor & Industry	DT Did not Receive Services	11
Goodwill Industries (formerly Experience Works)	EW Provided Information	48
Experience Works	EW Enrolled in Program	6
Experience Works	EW Did not meet criteria for enrollment	21



Medical/Dental/Counseling Referrals	Did not Receive Medical Services	0
Medical/Dental/Counseling Referrals	Received Medical Services	0
Resource Room	G5 Received Staff Assisted Services	251
Resource Room	G6 Did not Receive Staff Assisted Svcs	74
MT Rogers CSB	Received Services	0
MT Rogers CSB	Did not Receive Services	0
Southwest VA Legal Aid	Met Criteria for Service	0
Southwest VA Legal Aid	Did Not Meet Criteria for Service	0
Mt. Rogers Health District	HM Contact Made	22
Mt. Rogers Health District	HM Contact Not Made	22
Mt. Rogers Health District	HM Health Services Provided	3
Mt. Rogers Health District	HM Received Information	20
Mt. Rogers Health District	HM Did not meet criteria for assistance	4
DSS - Carroll County	IR TANF Yes (Eligible)	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR TANF No (Not Eligible)	2
DSS - Carroll County	IR VIEW No (Not Eligible)	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR Food Stamps Yes (Eligible)	11
DSS - Carroll County	IR VIEW Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Carroll County	IR Food Stamps No (Not Eligible)	6
DSS - Carroll County	IR Medicaid Yes (Eligible)	3
DSS - Carroll County	IR Medicaid No (Not Eligible)	2
DSS - Carroll County	IR SLH Yes (Eligible)	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR SLH No (Not Eligible)	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR Child Care Yes (Eligible)	0
DSS - Carroll County	IR Child Care NO (Not Eligible)	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR Information and Referral	71
DSS - Carroll County	IR EAP Fuel Yes	4
DSS - Carroll County	IR EAP Fuel No	3
DSS - Carroll County	IR EAP Cooling Yes	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR EAP Crisis Yes	1
DSS - Carroll County	IR EAP Crisis No	2
DSS - Carroll County	IR EAP Cooling No	2
Grayson National Bank	KF Provided Services	19
Grayson National Bank	KF Did not Provide Services	7
Department of Child Support Enforcement	LA Received Services	20

Department of Child Support Enforcement	LA Did not Receive Services	2
Appalachian Independence Center	Met Criteria for Service	0
Appalachian Independence Center	Did Not Meet Criteria for Service	0
Twin County Regional Hospital	LS Financial Counseling Assistance Provided	22
Twin County Regional Hospital	LS Application Taken for Assistance/Employment	2
Twin County Regional Hospital	LS Contact Made	35
Twin County Regional Hospital	LS Contact Not Made	5
Twin County Regional Hospital	LS Healthcare information/Referral Provided	24
Twin County Regional Hospital	LS Did not Meet Criteria	1
NRV MAP	MC Received Services	0
NRV MAP	MC Did not Receive Services	0
SHARE	Received Services	40
SHARE	Did not Receive Services	13
Mount Rogers Adult Education	MR Received Services	493
Mount Rogers Adult Education	MR Did not Receive Services	2
Mountain Shelter	MS Received Budget Counselling	198
Mountain Shelter	MS Did not Receive Services	74
Mountain Shelter	MS Received Financial Asst	48
Virginia Dpt Vet Services	PH Received Counseling Services	62
Virginia Dpt Vet Services	PH Processed Claim	60
Virginia Dpt Vet Services	PH Contact Made	60
Virginia Dpt Vet Services	PH Contact Not Made	13
Virginia Dpt Vet Services	PH Referral to Other Veterans Services	6
Willing Partners	PI Received Services	32
Willing Partners	PI Did not Receive Services	4
VEC Unemployment	PS Meet Criteria	587
VEC Unemployment	PS Did not meet Criteria	23
VEC Unemployment	PS Provided Claim Forms	781
VEC Unemployment	PS Provided Unemployment Information	1343



Chamber of Commerce - Galax/Carroll/Grayson	SA Received Services	0
Chamber of Commerce - Galax/Carroll/Grayson	SA Did not Receive Services	0
Radford University Family Health Clinics	SH Received Services	60
Radford University Family Health Clinics	SH Did not Receive Services	16
Rooftop of Virginia CAP	SM Received Services	21
Rooftop of Virginia CAP	SM Did not Receive Services	24
VEC Trade	Enrolled in Training	152
VEC Trade	Provided Program Information	3905
VEC Trade	Counseling Contact	137
VEC Trade	Conducted Assessment	63
VEC Trade	Intensive Job Search Assistance	108
Galax Adult Education	SV Received Education Assistance	1
Galax Adult Education	SV Did not receive Education Assistance	0
VEC Job Services	VE Secured Employment	283
VEC Job Services	VE Referral	2099
Carroll County Adult Education	VH Received Education Assistance	2
Carroll County Adult Education	VH Did not Receive Education Assistance	0
VA Dept of Rehabilitative Services	VR Did not meet criteria for assistance	1
VA Dept of Rehabilitative Services	VR Contact Made	43
VA Dept of Rehabilitative Services	VR Contact Not Made	1
VA Dept of Rehabilitative Services	VR Application Taken	38
VA Dept of Rehabilitative Services	VR Rehab Services Provided	31
VA Dept of Rehabilitative Services	VR Attended Workshop	3
VEC Veterans Services	VS Received Counseling Services	10
VEC Veterans Services	VS Referred to Job	6
VEC Veterans Services	VS Placed in Job	0
VEC Veterans Services	VS Obtained	0
VEC Veterans Services	VS Referred to Other Veterans Services	12
WIA Adult	WX Enrolled Intensive Svcs	0
WIA Adult	WX Enrolled in Training	2
WIA Adult	WX Provided Program Information	25
WIA Adult	WX Did not meet criteria for enrollment	2



Wytheville Community College	WY Application Submitted	68
Wytheville Community College	WY Application Not Submitted	31
Wytheville Community College	WY Placed in Training	36
Wytheville Community College	WY Attended Workshop	3
Crossroads Institute	XR Received Services	9
Crossroads Institute	XR Did not Receive Services	0
Other Community Agencies	Received Services	41
Other Community Agencies	Did not Receive Services	4
WIA Dislocated Worker	YM Enrolled Intensive Svcs	0
WIA Dislocated Worker	YM Enrolled in Training	0
WIA Dislocated Worker	YM Provided Program Information	24
WIA Dislocated Worker	YM Did not meet criteria for enrollment	2
	Total	12137