

ITSP Summary Biennium 2026-28

Agency Name: 301 Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

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Agency Mission, Goals and Objectives:

Agency Mission:

Established in 1877, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) promotes the economic growth and development of Virginia agriculture, provides consumer protection and encourages environmental stewardship

Agency Goals:

VDACS has identified 5 strategic goals:

1. Enhance opportunities for the growth, profitability, diversity and continued viability of the Virginia agriculture industry.
2. Enhance public health by ensuring the food supply is safe and wholesome.
3. Provide agricultural and consumer protection services that support economic growth, meet consumer needs, and encourage environmental stewardship.
4. Enhance Agency services and productivity through efficient work processes and procedures, technology, e-government applications, and training.
5. Enhance Virginia's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from agricultural infestations, animal disease events, foodborne illness outbreaks, and other natural and manmade disasters.

Agency Objectives:

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Current IT State:

In this section, describe the high-level strategy the agency will use to manage existing operational IT investments over the next year to 6 years in support of the strategic objectives of your agency.

Will any of the following areas require additional funding over the next 6 years beyond that currently forecast by your agency? (please check all that apply)

License Renewals, System Enhancements, Re-competition of current IT contracts, Security improvements

Looking ahead over the next 6 years, please list any IT initiatives needed to support the business Mission, Goals, and Objectives of your agency not addressed by application modernization (other than staffing levels and applications detailed elsewhere). These could include disaster recovery, network upgrades, radio communications etc.

IT Initiative 1:

Modernize VA Grown and Virginia's Finest marketing web sites; Implement web-based grants management solution; Redesign agency web site with modern content management system

IT Initiative 2:

Implementation of web-based next generation regulatory platform; Implement web-based grants management solution

IT Initiative 3:

Implementation of web-based next generation regulatory platform

IT Initiative 4:

Implementation of web-based next generation regulatory platform; Implement web-based grants management solution; Implement web-based document system; Develop low-code application development practice; Migrate agency servers to cloud providers;

IT Initiative 5:

Redesign agency web site with modern content management system; Implementation of web-based next generation regulatory platform; Develop low-code application development practice

External Factors Impacting IT:

In this section, describe changes or mandates from external sources to the agency's current IT investments. These are requirements and mandates from external sources, such as new federal or state legislation, executive orders, regulatory bodies, or legal requirements. The agency must identify the change, any important deadlines that must be met, and the consequences if the deadlines are not met.

Are there any mandate driving changes in your current IT environment? (Yes/No)

Yes

1. Mandate Details:

Mandate:

Internal to State Government?

Mandate Date: 04/24/2026

Need Change?:

Implement VDACS website with modern CMS, improve ADA accesability support, and enable language translation services provided by VITA.

Consequence:

Possible lawsuits for non-compliance with ADA.

Citation:

<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2541>

Impact:

None.

2. Mandate Details:

Mandate:

Internal to State Government

Mandate Date: 12/31/2034

Need Change?:

Implementation of agency-wide regulatory platform to include registration, inspection, and enforcement workflows with online citizen self-service for 20 or more regulatory programs.

Consequence:

Non-compliance with Executive Order 39.

Citation:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/eo/EO-39---Promoting-Transparency-and-Efficiency-in-Permitting-and-Licensing.pdf>

Impact:

None.

Will you have staffing issues that impact meeting these requirements and mandates?

Yes

Future IT Solutions:

This section will discuss how the agency's IT investments and investment strategies support the business strategies over the next 6 years. The agency does not need to discuss specific technologies at this time.

List in priority order, the IT investments (Projects, Procurements, BRTs) for your agency during the next 6 years.

Place your proposed projects and procurements in order of priority for your agency (one being the highest priority).

1. Projects and Procurement Details:

IT Investment:

Next Generation Regulatory Platform

IT Objective:

Innovate

IT Business Value:

Accelerated permitting, registration, and licensure across the VDACS programs.

IT Support:

Supports increased efficiency, transparency, and customer self-service to provide enhanced citizen support for regulatory requirements.

2. Projects and Procurement Details:

IT Investment:

Website modernization

IT Objective:

Innovate

IT Business Value:

Enhanced communication with Commonwealth citizens and businesses dependent on VDACS services and regulatory processes.

IT Support:

Provides platform for distributed content management, enhanced ADA compliance, and language support for users of the web site.

3. Projects and Procurement Details:

IT Investment:

Modernize Back-office Accounting Systems, preferably onto DOA Cardinal System

IT Objective:

Innovate

IT Business Value:

Improved efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of financial and billing systems.

