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## **Amazon.com creates more than 350 new jobs in Dinwiddie County**

*~Fortune 500 Company to establish 1.1 million square foot fulfillment facility in the  
Dinwiddie Commerce Park~*

**DINWIDDIE, VA** – Mr. W. Kevin Massengill, County Administrator of Dinwiddie County proudly announced today that Amazon.com will invest a total of \$50 million in Dinwiddie County to establish a 1.1 million square foot fulfillment center. In addition, Amazon.com will also establish another 1.1 million square foot fulfillment facility in neighboring Chesterfield County investing \$85 million and 1000 new jobs. Combined, this announcement represents the largest creation of new jobs by a single company in the Commonwealth of Virginia in over seven years. Moreover, this is the largest number of jobs created in Dinwiddie County in over 14 years.

“Amazon.com, Inc. will provide a significant boost to the local and regional economy with its commitment to construct a fulfillment center in both Dinwiddie and Chesterfield counties,” said Mr. Massengill. This project will represent an investment of \$135 million and the creation of over 1,350 new jobs.

Amazon.com, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMZN), a Fortune 500 company based in Seattle, opened on the World Wide Web in July 1995 and today offers Earth's Biggest Selection. Amazon.com, Inc. seeks to be Earth's most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online, and endeavors to offer its customers the lowest possible prices. Amazon.com and other

sellers offer millions of unique new, refurbished and used items in categories such as Books; Movies, Music & Games; Digital Downloads; Electronics & Computers; Home & Garden; Toys, Kids & Baby; Grocery; Apparel, Shoes & Jewelry; Health & Beauty; Sports & Outdoors; and Tools, Auto & Industrial. Amazon Web Services provides Amazon's developer customers with access to in-the-cloud infrastructure services based on Amazon's own back-end technology platform, which developers can use to enable virtually any type of business.

“This was a very comprehensive and complex process with many moving pieces. I am very impressed with the County’s staff, the leadership of the Board of Supervisors and the Industrial Development Authority,” said W. Alan Kissner, Chair of the Industrial Development Authority of Dinwiddie County. “Everyone pulled together in true collaboration to make this announcement a reality for Dinwiddie County and the region.”

“We are excited about the job opportunities for our citizens and the numerous benefits that come along with the construction of a facility of this size, according to Ms. Tammie J. Collins, Division Chief of Planning and Community Development. Ms. Collins continued, “Amazon.com’s selection of the Dinwiddie Commerce Park validates the County’s position as a premier logistics location.”

“The future is bright for Dinwiddie County. Its rich transportation network, available workforce and commitment to economic development are key ingredients to our continued success,” stated Mr. Harrison Moody, member of the Dinwiddie Board of Supervisors.

The Dinwiddie County Economic Development Office and the Industrial Development Authority worked with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Virginia’s Gateway Region to secure the project for Dinwiddie. Governor McDonnell approved a total of \$2.5 million in grants from the Governor’s Opportunity Fund to assist with the project. The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission approved \$850,000 in Tobacco Region Opportunity Funds and \$2.7 million in grants for the Dinwiddie County project. Dinwiddie County committed \$270,000 of grant matching funds to facilitate the announcement. The company is eligible to receive benefits from the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Through its Virginia Jobs Investment Program, the Virginia Department of Business Assistance will provide funding and services to support the company’s recruitment and training activities.

Amazon.com is planning to commence operations in late 2012.