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DOL CONTINUES JOB SURVEY

Cecil R. Benjamin, Commissioner of Labor, announces that the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will be continuing the *Job Vacancy Survey (JVS)*. The Commissioner thanks all the Virgin Islands employers who have already submitted the initial Job Vacancy Survey.

Commissioner Benjamin, on behalf of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wishes to impress upon all employers the importance of participating in the territory's first Job Vacancy Survey (JVS). Information gathered from the JVS will assist employers, job seekers, educators, government planners, policy makers and legislators, as well as the community to understand the unique labor and specific training needs of the Virgin Islands. Furthermore, this vital information will enable the Department of Labor and its mandated partners such as the *UVI Workforce Advisory* and the *Human Resources Investment Council (HRIC)* to develop specific courses, vocationally and academically. Additional analysis of the statistics can provide characteristics of the vacancies, wages and benefits, education and experience required and whether the positions offered are full-time or part-time.

Employers are asked to promptly complete the survey form and return it by mail, fax, email, or in person at the Department Bureau of Labor Statistics **no later than March 19, 2004**. For further information please contact Leo Gardner at 340-776-3700, ext. 2044. The fax number is 340-777-4803, and email address is lgardner@vidol.gov.

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