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CELEBRATING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

Commissioner Albert Bryan, Commissioner of Labor is pleased to announce that the Department will hold closing ceremonies for the participants in this year's *Labor Investing For Tomorrow (LIFT)* internship program and the *Partial Employment Technique (PET)* initiative on **Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at LP Catering (L'Escargot) in Sub Base, St. Thomas** and **Friday, August 17, 2007 at Gertrude's Restaurant on St. Croix** from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**.

Commissioner Bryan states, "The *Labor Investing For Tomorrow (LIFT)* program was created as a summer internship program to provide college level students with an on the job experience in various business, technical and professional fields. The students that participated this year were highly talented and excelled at the duties assigned to them this summer. The participants of the *PET* program also raised the bar and we expect great things from these future leaders of tomorrow." The *LIFT* program has been in existence for 18 years and counts some of our prominent leaders among its alumni. Former *LIFT* participants such as **Mrs. Gizette Canegata Thomas, Director of IRB** and **Mr. Kenneth Herman, Jr., Director of the Division of Personnel**, have proven that prior year's investments have already paid dividends to the people of the Virgin Islands. The *Partial Employment Technique* program, which targets youth between the ages of 14 to 18, allows high school students in the Virgin Islands to engage in extensive career exploration and acquire small business development skills. This is accomplished through classroom training, computer literacy classes and work experience.

For further information about the closing ceremonies or the *LIFT* and *PET* programs, please contact the Division of Training at **776-3700 ext. 2099** on St. Thomas and **773-1994 ext. 222**. Please visit DOL's website at www.vidol.gov for more information about other programs and services that the Department provides.