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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE GRANTS**

RICHMOND - Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced the second round of grant funding to support communities impacted by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC). Through a competitive application process, \$5 million will be made available to eligible local or regional groups through the program. In January, \$12.5 million in grant awards for nine community projects were announced in the first round of grant funding. Second round awards are scheduled to be announced in early June.

The Virginia Military Strategic Response Fund (VMSRF) is administered by the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA), a 16-member authority created by the General Assembly. Drawing on the board's depth of military, business and academic experience, the Authority is working hand-in-hand with military and community leaders to seek solutions and opportunities to support military personnel and operations statewide.

Applications for the current grant cycle must be submitted to VNDIA by no later than Monday, April 30, 2007. An informational meeting will be held on March 27, 2007 at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, 901 E. Byrd St., Richmond.

"The BRAC grant program is one element of Virginia's strategy to support Department of Defense operations in the Commonwealth, and we look forward to investing in projects that offer cooperative and creative solutions to 2005 BRAC challenges," Governor Kaine said. "We appreciate the significant efforts being made by community leaders to support their military installations and personnel, and the Commonwealth is firmly committed to sustain and enhance national defense commands based in Virginia."

As in the initial round, grants will be awarded to support local efforts directly related to the implementation of 2005 BRAC recommendations. Eligible activities may include planning and implementation of programs in transportation, public infrastructure, environmental issues, education, encroachment, workforce transition, and historic preservation. Grant decisions will be based on the merits of the request, degree of local support, regional impact, and overall feasibility of the project. Applications will be

considered upon receipt of completed documentation and evidence that the applicant can make the required financial match. Eligible applicants include political subdivisions, such as cities, towns, authorities, and planning district commissions, as well as non-profit organizations.

“We look forward to our continuing role in the BRAC grant program which gives Virginia localities a valuable resource as they deal with 2005 BRAC challenges. Every effort to strengthen Virginia’s posture for the future is important. We are not waiting for the next BRAC round to determine what direction to take. The time for planning and action is now,” says Gen. John Abrams (USA, ret.), Chairman of the VNDIA Strategic Planning Committee.

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