



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 25, 2009

DATE: April 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA)

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to submit a grant application to the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority to request funds which will be used to assist in the relocation of the Defense Advanced Research Agency (DARPA) from Virginia Square to Ballston.
2. Contingent upon grant award, appropriate in FY 2010 up to \$10,000,000 in grant revenue to the Department of Economic Development for the costs associated with the project.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the grant agreement subject to County Attorney review.

ISSUES: Should the County apply for state funds to assist in the relocation of the Defense Advanced Research Agency from Virginia Square to Ballston?

SUMMARY: The Department of Economic Development is requesting grant funds of up to \$10,000,000 from the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority to assist Arlington with addressing impacts resulting from the 2005 BRAC actions. Specifically, these grant funds would be used for non-personnel expenses related to the construction of a new headquarters for DARPA.

BACKGROUND: The 2005 BRAC actions will relocate or close agencies operating out of nearly 4 million square feet of leased office space in Arlington, and could affect nearly 17,000 jobs, making Arlington the community most affected by BRAC in the United States. Arlington was successful in having DARPA removed from the original BRAC closures list; however the building that they occupy does not meet force protection standards, requiring relocation. Arlington was successful in having the Founder's Square site designated by the General Services Administration for a new build to suit facility. The Board approved the land use for this project in July 2008.

County Manager: RCANA

County Attorney: SAM

Staff: Terry Holzheimer, AED

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DISCUSSION: The Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority is the Commonwealth of Virginia's primary source for assisting communities that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes, including base closures or realignments, base expansions, and contract or program cancellations. To assist affected communities, NVDIA manages and directs BRAC related assistance in Virginia.

The 2009 Session of the Virginia General Assembly provided funding for a grant to Arlington in the amount of \$10,000,000 in order to pay for force protection expenditures that are beyond normal building standards in order to accommodate a new DARPA headquarters. This action authorizes the County Manager to apply for these funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: If awarded, the grant requires a local match of the grant amount. The match will be met through the terms of the site plan approval which reduces the attributable land value by more than the grant amount. There is no increase in net tax support.