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DOL RECEIVES VISION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Commissioner Cecil R. Benjamin is pleased to announce that the Virgin Islands Department of Labor is a recipient of the 2005 Vision of Excellence Award presented by the USDA Graduate School during a recent Change Management Training seminar.

The Vision of Excellence award is an incentive award designed to encourage the improvement in departmental or agency performance and improvement of standards and government services. This year's award was presented to the Department of Labor for its noteworthy progress made over the past two and a half years in such areas as: *reducing costs, improving business processes, improving operations through the use of technology, improving staff through training/mentoring/education, improving compliance with regulatory requirements and being an advocate for change.*

Commissioner Benjamin states, "We are pleased to be recognized with this symbol of distinction by an impartial, neutral and professional establishment. I commend and praise all of the employees of VIDOL for this signal recognition." He further stated, "Because of the dedication of the employees to government service, perseverance in getting the job done and creativity in doing more with less, we have made exemplary strides in improving our services, staff training, upgrading the facilities and procedures and proposing legislation to improve and strengthen our labor laws. All of these were accomplished despite being understaffed, underfunded and under-paid."

The Virgin Islands Department of Labor is committed to continuously improving its processes and the way we do business. We encourage the general public to visit our website at www.vidol.gov and share your thoughts and ideas on how we may serve you better.

For more information about the Vision of Excellence Award program, please contact the Department of Finance, Office of the Commissioner.

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