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VITA to host Virginia's first-ever Project Manager Summit **– Provides IT project managers educational and networking opportunity –**

RICHMOND – The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) is sponsoring an IT Project Manager Summit on Oct. 16. This summit is a first of its kind for Virginia, and will provide IT project managers at state agencies and localities a unique, cost effective opportunity to improve their skills and network with others. Project management professionals at VITA are leading the effort and outside experts are among the presenters. The summit will include case studies, industry best practice and relevant project management topics.

Commonwealth Chief Information Officer Sam Nixon will be the keynote speaker. Pat Johns, journalist, photographer and leadership expert, will be the guest speaker on the topic "Exploring for Excellence." Topics to be presented at the summit include: Organizational Change Management in Practice, Leading Project Teams to Success, and Managing Government Project Risk: The Commonwealth Experience to name a few.

VITA hopes to continue to offer training to help state and locality staff seeking additional knowledge and certification in managing an IT project, which benefits the individuals who participate and expands the IT knowledge base in the commonwealth.

Planned and sponsored by VITA project management staff, the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA) and the Project Management Institute - Central Virginia Chapter, the summit will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CCWA's Workforce Development and Conference Center. This new facility boasts more than 10,000 square feet of meeting space with state-of-the-art technology, on-site support and technical assistance, and free parking.

Registration for the summit concluded Oct. 1 when the maximum capacity of 175 participants was reached. Those registered include representatives from 34 state agencies, five localities and nine state universities.

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About the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)

VITA is the Commonwealth's consolidated technology services and solutions provider responsible for the state's technology infrastructure, governance, security and oversight of major IT projects,

and procurement of technology-related goods and services on behalf of state and local governments.
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