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March 6th – 10th is Telework Week in Virginia

~ Commonwealth Encouraging Virginia Businesses to Allow Eligible Employees to Telework One Day Next Week ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is pleased to announce that March 6-10, 2017 is Telework Week in Virginia. DRPT and commuter assistance agencies across the Commonwealth are encouraging Virginia businesses to explore teleworking first-hand by allowing eligible employees scheduled participation one day next week.

“DRPT is proud to sponsor Telework Week in Virginia for the 7th consecutive year,” said **Director of Rail and Public Transportation Jennifer Mitchell**. “From increased employee productivity to reduced traffic congestion and delay, more and more Virginians are realizing the numerous benefits of allowing their employees to work from home.”

By embracing, establishing and executing telework programs for these employees, business in Virginia can take advantage of the many significant benefits of telework including; improving employee morale, decreasing turnover, increasing the attractiveness of a company and increasing the pool of prospective employee candidates.

DRPT’s [2015 Virginia Statewide Travel Study](#) found nearly 600,000 employed Virginians who are both telework qualified and interested in working from home at least one day a week. Through a partnership between DRPT and VDOT, businesses and employers in Northern Virginia can also receive free technical assistance to develop telework policies, identify and assess positions best suited for telework, develop a technology plan, and train managers on how to manage teleworkers

More information for individuals and businesses interested in Virginia Telework Week can be found at: teleworkva.org. Visit today and make a pledge to try telework one day next week.

About Telework!VA

The Telework!VA program was launched by DRPT to help reduce the number of commuters on Virginia's roadways. Telework!VA is the one-stop resource for businesses, individuals and government agencies interested in learning more about telework or starting or expanding a telework program.



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About the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

The mission of DRPT is to facilitate and improve the mobility of the citizens of Virginia and to promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable and cost-effective manner.

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