

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**REPORT ON AUDIT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2008**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

## **AUDIT SUMMARY**

Our audit of the Office of the Governor for the year ended June 30, 2008, found:

- proper recording and reporting of all transactions, in all material respects, in the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System;
- no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention; and
- no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations or other matters that are required to be reported.

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AGENCY BACKGROUND AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Governor has responsibility for managing the executive branch of the government, serving as Chief of State, and acting as the Commander-in-Chief of the Virginia National Guard. The Division of Selected Agency Support Services in the Office of the Secretary of Administration provides administrative support to the Governor's Office.

The Governor's Office (Office) receives most of its funding through General Fund appropriations. The decrease in the original budget from 2007 to 2008 reflects the separate budgeting of the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness from the Governor's budget in fiscal year 2007 to its stand alone budget in fiscal year 2008. The increase from the original to final budget in 2008 reflects the amount the Office received for statewide increases of salaries and benefit costs. The schedule below provides the details of the increases and decreases to the 2008 original budget.

Budget Analysis for Fiscal Years 2004-2008

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Proposed 2009</u>
Original budget	\$ 1,971,396	\$ 2,036,258	\$ 3,575,758	\$ 4,865,455	\$ 4,379,423	\$4,930,515
Final budget	\$ 3,443,546	\$ 3,625,305	\$ 4,074,511	\$ 4,611,558	\$ 4,777,802	-
Actual expenses	\$ 3,442,112	\$ 3,589,879	\$ 4,067,243	\$ 4,603,701	\$ 4,773,834	-

The following schedule includes detail relating to adjustments to appropriations as well as a detailed breakdown of expenses. The majority of the expenses of the Office are payroll and fringe benefit expenses.

Budget and Expense Analysis for Fiscal Year 2008

Original appropriations per Chapter 847	<u>\$4,379,423</u>
Adjustments:	
Adjustment for salary and benefit increases	314,402
Re-appropriation of prior year's balance	7,855
Increase for Federal Workforce Investment Act funds for salary and benefits for the Senior Advisor for Workforce Development	177,000
General Fund reduction due to use of Federal Workforce Investment Act Funds to fund half of the salary and benefits for the Senior Advisor for Workforce Development	(90,900)
Budget reduction in accordance with the Governor's plan	<u>(9,978)</u>
Total adjusted appropriations	<u>4,777,802</u>
Expenses:	
Personal services	3,839,161
Contractual services	314,208
Supplies and materials	172,876
Transfer payments	2,075
Continuous charges	434,244
Property and equipment	<u>11,270</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$4,773,834</u>
Unexpended balance	<u>\$ 3,968</u>

The Office receives its funding and records transactions under four separate programs, the largest of which is Administrative and Support Services. The Administrative and Support Services Program includes most of the operations of the Office as shown in the following table; however, the Office does receive funding for three other programs discussed in more detail below.

Budget and Expense Analysis for Fiscal Year 2008 by Program

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Administrative and Support Services	\$3,493,295	\$3,891,674	\$3,887,793
Historic and Commemorative Attraction Management	437,565	437,565	437,480
Governmental Affairs Services	448,563	448,563	448,561
Disaster Planning and Operations	-	-	-
 Total	 <u>\$4,379,423</u>	 <u>\$4,777,802</u>	 <u>\$4,773,834</u>

Historic and Commemorative Attraction Management

This program covers the costs of operating the Executive Mansion. The majority of expenses under this program are payroll expenses for four employees on staff at the Executive Mansion. These payroll expenses totaled approximately \$302,000 in 2008.

Governmental Affairs Services

Under this program, formerly the Virginia Liaison Office, staff track federal legislation and pronouncements on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This keeps the Commonwealth and its localities informed of any actions that may affect either entity. This program receives both General Fund appropriations and some Commonwealth Transportation funds. The majority of expenses are personnel costs which totaled approximately \$337,000 in 2008.

Disaster Planning and Operation

The Office also receives a “sum sufficient” General Fund appropriation under the Disaster Planning and Operation program. In any given year, various natural disasters can strike Virginia, resulting in the Governor declaring numerous localities as disaster areas. To address damage and recovery from the disasters, the Department of Emergency Management requests and receives General Fund appropriations from the Disaster Planning and Operation program. The Appropriation Act originally includes these funds in Central Appropriations, which the Governor authorizes and then transfers to the Department of Emergency Management. During fiscal year 2008, the Office transferred \$8.2 million to Emergency Management through this program to address disaster recovery related to natural disasters, such as Hurricane Isabel, Tropical Storm Ernesto, and flooding rains in 2006.



# Commonwealth of Virginia

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September 5, 2008

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine  
Governor of Virginia  
State Capitol  
Richmond, VA

The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox  
Chairman, Joint Legislative Audit  
and Review Commission  
General Assembly Building  
Richmond, VA

We have audited the financial records and operations of the **Office of the Governor** for the year ended June 30, 2008. We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

## Audit Objectives

Our audit's primary objectives were to evaluate the accuracy of recording financial transactions on the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System, review the adequacy of the Office's internal controls, and test compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

## Audit Scope and Methodology

The Office's management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal control and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

We gained an understanding of the overall internal controls, both automated and manual, sufficient to plan the audit. We considered materiality and control risk in determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures. Our review encompassed controls over the following significant cycles, classes of transactions, and account balances.

Expenditures  
Appropriations

We performed audit tests to determine whether the Office's controls were adequate, had been placed in operation, and were being followed. Our audit also included tests of compliance with provisions of applicable laws and regulations. Our audit procedures included inquiries of appropriate personnel, inspection of documents, records, and contracts, and observation of the Office's operations. We tested transactions and performed analytical procedures, including budgetary and trend analyses.

### Conclusions

We found that the Office properly stated, in all material respects, the financial amounts recorded and reported in the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System. The Office records its financial transactions on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial information presented in this report came directly from the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System.

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation that we consider necessary to be reported to management. The results of our tests of compliance with applicable laws and regulations disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

### Exit Conference and Report Distribution

We discussed this report with management on September 12, 2008.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Governor and General Assembly, management, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is a public record.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

As of June 30, 2008

Timothy M. Kaine, Governor

DIVISION OF SELECTED AGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Dennis M. Johnson, Director

