



Virginia Information Technologies Agency



University Application for Tier II Status

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Applications for Tier II Status

Five institutions of higher education have submitted requests to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Governor in the functional area of information technology. The institutions are:

George Mason University, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, and Virginia Military Institute

The *Code of Virginia* provides for ITIB review and input on these requests.



Higher Education Management Agreement

Institutional autonomy is categorized in Tiers as follows:

- Tier III: institutions have nearly full autonomy but must report status of major IT projects, submit strategic plans, submit annual spending reports to the CIO and ITIB. ITIB and CIO may terminate a major project if there is cause.
- Tier II: institutions have the same authority over IT with the exception of Major IT projects over \$2 million in total project cost. These projects must be reviewed by the CIO and ITIB.
- Tier I: the current level of authority as granted by the *Code of Virginia* and Policies and Standards adopted by the ITIB



Functional Criteria for Tier II Autonomy from IT and Procurement Oversight

1. A. The Institution is a member of the Virginia Association of State Colleges and University Purchasing Professionals (VASCUPP) as of July 1, 2003, and the Institution has implemented at least one of the following major systems in the last decade: a financial system, a human resources system, or a student information system.
1. B. The Institution has successfully implemented at least one of the following major systems in the last five years: a financial system, a human resources system, or a student information system.
2. The Institution has the Chief Information Officer position reporting to the president or chancellor, or to a position of no more than one level below the president or chancellor.



Functional Criteria for Tier II Autonomy from IT and Procurement Oversight (Continued)

3. The Institution shall develop and the Board shall adopt an information technology strategic plan and information technology policies, standards, and guidelines governing project management, infrastructure architecture, ongoing operations, and security and project auditing as provided in Part IV of this Policy.
4. The Institution has at least one project manager on staff that has successfully attained certification as a Project Management Professional from the Project Management Institute and has completed the Commonwealth Overview training, or has passed the Core and Facilitation processes test.



Findings and Recommendations

**James Madison University – Tier II is recommended
Full compliance with criteria.**

**George Mason University – Tier II not recommended
Not in compliance with criteria.**

**Old Dominion University - Tier II not recommended
Not in compliance with criteria.**

**Radford University - Tier II not recommended
Not in compliance with criteria.**

**Virginia Military Institute - Tier II not recommended
Not in compliance with criteria.**



Recommendation to Secretary of Finance

Motion for Committee:

That the Commonwealth IT Solutions Committee recommends the Information Technology Investment Board provide comments to the Secretary of Finance, which endorse the awarding of Tier II status for James Madison University and the deferral of all other applications pending submission of required documentation to substantiate compliance with Code-mandated IT functional area criteria.

(Draft correspondence provided)