



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor of Virginia  
Patrick Henry Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
General Assembly Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
General Assembly Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Governor McDonnell, Senator Colgan and Delegate Putney:

I am pleased to submit the *Recommended Technology Investment Projects (RTIP) Report for 2010*, with recommended technology investment projects, including recommended priorities for funding such projects, due each September 1 as required by the *Code of Virginia § 2.2-2007 (A) (9)*.

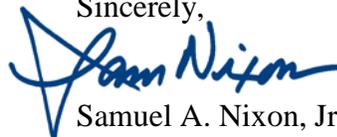
This year marks the eighth annual submission of the RTIP Report. In developing this year's report, only projects supported by a strong business case, based on established selection and ranking criteria, were considered as priorities for funding. Our selection and ranking criteria gave significant weight to the Commonwealth's strategic goals and objectives as established by the Governor, the Council on Virginia's Future, and the 2007-2011 Commonwealth of Virginia Strategic Plan for Information Technology. The core recommendation to provide new or continued funding for 39 projects can be found in the accompanying report in *Appendix A – 2010 Major IT Projects Recommended for Funding (Approved for Planning)* and *Appendix B – 2010 Major IT Projects Recommended for Continued Funding (Active Projects)*.

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Fiscal Year 2010 saw major changes in oversight and governance structures brought about via the passage and signing into law of House Bill 1034 and Senate Bill 236. The Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) was eliminated, and its roles and responsibilities were divided between the Commonwealth Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Secretary of Technology. The Commonwealth CIO now is appointed by and reports to the Governor.

I applaud the actions taken by the Governor and General Assembly to improve the oversight and governance practices for IT investing in the Commonwealth. I believe the initiatives established in the new legislation are essential to improving the overall value of the Commonwealth Technology Portfolio (CTP) and ensuring that the portfolio is clearly responsive to the strategic business needs of state agencies. Top priority will be given to systems or projects in the CTP that will generate better service, save dollars or generate revenue.

I welcome any assistance that the Governor and General Assembly can provide to ensure the RTIP Report remains a valuable reference for Commonwealth IT investment decisions.

Sincerely,  
  
Samuel A. Nixon, Jr.

Enclosure

c: The Honorable James D. Duffey, Secretary of Technology