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Commissioner's Welcome Message

Welcome to the Virgin Islands Department of Labor website. We encourage you to visit us frequently as information is always being updated to serve you better and keep you informed. We also invite you to tour our offices, meet our staff and take advantage of the free printed information available.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development is the core of our economy. It is the foundational center upon which our success depends. At the very heart of this core is education. Education is the liberator and equalizer of men. It is the key that unlocks the windows of opportunity that leads to a higher standard of living for us all. However, in order to ensure the success of our territory in a global economy it is imperative that we pool our resources to produce a "work ready" labor force that is dynamic, career-driven, adaptable and technically literate. *This* is the challenge of 21st Century America and as a result the challenge for the Virgin Islands.

The role the Department of Labor plays in meeting this challenge is critically important to the economic prosperity of the Territory. Our mission *"to provide effective programs and services designed to develop, protect and maintain a viable workforce in order to promote economic growth, employment opportunities, stability and a higher standard of living in the territory"* is contingent on building a strong private/public partnership with businesses, other government agencies, community organizations and other stakeholders focused on developing our workforce by providing demand driven training opportunities that lead to gainful employment for our residents.

The realities of our local economy underscore the need for the Department to continuously strengthen and maintain an integrated delivery of services. We offer a wide range of programs and services that are administered through the Divisions of *Occupational Safety and Health; Workers' Compensation; Labor Relations; Job Service; Training; Unemployment Insurance; Hearings and Appeals; and Bureau of Labor Statistic* that seek to address the needs of the jobseeker, incumbent worker, skilled, unskilled and disadvantaged adults and youth of our Territory, as well as meet the business needs of our employers. To learn more, just click on the links provided on this website.

We thank you for your visit and look forward to serving you again.

Sincerely,
Albert Bryan Jr
Commissioner

