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## Moves!

**Learning Technologies** has been moving within Torgersen Hall to make room for the dean's office in the College of Engineering. The Engineering offices are being relocated as a consequence of the changes to Norris Hall. A roster of the office and suite locations within Torgersen includes relocated offices:

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| <b>1220:</b> Gary Worley, Tom Head, Bill Plymale, Ed Schwartz, Amber Evans, David McPherson | <b>3210:</b> Jeshua Pacifici, Judy Alford, Shelli Fowler       |
| <b>1210:</b> Bruce Rakes, Greg Campbell   | <b>3200:</b> Anne Moore  |
| <b>2220:</b> David Adams, Dawn Eckert, Will Humphries, Jonathan Kensler                     | <b>1140D:</b> Ed McPherson                                     |
| <b>2230:</b> John Moore, Eddie Watson, Marc Zaldivar  | <b>1140E:</b> James Dustin                                     |
|   | <b>1140G:</b> Ben Capozzi                                      |
|   | <b>1090:</b> Cathy Gorman, Don Inman, John Baird, Verner Plott |

**Content and Knowledge Management** relocated to University Mall, within University Computing Support space for 4Help. The group's reporting line has also changed, moving from Information Warehousing and Access group to University Computing Support.

In another move coming soon, the **HRIS** team will relocate to the AISB's second floor, near the other teams within Application Information Systems.

## ACCS Presentations

- Joyce Landreth, Choosing an Emergency Notifications System: VT Alerts  
 Julia Mays and Karen McDowell (University of Virginia) Knowledge Bases: Technological Self-Help  
 Marc DeBonis, Building Self-Service IT Applications, Services and Systems  
 Randy Marchany, Philip Kobezak, Nicolas Pachis, Departmental Security Reviews: Proactive Security Checking

## Project Management Standard

The forms required for meeting the project management standard are now available on the project management standard website, [www.itplanning.org.vt.edu/pml/](http://www.itplanning.org.vt.edu/pml/). The standard provides steps to follow for any information technology project as established in the related policy that was approved by the board of visitors as a part of university restructuring. Using the standard is a means to ensure that project planning is thorough and assists in keeping projects on schedule and within budget. As experience is gained with the standard, improvements can be made to it.

## Emergency Communications Management

Richard Hach participated in a presentation and panel discussion on “Emergency Communications Management” at the Net@EDU Annual Meeting in Tempe, Arizona, on February 11. The purpose of the session was to present information relevant to emergency communications management at individual institutions and discuss the importance of advance preparation and planning required when responding to an emergency on campus. Other speakers were Mark Katsouros, Director, Telecommunication & Network Services, University of Iowa; Joseph Lalley, Director of Operations Support, Cornell University; and William E. Lewis, Associate Director, School of Computing & Informatics, Arizona State University.

Richard, along with Pat Rodgers and William Dougherty, will expand on the presentation for a preconference workshop at Educause’s Southeast Regional Conference, June 2, “Roadmap for Emergency Communications Management” ([www.educause.edu/serc08](http://www.educause.edu/serc08)).

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## Community Broadband Access Map

For just over a year, the eCorridors Community Broadband Access Map (CBAM) has been collecting data through an interactive map to assess residential and small business broadband trends. Because there is no reliable means of ascertaining local availability of broadband services, connection speeds, and pricing, the eCorridors Program has developed this ‘consumer driven’ approach to determining regional broadband service availability.

The eCorridors broadband map is the only map of its kind, and, at a time when the national broadband community is realizing the importance of mapping, the map has received considerable national attention. The eCorridors group has had conversations with a number of national groups interested in the map including ConnectedNation, the Progressive States Network, the Broadband Census, EDUCAUSE, and the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. The map is a model for other national mapping initiatives.

eCorridors encourages all Virginia Tech employees and students to add a marker on the map while running a speed test from your home connection to increase the number of data points for the Virginia Tech region.

Localities can use the CBAM to attract technology employment in areas where the map reveals an abundance of high-speed connectivity, or to work toward competitive service provisioning where there is a lack of high-speed connectivity. In turn, service providers may see the under-served areas as potential for new marketing and service areas.

For more information, see the eCorridors page at [www.ecorridors.vt.edu/maps/CBAM/](http://www.ecorridors.vt.edu/maps/CBAM/).

*Update*, a periodic publication of *Learning Technologies*, this issue features FDI and GEDI, the New Media Center, teaching with DyKnow, and Scholar, along with the spring schedule for FDI workshops. The issue is available online at [www.it.vt.edu/2852\\_VT\\_LT\\_Update\\_8.pdf](http://www.it.vt.edu/2852_VT_LT_Update_8.pdf).

*The Higher Education Data Warehousing Conference gets underway March 30 and runs through April 1 at the Inn at Virginia Tech. For more information, see [www.cpe.vt.edu/hedw/](http://www.cpe.vt.edu/hedw/) or contact Vicky Shaffer or Alan Moeller.*

## InCommon and Shibboleth

Virginia Tech has joined the InCommon Federation. InCommon provides a framework for trustworthy shared management of access to on-line resources in support of education and research in the United States. InCommon enables production-level end-user access to a wide variety of protected resources. InCommon uses standards-based, SAML-compliant Shibboleth® as its federating system. InCommon benefits focus on security, collaboration, and granular control. For more information on InCommon, see [www.incommonfederation.org/](http://www.incommonfederation.org/).