OPERATING:

Increase Base Operating Support
$400,000 GF $400,000 GF

This proposal requests base operating support for routine costs and rate increases in library materials, service contracts for high tech scientific and computing equipment, and plant operations as well as faculty and staff support in selected program areas mandated by the Code of Virginia.

Restore Wetlands Advisory Program
$257,460 GF $279,684 GF
4.0 FTE 4.0 FTE

This proposal requests the restoration of full state support for the Institute’s Center for Coastal Resources Management’s Wetlands Advisory Program. Originally supported with base funding to VIMS in 1972, this program has recently been supported with a mix of federal and state funds. This program currently provides extensive technical advice to Virginia’s local citizen wetlands boards and VMRC as they make decisions about permit applications and their impacts on vital natural resources.

CAPITAL:

Replace Eastern Shore Sea Water Laboratory
$4,239,000 GOB

Supports construction of a new laboratory building with running sea water for research on coastal marine ecology and aquaculture in a high salinity environment. Currently, the research is conducted in former oyster shucking houses from the late 1800s. The Eastern Shore Lab is used by many VIMS and visiting researchers.

Control Shoreline Erosion
$1,200,000 GOB

Supports erosion control of the entire shoreline of the Gloucester Point campus. The project includes the construction of eleven new stone breakwaters, the extension of several pipe outfalls further into the York River, replenishment of sand along the entire shoreline, creation of small dunes along the west shoreline, and planting of riparian vegetation on the east shoreline.

Consolidated Scientific Research Building
$7,203,000 GF

Provides research, study, and technology space for Marine Advisory Services, the Center for Coastal Resources, and the publication and computer centers in a single facility. These programs are currently housed in inadequate single family dwellings, temporary modular buildings, and unrenovated office space throughout the campus.