

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #14: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. LETTER, SENATOR JIM WEBB TO HRPDC CHAIRMAN BRUCE GOODSON

Attached is a letter from Senator Jim Webb to HRPDC Chairman Bruce Goodson in response to HRPDC action on the Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act.

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B. LETTER, CONGRESSMAN GLENN NYE TO HRPDC CHAIRMAN BRUCE GOODSON

Attached is a letter from Congressman Glenn Nye to HRPDC Chairman Bruce Goodson in response to HRPDC action on the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010 indicating his support for the legislation.

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C. LETTER, TERRIE L. SUIT TO HRPDC CHAIRMAN BRUCE GOODSON

Attached is a letter from Terrie L. Suit, Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness, to HRPDC Chairman Bruce Goodson in response to the HRPDC's September 15, 2010 Resolution concerning the proposed closure of JFCOM.

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D. LETTER, R. JAMES CAVERLY TO RICHARD FLANNERY

Attached is a letter from R. James Caverly, Director, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator, Richard Flannery inviting his participation as a panelist at the 2010 Critical Infrastructure Protection Congress.

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E. LETTER, DAVID G. DICKSON TO GREG GROOTENDORST

Attached is a letter from David G. Dickson, Executive Director of the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, to HRPDC Chief Economist Greg Grootendorst thanking him for his October 13, 2010 presentation to the Authority's Board.

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F. LETTER, JAMES K. SPORE TO GREG GROOTENDORST

Attached is a letter from Virginia Beach City Manager James K. Spore to HRPDC Chief Economist Greg Grootendorst thanking him for his participation in the October 15, 2010 "Economic Forum" and summarizing the discussion at the forum.

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G. LETTER, BILL S. ANDERSON TO RICHARD FLANNERY

Attached is a letter from Bill S. Anderson, President of the Nation Urban Areas Security Initiative Conference, Inc., to HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator, Richard Flannery advising him that Hampton Roads has been selected as the site of the 2015 National UASI Conference.

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JIM WEBB
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4605

October 12, 2010

Chairman Bruce Goodson
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
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Dear Chairman Goodson:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Program. I appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns with me.

The Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act (S. 1816), introduced by Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland in October 2009, would give the states of the Chesapeake Bay new tools to continue the restoration of the Bay. States are required to submit plans to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) detailing their proposed efforts to reduce pollution carried in water sources. If the states fail to execute these plans effectively, and fail to meet target deadlines, the EPA may step in and manage the state's program.

As it is currently drafted, the Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act would authorize new grant programs and expand existing programs. Grants totaling \$1.5 billion would be used by municipalities to control urban and suburban storm water, a pollution sector that is still growing. Senator Warner and I successfully advocated for portions of the implementation grants to be set aside for farmers and foresters to aid in the transition to conservation practices, as well as provisions to ensure the fishing priorities of the Commonwealth are maintained. Additionally, expanded water quality monitoring grants will give states the ability to measure their progress.

This legislation has been marked up by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate. As this bill moves through the legislative process, please be assured that my staff and I are mindful of your concerns with this legislation. I will continue to evaluate the measure to ensure that new requirements will not place an undue burden on agriculture and commercial sectors. I appreciate your correspondence regarding the Chesapeake Bay. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the future.

I would also invite you to visit my website at www.webb.senate.gov for regular updates about my activities and positions on matters that are important to Virginia and our nation.

Thank you once again for contacting my office.

Sincerely,

Jim Webb
United States Senator

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Bruce Goodson
723 Woodlake Dr
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me in support of clean energy and home star retrofitting. It is helpful to learn the views of my friends and neighbors in Tidewater, and I appreciate having your input.

Like you, I believe we must take a bold step forward to end our dependence on foreign oil and increase our national security. Any plan to reform our energy policies must include an investment in renewable energy technology, expand domestic energy supplies, and invent and build more efficient vehicles, buildings, homes, and infrastructure. Such a plan will protect our environment and public health, improve national security, and create millions of high-quality jobs.

You will be pleased to know that with my support, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5019, the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010. This piece of legislation extends rebates to renters and homeowners who retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient. This bill will create countless jobs and act as a driver in our developing green energy economy.

The bill has two main programs: Silver Star and Gold Star. The Silver Star rebate program will grant up to \$3,000 in rebates to homeowners who purchase qualifying items such as caulking, insulation, and hot water heaters. The Gold Star program provides rebates to homeowners who reduce their overall energy consumption in their homes by more than 20 percent, qualifying them for up to \$8,000 in rebates.

