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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **VIDOL ANNOUNCES NEW – WIOA/WIA STATE-LEVEL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (EO) OFFICER**

Commissioner of Labor Catherine A. Hendry, Esq., wishes to inform Employers, Not For-Profit Organizations, Training Service Providers, VIDOL customers, and the general public that **Mrs. Wean Williams Farrell, Assistant Commissioner**, has been **designated the State-Level Equal Opportunity (EO) Officer** for the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, Territory-wide, for programs funded and/or receiving financial assistance under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)/Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Because the Virgin Islands is considered a Single Workforce Investment Area; the State-level EO officer designated for Workforce Development programs is responsible for ensuring the territorial coordination and delivery of equal opportunity and non-discrimination services. The States' EO Officer is primarily responsible for:

- Serving as the Department's liaison with the Civil Rights Center (CRC), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, US Department of Labor;
- Assisting on briefing on EO activities;
- Ensuring that records are maintained on EO activities;
- Assisting in the development of training sessions on Equal Opportunity requirements;
- Overseeing the development and implementation of the Method of Administration (MOA); and
- Assisting in the review of VIDOL's written policies to ensure nondiscrimination.

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