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**BIR AND UVI ANNOUNCE 2013 VOLUNTEER TAXPAYER
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Claudette Watson-Anderson, CPA, Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, and Aubrey Washington, Interim Dean of the School of Business of the University of the Virgin Islands, today announced a partnership that allows accounting students of the University of the Virgin Islands to provide a community service to taxpayers.

“The Bureau’s annual Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Program will be supported this year by its audit staff, as well as UVI student interns. The audit employees and the interns will help taxpayers with the filing of their 2012 income tax returns. This is a free service offered to taxpayers who are filing simple tax returns with the Bureau,” Watson-Anderson stated.

The Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Program will begin on all three islands on Saturday, March 2, 2013 through March 23, 2013. There will be no assistance on Saturday, March 30, 2013. Taxpayer assistance will resume in April, and will be held on Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, April 13, 2013. Assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the employees and interns will be completing Forms 1040EZ and 1040A only.

On St. Thomas, the program will be available at the Bureau’s office at 6115 Estate Smith Bay, in Red Hook, across the street from the Red Hook dock from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

On St. Croix, the program will be available at the Bureau’s office at 4008 Estate Diamond from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

On St. John, the program will be available at the Bureau's office at the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Cruz Bay from 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.

Taxpayers should have available all W-2s, 1099-Rs (Retirement Income), Form 1099s (Interest and Other Income), and Form SSA (Social Security Income) readily available.

Please refer questions about the Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Program on St. Thomas and St. John to 715-1040 and on St. Croix to 773-1040.

Director Watson Anderson also reminds the taxpaying public that it is against the law for any Bureau of Internal Revenue employee to charge fees for preparation of a tax return. Any taxpayer who can provide proof of payment to a Bureau of Internal Revenue employee for the preparation of tax returns is asked to call Director Watson Anderson at (340) 773-1040, ext. 4223 to report this violation.

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