



DEPARTMENT OF  
GENERAL SERVICES

**DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND BUILDINGS**

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## **DEB Notice 050514**

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### **Rate Increases**

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Effective July 1, 2014, the billing rate for BCOM services will increase to \$128.00 per hour.

Effective July 1, 2015, the billing rate for BCOM services will increase to \$132.00 per hour

These rate increases, which average approximately 2.8% per year, were approved on October 13, 2013 by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). A link to the JLARC meeting minutes is included below.

Given the budget constraints faced by all state agencies, the Bureau works diligently to control expenditures. These rate increases are the result of factors beyond the control of the Bureau, notably increases in the employer-paid portion of health insurance premiums and the salary compression adjustment which was added by the General Assembly during the 2013 legislative session, which was effective July 25, 2013.

To minimize the immediate impact to our client agencies and authorities, the Bureau absorbed the FY14 impacts of these increases by spending down reserves, however, the downstream (FY15 & FY16) impact of these cost increases must be accommodated by these rate adjustments.

#### References:

<http://jlarc.virginia.gov/meetings/October13/Minutes.pdf>

<http://jlarc.virginia.gov/Meetings/October13/ISFRpt.pdf>