Promoting smart energy policies will remain one of my top priorities and as Congress considers future related legislation, I will make certain to factor your recommendations into the decisions I make.

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Thank you again for sharing your views. I am proud to serve Virginia's Second District, and I am committed to working hard for you. If you would like more information about the issues I am working on in Congress, or if you would like to sign up to receive my monthly e-newsletter, I encourage you to visit my website at www.nye.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Nye", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Nye
Member of Congress

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Terrie L. Suit
Assistant to the Governor
for Commonwealth Preparedness

October 18, 2010

Mr. Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Mr. Goodson:

Thank you for sharing a copy of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Resolution, adopted on September 15, 2010, protesting the closure of United States Joint Forces Command (USJCOM), with the Governor.

As you know, the Governor has created a Commission on Military and National Security Facilities to which he has appointed a number of retired high ranking and highly respected military officers and business leaders in the Commonwealth. The Commission provides counsel on national security matters and makes recommendations regarding actions the Commonwealth should take with regard to the USJFCOM announcement and related matters. In addition, my office is working closely with the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation to obtain information regarding this announcement, and to obtain openness in the process used by the Department of Defense in taking any actions with regard to USJCOM.

Both the Governor and my staff look forward to continuing our collective work with the local communities of the Hampton Roads region in addressing this surprise announcement by the Department of the Defense. I am hopeful that our united efforts will result in the reversal of this apparent decision by the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

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Terrie L. Suit

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Homeland Security

October 18, 2010

Mr. Richard Flannery
2101 Executive Drive, Suite 1-C
Hampton, Virginia 23666

Dear Mr. Flannery:

The Partnership and Outreach Division (POD) of the Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) would like to invite you to participate as a panelist at the upcoming 2010 Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Congress. This panel is being convened to discuss implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) at the regional, state and local levels.

The 2010 CIP Congress will be held on November 30 through December 2, 2010, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The theme of this year's Congress is "*Manage Risk with Resilience.*" More information about the Congress can be found on the attached flier.

The panel session, "*NIPP Implementation – Enhancing Protection and Resiliency at the State and Local Level,*" will be a one-hour moderated discussion highlighting innovative implementation and best practices of the NIPP to include demonstrations of the partnership framework to enhance protection and resiliency. The panel will consist of five State and local subject matter experts from across the country that will briefly describe NIPP implementation in their respective regions. The 10-minute briefs will be followed by a 20 minute question and answer period. Your expertise in NIPP implementation would be a great asset to this panel.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm participation on the panel, please contact Serena Maxey at serena.maxey@dhs.gov or (703)603-5064 by October 26, 2010. An agenda and other information, to include the date and time of this proposed panel, will follow when details of the conference are finalized.

Thank you for your efforts in protecting our Nation's critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. James Caverly".

R. James Caverly
Director, Partnership and Outreach Division



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Mr. Greg Grootendorst
Chief Economist
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Dear Greg:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority, thank you for your informative presentation regarding the various DoD economic impacts on the Hampton Roads Region and your specific observations regarding JFCOM. As one of the "front burner" political and practical issues of the day, your presentation provided a good background to better understand the situation from the regional view point.

Along with many other inputs, I am sure we will continue to follow your analysis of this situation as it continues to unfold. I believe that the HRPDC continues to use the REMI model to forecast impacts. State economists generally speak highly of this modeling system. Please include us on any postal or electronic mailing lists you use to provide updates. My email address is ddickson@yesvirginia.org.

Again, many thanks for your time and expertise in helping us better understand DoD's footprint in the Hampton Roads Region.