IT Support:

Implement modern accounting, billing, and budget system to replace 30 year old custom systems to provide enhanced automation, standardization, and productivity.

4. Projects and Procurement Details:

IT Investment:

Migrate small, low criticality custom legacy applications to PowerApps.

IT Objective:

Innovate

IT Business Value:

Significantly improves maintainability and reduces the cost of ongoing changes.

IT Support:

Provides improved maintainability, efficiency, and reduced risk for older applications.

5. Projects and Procurement Details:

IT Investment:

Determine the plan for both Oracle and non-Oracle server workloads in the future datacenter and cloud environment.

IT Objective:

Innovate

IT Business Value:

Reduces risk, cost, and complexity of compute environment.

IT Support:

Reduces the required skills matrix and improves efficiency and manageability for server-based application environments.

6. Projects and Procurement Details:

IT Investment:

Migrate aging legacy apps to best-of-breed SaaS applications where other strategies are insufficient.

IT Objective:

Innovate

IT Business Value:

Improve customer for citizens, reduce time to execute business processes, and increase transparency service

IT Support:

Reduces risk of aging, potentially nearing end-of-life applications and reduces cost of maintenance and support. Improves efficiency of business processes by providing modern efficiencies and customer-facing interfaces.

IT Strategic Plan Budget Tables

Current IT Services				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Projected Service Fees	\$2,769,282	\$522,084	\$2,852,361	\$537,746
VITA Infrastructure Changes	\$50,000		\$55,000	
Estimated VITA Infrastructure	\$2,819,282	\$522,084	\$2,907,361	\$537,746
Specialized Infrastructure				
Agency IT Staff	\$3,304,198		\$3,304,198	
Non-agency IT Staff	\$2,378,180	\$540,000	\$2,378,180	\$540,000
Cloud Computing Service	\$224,892	\$24,988	\$500,194	\$55,577
Other Application Costs	\$691,901	\$76,877	\$691,901	\$76,877
Total:	\$9,418,454	\$1,163,949	\$9,781,835	\$1,210,201

Proposed IT Investments				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Major IT Projects:				
Non-Major IT Projects:				
Agency-Level IT Projects:	\$408,000		\$200,000	
Major Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Non-Major Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Agency-Level Stand Alone IT Procurements:	\$2,478,180	\$540,000	\$2,478,180	\$540,000
Procurement Adjustment:	\$-2,378,180	\$-540,000	\$-2,378,180	\$-540,000
Total:	\$508,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0

Projected Total IT Budget				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
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Commonwealth Projects >= \$250,000.00

Agency:	301 Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services		
Date:	10/7/2025		
NexGen - Charitable Solicitations			
Category 3		Project Initiation Approval	
Migrate Charitable Solicitations regulatory program area to new VDACS Regulatory Platform, System Automation Evoke. This will be the first program area on the Evoke Platform. The Public Consulting Group was awarded a state contract to implement System Automation Evoke Platform. This RFP was co-sponsored by DPOR and VITA: VA-230810-PCG. The VDACS team will match the project management structure used by PCG for each project, which is assumed to be an agile methodology with a two-week sprint based on initial conversation.			
Project Start Date	1/17/2025	Project End Date	5/29/2026
Estimated Costs:	Total	General Fund	Non-General Fund
Project Cost	\$2,499,961	\$1,561,000	\$2,360,610
Estimated first year of biennium:	\$115,000	\$115,000	
Estimated second year of biennium:	\$176,000	\$176,000	

Project Related Procurements

There are no procurements for this project.

301 WebGrants Implementation			
Category 3		Project Initiation Approval	
This project is to implement a full life cycle of grant management system, from application creation, submission, review, approval to the closure of a program.			
Project Start Date	5/23/2025	Project End Date	6/30/2026
Estimated Costs:	Total	General Fund	Non-General Fund
Project Cost	\$452,320	\$78,000	
Estimated first year of biennium:	\$0		
Estimated second year of biennium:	\$0		

Project Related Procurements

There are no procurements for this project.

Commonwealth Procurements >= \$250,000.00

Agency:	301 Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Date:	10/7/2025
Procurement Name:	301 VA Grown/Finest Website Modernization
Procurement Date	5/1/2025
Procurement Description:	Modernize the VA Grown and VA Finest marketing websites and migrate those sites to the Drupal CMS. Also replace the Market Maker application with a custom .NET solution for the marketing member directory.
Procurement Name:	NexGen Procurement for Charitable Solicitation
Procurement Date	2/28/2025
Procurement Description:	Want to procure an online, SaaS regulatory platform to be used by the Charitable Solicitation program area.