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### **VITA NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT – Brings 20 years of IT procurement experience to the position –**

RICHMOND – Phil Pippert has been named director of supply chain management (SCM) for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA). Pippert has served in an acting capacity since June last year.

As SCM director, Pippert will lead VITA's staff of procurement, sourcing and contract professionals working on behalf of VITA and the Commonwealth. Emphasis will continue to be placed on creating and managing statewide information technology (IT) contracts for use by state agencies, institutions of higher education and other public bodies. SCM is committed to developing flexible, value-driven IT contracts that consolidate and leverage the Commonwealth's buying power, enabling users of these contracts to benefit both their agencies as well as the citizens of Virginia.

In making the announcement, Chief Information Officer for the Commonwealth Sam Nixon said, "Information technology procurement is an area ripe for cost savings when the buying power of the Commonwealth is consolidated and leveraged properly. Phil Pippert has been managing these initiatives very successfully for almost a year now and I have every confidence that more good things are to come from VITA's SCM group."

Pippert received a bachelor's degree in finance from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in finance from Virginia Commonwealth University. He started his career at the State Corporation Commission, and worked in finance and IT procurement for Reynolds Metal Company and Capital One before joining VITA in 2004 as associate director of SCM.

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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, and procurement of technology-related goods and services on behalf of state and local governments. [www.vita.virginia.gov](http://www.vita.virginia.gov)