



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Chairman Connolly

Question: Are there any cost savings achievable by aligning the opening and closing times of the Technical Operations Center and/or the Archives and Records Center functions with Library Operations?

Response: The Technical Operations Center provides research, planning and evaluation of materials and information technology to support the 23 regional and community libraries located throughout Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, as well as Library Administration and the Archives and Records Center. The Technical Operations Center operates on a standard 40 hour County work week, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Staff assigned to the Technical Operations Center has flexible schedules; however, managers ensure that core business hours are always staffed.

The Archives and Records Center is responsible for retention of the County's historical or permanent records and the provision of direct access to these records by the general public and by County agencies. The Archives and Records Center also operates on a standard 40 hour County work week, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In contrast, library branches are open more than 40 hours per week; therefore, aligning the opening and closing times of the Technical Operations Center and/or the Archives and Records Center does not provide any cost savings. However, the County could reduce the hours of operation at the Technical Operations Center and/or the Archives and Records Center to less than the standard 40 hour County work week. It is difficult to project the cost savings without knowing the exact reduction.