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Critical issues and new opportunities are facing users of radio technology, and system design and procurement decisions can be confusing. VITA develops long-range plans, policies and specifications for state communication systems, including the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS), and we actively coordinate with state emergency management and interoperability efforts. Many localities have found value in working with our radio engineering experts and using state contracts as they develop their own plans; I invite you to investigate their benefit.

Investigate VITA's radio engineering services and state contracts

Modern communications systems are highly sophisticated and can send encrypted data, video and global positioning information along with voice and data. VITA's expertise and partnerships help localities and state agencies avoid unnecessary expenditures and identify opportunities for shared resources.

Benefits

- * System design, equipment are compatible with state initiatives
- * Engineers work with frequency coordinator to obtain valid, timely federal licensing
- * Grant specifications are met in initial system design phase

[Click here to view VITA's radio engineering services and contracts.](#)

What customers are saying:

"Paul Hoppes and David Warner of VITA have been instrumental in the establishment of a central communications center for J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. With a newly established police department, it was crucial for all three of the college's campuses to communicate via radio with a centralized dispatcher. VITA designed the best system to maximize service at minimal costs and assisted with the oversight of the project. The excellent customer service VITA provided, as well as their expertise, was invaluable for the successful completion of this project."

*Garth L. Wheeler, Chief, Department of Police and Security Services
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2007 Strategic Plan for Statewide Communications Interoperability released

The Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office and the State Interoperability Executive Committee have released the third version of this important document to support the interoperability effort, implement the statewide plan, and ensure that the needs of first responders are met. [Click here to read the strategic plan.](#)

Center for Digital Government surveys honor Virginia counties, the Commonwealth

Fairfax, Prince William, Loudon, Roanoke and Albemarle Counties were honored for excellence in IT in their population categories in the 2006 Digital Counties Survey, while Virginia ranked second in the nation in the Digital States Survey, according to the Center for Digital Government. [Click here to learn more.](#)