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DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BEP EMPLOYEES

FROM:

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Director

SUBJECT:

Diversity Policy

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) derives strength from the Nation's diverse population. Diversity is integral to our mission and the success of BEP. The overall goal is to make sure we take full advantage of the differing viewpoints, ideas, and backgrounds that each of us bring to the table. It is the widest diversity of viewpoints and backgrounds that serve to maximize our effectiveness.

Diversity is a means in which to recognize and appreciate the variety of characteristics that make each of us unique and provides an atmosphere that promotes and celebrates individuals and their collective achievements. It includes: age; cognitive style; culture; disability (cognitive, physical); economic background; education; ethnicity; gender identity; geographic background; language(s) spoken; marital/partnered status; physical appearance; political affiliation; race; religious beliefs; and sexual orientation.

Accordingly, diversity and inclusion are strategic imperatives for BEP. BEP employees share responsibility in being proactive in the support of a work environment that values diversity. We also hold BEP managers and leaders accountable for fostering a more diverse and inclusive workforce. This expectation includes conducting broad outreach initiatives when available employment and business opportunities arise and involving a diverse range of individuals in personnel and business decisions.

We have made great strides in promoting diversity at BEP, but we have more to do. As with other challenges we've faced, we can make this happen. Thank you for your continued support of this important objective and for all the valuable contributions you make each day.