

Jobs and Opportunity Agenda

Commonwealth of Virginia



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Why was it necessary?

- Worst recession in 60 years
- 7.2% unemployment rate
- 150,000 more Virginians unemployed

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Impact on Virginia

- Families
- Businesses
- State Government

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State Government

- Tax Collections
 - FY 2009 = -9.2%
 - FY 2010 = -4.0%

Result = \$4.2B budget shortfall

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Economic development and job creation is the rising tide that will lift all ships out of the current recession.

- Families
- Businesses
- Government

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Where did it come from?

- 2009 Campaign
- Transition Committee recommendations

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What was it?

A series of legislative and budget recommendations designed to:

- Help attract new business and industry to Virginia
- Help market Virginia domestically and internationally

Legislative Initiatives

Tax Incentives

- Major Business Facility Tax Credit
- Green Jobs Tax Credit
- Income tax exemption on capital gains related to investments in science based or bio-technology companies

Legislative Initiatives

Governor's Opportunity Fund

- Expanded criteria for use of the Fund to include job creation, capital investment and the generation of additional tax revenue
- Provided flexibility in allowing Governor to exceed cap for individual projects if found to be of significant statewide interest

Legislative Initiatives

Other

- Motion picture film production tax credit
- Mega site acquisition fund
- Targets Enterprise Zone funds to job creating projects

Legislative Initiatives

36 of 39 legislative initiatives were approved by the General Assembly

Budget Initiatives

- Doubled the Governor's Opportunity Fund by increasing the state commitment by \$12.1M
- Committed \$5M to the mega site acquisition fund
- Establishes state economic development offices in China, India and the UK

Budget Initiatives

- Invests \$6M to support bio-technology and life sciences (wet labs, Business Incubator program, tax exemptions)
- Increases funding for Virginia Tourism Corporation by \$7.2M
- Increases funding for Motion Picture Opportunity Fund by \$2M

Budget Initiatives

- Increases funding for the Department of Business Assistance by \$5.5M
- Meets prior state commitments to major employers
- Reinstated critical tax deductions for manufacturers based in Virginia

Budget Initiatives

In total, the General Assembly invested \$57.5M in proven economic development and job creation programs

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- Proactive legislative and budget investments that will help position Virginia to take advantage of a future economic recovery
- The most aggressive investment in Virginia's economic development infrastructure in recent history
- Just the beginning.....

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Governor's Commission on Economic Development and Job Creation

Goal—To make recommendations on how our economic development and job creation efforts can be improved

Subgroups of Commission

- Business Development
- Economically Distressed Areas
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Recruitment
- Small Business
- Technology
- Tourism
- Workforce Development