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**Governor Kaine Announces Additional \$12.5 Million in
BRAC Grants**

*– Funds assist communities impacted by military base
realignment and closure –*

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced that 10 grants totaling \$12.5 million have been awarded to communities being affected by the federal 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions. The grant funding will be administered by the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA) as part of the Military Strategic Response Fund appropriated by the 2006 General Assembly.

These grants will help address encroachment near military installations, support transportation projects to ease congestion around base entrances, protect installations from future BRAC action and support other regional responses to military matters. This funding represents the second round of response fund grants. The first round, approved by Governor Kaine in January, provided nine grants worth \$12.5 million to Virginia communities affected by BRAC changes.

“As the decisions of BRAC 2005 become reality, it’s essential that we continue to support the communities that are impacted,” Governor Kaine said. “With this round of grants, we will have contributed \$25 million in 2007 toward Virginia’s collective response to BRAC actions.”

Joe Reeder, VNDIA chairman and former Under Secretary of the Army, underscored the importance of defense programs to the Commonwealth. “In Virginia alone, the federal government invests more than \$40 billion annually in defense installations and programs,” said Reeder. “The Military Strategic Response Fund helps ensure that this spending is maximized on the local level, while mitigating the challenges we see from base growth; closure; or realignment.”

A listing of the most recent awards follows. For more information regarding future grant opportunities through the Military Strategic Response Fund, visit the VNDIA Web site at www.vndia.org or contact David G. Dickson, VNDIA Executive Director, at (804) 545-5715 or ddickson@yesvirginia.org.

Military Strategic Response Fund Grants - June 19, 2007

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Award</i>
City of Chesapeake	Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress encroachment prevention project	\$100,000
City of Virginia Beach	Actions to retain Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana as a Master Jet Base	\$7,500,000
County of Albemarle	Aerial fire protection to Northern Albemarle County and the Defense Intelligence Agency/National Ground Intelligence Center	\$401,000
County of Fairfax	Spot transportation improvements – Fort Belvoir	\$1,000,000
County of Fairfax	Design and land acquisition for the Telegraph Road project (Beulah St. and S. Kings Highway)	\$750,000
County of Prince George	Prince George Area Branch Library (Fort Lee)	\$250,000
Crater Planning District Commission	Fort Lee Sisisky Gate – Route 144/Route 36 intersection improvements	\$1,500,000
Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance	Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance operations	\$500,000
The Nature Conservancy	Fort A.P. Hill compatible use buffer project	\$300,000
Prince William County/Stafford County	Transit improvements in preparations for BRAC impacts to Fort Belvoir and Marine Corps Base – Quantico	\$199,000
TOTAL		\$12,500,000

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