Sincerely,

David G. Dickson
Executive Director

Cc: Gen. Robert Magnus, USMC (Ret.), VNDIA Chairman

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October 26, 2010

Mr. Greg Grootendorst
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Subject: 3rd Annual Economic Forum

Dear Mr. Grootendorst:

I want to thank you for participating in the "Economic Forum" at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission on October 15, 2010. The discussion provided a unique opportunity to gain insight from local economic experts and provides a good framework for shaping upcoming budgets. Here is a brief summary of the major discussion points from the forum:

- The economy has been growing for 15 months, but the growth has been weak – 1.5% versus a 4%-5% typically seen during a recovery period. Still, the likelihood of a double-dip recession is low. Business profits are near record highs, but businesses are retaining profits and not investing (in capital or workers) right now. We will not likely see more typical growth until lending improves. Lending hinges on having creditworthy applicants and there is still a disconnect between individuals who deem themselves creditworthy and those deemed creditworthy by bankers. Models predicting default have not been as accurate in recent years, so the uncertainty has led banks to be unusually conservative. As confidence increases, credit will loosen.
- Business is beginning to pick up, but initial signs are pointing to a jobless recovery. Unemployment is expected to remain high (6.4% to 7.8% range) for several years. Several issues are contributing to this issue. Business and industry have become more efficient – they have realized they can produce more with fewer workers. There is a mismatch between the emerging employment sectors and the unemployed workers. This may be a gap that government can have a hand in addressing by investing in job training to spur economic recovery.
- In Hampton Roads and across the nation, the public sector is laying off workers and the private sector is growing. There has been a 5% aggregate increase in private sector wages. Employed workers are of higher quality (more efficient), causing a bump in wages.

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- The real estate sector will continue to struggle. Homes in Hampton Roads are averaging 10 months on the market. Vacant homes are still fairly inflated, so it will take time for that to regulate. Declines in assessments are likely to continue for several more years and when the market does rebound, the current housing stock may not provide what buyers want. The shift to smaller, more affordable homes will remain – “McMansions are out.” The housing recovery will have a high correlation to employment.
- There may be a severe drop off in defense spending to deal with the Federal budget deficit. Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) may be the first impact. The magnitude of that impact is unknown at this time. Local representatives are trying to stress the efficiencies of having a concentration of military programs in our area. We have a high concentration of Federal investment in the military, but our area does not get as many Federal jobs outside of defense as many other regions, so cutbacks may be especially hard-felt.
- The State is having solid tax collections and the outlook is upbeat. Virginia is affected more by capital markets than wage income. Virginia has been better off than most states. However, the stimulus is going away and since it was used to fill gaps in the current year, there will be holes without it next year. It's unknown how that will be resolved (spending cuts or tax increases). States that have spending controls in place have been able to live with revenue losses because they had been forced into fiscal discipline. There may be a disconnect between the service demand of citizens and the ability of government to afford to provide them.
- There is a structural imbalance at the Federal level. The degree of government entitlement programs is unsustainable. The economy cannot grow fast enough to support them, particularly Medicare and Medicaid. This is only going to get worse – in 2012, the over 65 age group grows faster than the working age group; in 2017, the under 20 age group also grows faster than the working group, so workers are squeezed at both ends.
- Governments are not at a point where fiscal restraint alone will get them back to a level of revenue growth required to maintain services. It will require a combination of reductions and tax increases. Raising taxes will probably not drag the economy if it focuses on core needs and saving employment.

We continue to find this forum helpful and hope you do as well. We appreciate your attendance and input into the discussion.

Sincerely,



James K. Spore
City Manager

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November 2, 2010

Richard R. Flannery, MS, CFM
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Subject Application for 2015 National UASI Conference Host City

Dear Mr. Flannery:

I am delighted to announce that the Board of Directors of the National UASI Conference, Inc. has selected Hampton Roads as the site of the **2015 National UASI Conference**. The Board was extremely impressed both with the quality of the proposal and with the meeting venue, hotels, amenities, and family oriented entertainment opportunities that Hampton Roads offers UASI Conference attendees.

The National UASI Conference, Inc. does not employ professional conference planners to coordinate its annual conference. As the motto of our organization "By UASIs for UASIs" implies the UASI Working Group in the host city is expected to plan and coordinate with local venues to deliver the Conference with the support of the National Board. The President of the Board will sign all contracts for services and accommodation guarantees where necessary. The Conference Management Committee will work closely with the local UASI staff to provide assistance and experiential advice. The local host will be responsible for selecting the conference venue and hotel(s) planning after hours activities and sponsored receptions that showcase the host City. In the near future, the National UASI Conference, Inc. will forward a contract for signature by both parties that more fully describes the relationship and responsibilities between the National UASI Conference and the sponsoring UASI Region.

Again, congratulations on your selection. We look forward to Hampton Roads in 2015.

Sincerely,

Bill Anderson

Bill S. Anderson
President

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San Francisco, June 20-22, 2010