

## Response to Questions on the FY 2012 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Foust

**Question:** Was privatization of any County provided service reflected in the FY 2012 budget? If not, why not? Can any savings be realized in FY 2012 by privatizing additional services and, if so, what services and how much can be saved? What are the advantages and disadvantages of doing so?

**Response:** The comprehensive summary of privatized services compiled by the County is available at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/FY\\_2011\\_Outourcing\\_Project\\_Memo.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/FY_2011_Outourcing_Project_Memo.pdf). As identified in this summary County staff is always looking for new opportunities to provide services more efficiently and effectively. While there are no specific outsourcing examples included in the FY 2012 budget, staff is currently investigating the potential to outsource transportation of foster care clients in the human service transportation system. This effort is a good example of both the constant cycle of service delivery review undertaken by the County and the fact that outsourcing is not always a savings. This effort is anticipated to be expense neutral with some efficiencies generated over time.