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## **CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER FOR VIRGINIA NAMED**

— **CIO to start August 24, 2009**—

**RICHMOND**—The Virginia Information Technology Investment Board selected George F. Coulter as Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Coulter brings more than 30 years of experience in the information technology (IT) field, having served in executive positions with global companies in the areas of energy, banking and insurance, transportation, telecommunications, and food and beverage. Prior to his appointment as CIO, he was Chief Information Technology Officer for Solera Holdings, a global software and services firm for the automobile insurance claims processing industry.

From 2003 to 2007, he was CIO at AES, a Fortune 200 company based in Arlington, Va., with electrical utility operations in 28 countries on five continents and 15 million global customers. In that role, he transformed AES IT teams from 125 small- and medium-sized energy companies and nine global electric utility companies to a seamless IT organization with a common IT infrastructure and applications platform. He managed the strategic implementation of multiple outsourcing contracts in data center co-location and operations, network operations and support, and application development, and achieved significant cost reductions and efficiencies.

“George’s extensive experience with global IT integration in highly complex environments is a tremendous asset to the Commonwealth,” said ITIB Chairman James F. McGuirk, II. “He is a strong leader, with a deep understanding of IT infrastructure and enterprise applications, and I am confident in his ability to keep Virginia in the national technology forefront.”

The Virginia CIO is the leader of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and serves as the Senior Executive for all aspects of information technology (IT) for the

Commonwealth of Virginia, including oversight of IT investments and the Virginia Information Technology Infrastructure Partnership, a \$2.1 billion, 10-year public-private partnership that is modernizing IT infrastructure at 86 executive branch agencies.

“Given the context of the IT reform efforts under way, both organizationally and technically, the Board sought a transformational leader with experience in infrastructure and applications,” said IT Investment Board CIO Search Committee Chairman Bertram Reese. “We also thought it was important for the CIO to develop strong relationships with a variety of constituencies and foster a strong service-oriented culture.”

Coulter has held global leadership positions with Cargill e-ventures Novopoint, CitiGroup and Pepsico. A resident of Purcellville, Va., Coulter holds a bachelor’s degree from University of Southern California.

The CIO Search Committee launched a nationwide search in early 2009 with the assistance of Korn/Ferry International, a global executive search firm. To ensure continuity across administrations, the CIO is employed by the ITIB through a five-year contract.

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