Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority
FY 2012 Revised and FY 2013 Budgets
Staff Presentation
March 8, 2012
Background/ History

- Established in 1981
  - Owner and licensee of Rhode Island’s public television station, which was started in 1965

Objectives
- Educate, inform, enlighten, and entertain
- Provide educational services to all citizens regardless of their ability to pay for services
Background/ History

Corporation for Public Broadcasting funding
– Based on a formula consisting of a statutory base grant of $482,142 plus a percentage of all non-federal funds received for the operation of WSBE-TV
Background/ History

Rhode Island PBS Foundation
- Raise funds & provide support solely for the benefit of WSBE-TV
- Revenues generated through fundraising are used to support twelve Foundation employees and building utilities, programming and production expenses and all other operational support expenses
- These funds are not included within the Authority’s budget because they are a separate non-profit Rhode Island Corporation, not a state agency
# Summary by Fund

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## Summary by Category

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Article 3 - Public Telecommunications

- **Hearing held on February 15, 2012**

- **Eliminates requirement for state support for the Authority, effective January 1, 2013**

- **Budget provides six months of funding**

- **Budget documents suggest the Authority partner with outside institutions or community groups for resources**
FY 2013 Governor Recommendation

- Agencies used pre-reform retirement rates when preparing their budgets
  - Governor’s budget adjusts rates to reflect new, lower costs and reduces general revenues expenses
  - Savings from other sources shifted to unidentified operating expenses

For Channel 36 these total $52,074
Some may be available to offset state costs
Staffing

Governor includes 15.0 positions for FY 2012; the enacted level of positions and 14.0 positions for FY 2013

As of February 11, 2012 the Authority has 14.0 positions filled
– ITV Director was laid off December 31, 2011
Salaries and Benefits

Governor includes $1.5 million for FY 2012
- $44,875 less than enacted
- $186,946 less than requested including $182,805 less from general revenues
- turnover savings for a six month vacancy of the ITV Director
- distribution of the medical benefit holiday savings
- does not recommend funding the Director of Finance and Administration position
Salaries and Benefits

Governor includes $1.1 million for FY 2013
- $520,631 less than enacted
- $838,077 less than requested
  - $785,876 less from general revenues
- funds staff for 6 months until January 1, 2013
- elimination of the ITV Director position
- savings from retirement rate changes
All Other

Governor includes $65,674 in FY 2013

$16,513 more than enacted

$38,474 more than requested
  – $52,074 more corporation for public broadcasting funds
  – $13,600 less general revenues to reflect six months state support
  – Office supplies
  – Equipment maintenance
  – Closed captioning services
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