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The Honorable Walter A. Stosch Chairman Senate Finance Committee Senate of Virginia 4551 Cox Road, Suite 110 Innsbrook Centre Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

The Honorable Harry R. Purkey Chairman House Finance Committee House of Delegates 2352 Leeward Shore Drive Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney Chairman House Appropriations Committee House of Delegates P.O. Box 127 Bedford, Virginia 24523

Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

I am writing to provide documentation of the transactions of the Governor's Opportunity Fund which have occurred during the first quarter of the 2013 fiscal year as required by Chapter 3, Item 123.G.

As of September 30, 2012, a total of \$232,711,734 had been appropriated to the Fund. As of September 30, 2012, the CARS cash balance was \$43,512,971, and the balance available for future commitments totaled \$36,371,263. However, when the GOF preapprovals made by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade are taken into account, the available balance is reduced to \$18,891,263. Active grants awarded since the inception of the Fund total 470.

For the first quarter of the 2013 fiscal year, ended September 30, 2012, a total of \$1,325,000 was committed from the Opportunity Fund to assist eight projects relocating to or expanding in the state. Total job creation of these projects was 1,068, while investment totaled \$182.4 million. Summaries on these projects follow:

- 1. <u>Frederick County</u>: **Navy Federal Credit Union**, a provider of financial services, will expand its existing facility in Frederick County. Navy Federal will create 400 new jobs and invest \$20 million (amount of grant: \$250,000; use of grant: building improvements and workforce training). This project has been announced.
- 2. <u>Augusta County</u>: **McKee Foods** will expand its existing facility in Augusta County. McKee is a manufacturer of snack foods. This expansion will create 78 new jobs and an investment of \$19 million (amount of grant: \$200,000; use of grant: building improvements). This project has been announced.
- 3. <u>Washington County</u>: **Big R Bridge**, a manufacturer of prefabricated bridges, will locate a new facility in Washington County. Big R Bridge will create 32 jobs and invest \$1.9 million (amount of grant: \$50,000; use of grant: site acquisition and improvements). This project has been announced.
- 4. <u>Isle of Wight County</u>: **Tak Investments, Inc.**, a manufacturer of recycled tissue, will locate a new facility in Isle of Wight County. Tak will create 85 new jobs and invest \$60 million (amount of grant: \$200,000; use of grant: building improvements, utility infrastructure, and training). This project has been announced.
- 5. <u>Hanover County</u>: **Vitamin Shoppe** will locate a new facility in Hanover County. Vitamin Shoppe, a retailer and marketer of nutritional products, will create 174 new jobs and invest \$32.1 million (amount of grant: \$200,000; use of grant: sewer line extension). This project has been announced.
- 6. Henry County: Commonwealth Laminating and Coating, Inc., a manufacturer of photovoltaic back and front sheets, solar window film, and high performance coatings, will expand its existing facility in Henry County. Commonwealth Laminating will invest \$5.5 million in this facility and create 60 jobs (amount of grant: \$175,000; use of grant: building improvements). This project has been announced.
- 7. <u>City of Staunton</u>: Carded Graphics LLC will expand its existing facility in the City of Staunton. A manufacturer of folding cartons and packaging, Carded Graphics will create 34 new jobs and invest \$7 million (amount of grant: \$100,000; use of grant: building improvements). This project has been announced.
- 8. <u>Frederick County</u>: **McKesson Corporation**, a pharmaceutical distributor, will locate a new facility in Frederick County. McKesson will create 205 jobs and invest \$36.9 million (amount of grant: \$150,000); use of grant: building construction and improvements). This project has been announced.

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For the projects which have been announced, I am enclosing a profile, an analysis and recommendation by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and a scoring sheet.

For the first quarter of the 2013 fiscal year, actual disbursements from the Fund were made to Henrico County for General Electric, Alleghany County for Balchem, Chesterfield County for Sabra, Chesterfield County for Capital One, and Henry County for Commonwealth Laminating. Actual disbursements totaled \$1,425,000.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Briley

President and Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

cc The Honorable James S. Cheng Secretary of Commerce and Trade