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**VMA President & CEO appointed to Governor's Economic Development
& Jobs Creation Commission**

~Vassey honored to be appointed~

Richmond, VA – Governor McDonnell has announced his appointees to the Governor's Economic Development & Jobs Creation Commission. Included among these appointments is VMA President & CEO Brett A. Vassey. Joining Mr. Vassey on this Commission will be the Governor's Cabinet, other key members of government, and a host of private sector leaders, including VMA members Bob Leber of Northrop Grumman and John Luke of MWV.

"It is an honor to serve on the Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission. I will rely upon our members for good ideas that will help spur job creation, job retention, regulatory reform, workforce skill attainment and capital investment in our industry," commented Mr. Vassey. The Commission will work to put forth innovative ideas to address the unprecedented economic difficulties facing Virginia families and businesses, the highest unemployment rate in decades and the ever increasing competitiveness of the global economy.

"I look forward to the ideas and solutions that this Commission will put forward to help create new jobs, spur economic development and ensure this is a 'Commonwealth of Opportunity' for all Virginians," said Governor McDonnell.

The Commission will complete its initial report to the Governor by October 16, 2010. Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling, who serves as Virginia's first-ever Chief Jobs Creation Officer, and Bob Sledd, the Governor's Senior Economic Advisor, will serve as Co-Chairs of this effort. Lieutenant Governor Bolling remarked, "By looking for additional ways to make Virginia a more competitive state and invest in proven economic development and job creation programs, we can strengthen our reputation as the most pro-business state in America, and secure the capital investment and jobs we need to provide the people of Virginia with greater economic security."

Bob Sledd, the Governor's Senior Economic Advisor, noted, "Every state and every nation is engaged in a fierce competition to attract capital, jobs and economic development. The private sector creates jobs, but public policy plays a major role in creating an environment that makes job creation easier or tougher. Our goal is to put in place the policies that will free our job-creators and entrepreneurs to grow and be successful, to innovate and expand."