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### VITA AND NORTHROP GRUMMAN RECEIVE CYBERSECURITY AWARD – *Recognizes Efforts to Secure State and Citizen Data* –

RICHMOND – The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and Northrop Grumman have jointly received the Cybersecurity Integration Partnership Award from the Center for Digital Government and McAfee.

The award recognizes the joint effort between VITA and Northrop Grumman to secure state and citizen data against the threat of cyber attacks. Nominees were evaluated on their body of work, program impact, utilization of technology, creativity and leadership.

The Center for Digital Government noted that “the public-private partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia and Northrop Grumman is transforming state government’s IT infrastructure technology and providing the expertise and resources to support improved delivery of services for 89 agencies at more than 2,300 sites. Based on threat analysis, VITA’s commonwealth security and risk management staff recently upgraded enterprise-wide security infrastructure; significantly decreasing the number of attacks and adding insight into situational awareness.”

Chief Information Officer for the Commonwealth Sam Nixon said, “I am very proud of the cybersecurity efforts that the partnership between VITA and Northrop Grumman has undertaken. Protecting state networks and citizen data from unauthorized access is of the utmost importance to our state and nation, and I’m very pleased to have been recognized in this area.”

Jim Kane, Northrop Grumman vice president who serves as lead on the Virginia project, said, “I want to congratulate VITA for receiving this prestigious award. VITA and Northrop Grumman are committed to being at the forefront of innovation to address today’s evolving cyber security threats. The cyber security battle is ongoing and it is through strong partnerships such as we have with VITA and the commonwealth agencies that security protection can be its most effective.”

The award was presented at McAfee’s Focus 13 Security Conference today in Las Vegas.

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#### **About the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)**

VITA is the Commonwealth’s consolidated technology services and solutions provider responsible for the state’s technology infrastructure, governance, security and oversight of major IT projects,

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