Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion Annual Report

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

YEAR: FY 2025

FY 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Plan Goal 1: Access & Success

- Increased outreach efforts, leveraging new finance occupation-focused and other sites which resulted in more diverse applicant pools for core tax positions
- Expanded veteran outreach by participating in numerous Virginia Values Veterans (V3) programs and continuing the SkillBridge Internship Program
- Restructured operational entry-level positions to allow for agency nimbleness and greater employee development and growth
- Refreshed the Taxpayer Rights Advocate role and created easier access via the Virginia Tax website

Plan Goal 2: Welcoming and Respectful Culture

- Conducted focus groups and change management workshops to gain diverse opinions and perspectives and encourage awareness of differing perspectives and reactions
- Offered numerous job shadow programs to promote better understanding of various departments
- Implemented the Quarterly Kudos program to recognize employees who demonstrate agency values

Plan Goal 3: State Agency DOI Infrastructure & Training

- Continued to focus on knowledge capture/transfer to support succession planning and career development by incorporating it into expectations
- Continued to partner with VCU's Grace E. Harris Leadership Institute for leadership development
- Invested in LinkedIn Learning subscriptions for all classified and wage employees and introduced summer learning series

FY 2026 AGENCY OI GOALS

- Continue to analyze data from various sources and tailor outreach activities, improve quality
 of hire, and reduce first year turnover
- Improve the pre-boarding and onboarding processes to focus more on early engagement
- Conduct annual agency-wide engagement survey and develop action plans
- Enhance the agency's ability to provide learning and development opportunities for employees, including coaching and mentorship
- Continue to evolve agency capability to provide skills training and career development opportunities to retain talent and create a more knowledgeable and flexible workforce

