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WELFARE TO WORK PROGRAM RESCISSION

Commissioner of Labor, Cecil R. Benjamin, regrets to announce that the *Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Program*, originally funded under Section 403 (a)(5)(H)(i)(II) of the **Social Security Act**, was rescinded through an Act of Congress on **January 23, 2004**.

Commissioner Benjamin, on behalf of the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, advises all of our WtW customers, internal and external partners and other support agencies of the following:

- All **'active'** program participants may continue to access services through the Department of Labor's Workforce Investment System. Customers are encouraged to contact their assigned representative or Career Coordinator within each district.
- All outstanding obligations against the *WtW* Program grant must be reconciled **prior** to **September 30, 2004**.

The Commissioner would like to thank the Welfare-to-Work Program staff, all partner agencies, the employer community, support service providers and all others who contributed to the success of this program.

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