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Commonwealth of Virginia Releases Interactive Broadband Availability Map

RICHMOND – Today Secretary of Technology Jim Duffey announced the release of the new broadband availability map for Virginia. The most comprehensive and interactive map of Virginia to date, it is available for use by policy makers, government leaders, providers, and citizens to identify where broadband services are available as well as identify un-served or underserved areas in the state.

The map, developed from data provided by broadband service providers and other sources is a collaborative effort of the Center for Innovative Technology, The Virginia Information Technologies Agency's Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), and Virginia Tech's eCorridors Program. In addition to allowing users to view where different types of services are available, the interactive map also allows users to search by address and view a list of providers who offer services at that location.

“This new map will play a vital role in our efforts to ensure that all Virginians have access to affordable, reliable broadband services. Having the ability to identify and closely analyze unserved areas, gives us the opportunity to strategically align resources and pursue collaborative efforts between public and private organizations to expand broadband coverage across the Commonwealth,” said Secretary Duffey. “Improving access will revolutionize the way many Virginians work, are educated, and receive their healthcare – imperatives to economic growth and quality of life in the Commonwealth.”

Secretary Duffey, continued, “Virginia is a leader in broadband policy and mapping. This map is a clear indication of our continued commitment to bringing affordable broadband to every

citizen and insuring that our schools, libraries, hospitals, and first responders have the connectivity they need to leverage cutting edge applications to the benefit of all citizens in the Commonwealth.”

The broadband mapping project is part of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Mapping Initiative. The new map is the second one for Virginia; the first edition was released by CIT in 2009.

To view the latest broadband availability map, please visit www.wired.virginia.gov.

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