# Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Stations WXBQ-FM, WAEZ(FM), WFHG-FM, WTZR(FM), WFHG(AM), WNPC(AM), and WNPC-FM
Comprising the Tri-Cities Station Employment Unit

# **Annual EEO Public File Report**

For the period of June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

The purpose of this Equal Employment Opportunity Public File Report ("Report") is to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's 2002 EEO Rule – 47 C.F.R. Section 73.2080(c)(6). This Report has been prepared on behalf of the Tri-Cities Station Employment Unit ("SEU") that is comprised of the above captioned stations, all licensed to Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc., and has been placed in the Public Inspection Files of these stations and posted on their websites as required<sup>1</sup>.

The information contained in this Report covers the time period beginning on June 1, 2008, and ending on May 31, 2009 (the "Applicable Period").

The FCC's 2002 EEO Rule requires that this Report contain the following information:

- 1. A list of all full-time vacancies filled by the Stations comprising the Station Employment Unit during the Applicable Period;
- For each such vacancy, the recruitment sources utilized to fill the vacancy (including, if applicable, organizations entitled to notification pursuant to Section 73.2080(c)(1)(iii) of the new EEO Rule, which should be separately identified), identified by name, address, contact person and telephone number;
- 3. The recruitment source that referred the hiree for each full-time vacancy during the Applicable Period;
- 4. Data reflecting the total number of persons interviewed for full-time vacancies during the Applicable Period and the total number of interviewees referred by each recruitment source utilized in connection with such vacancies; and
- 5. A list and brief description of the initiatives undertaken pursuant to Section 73.2080(c)(2) of the FCC Rules.
- 6. An analysis of the effectiveness of the SEU's EEO recruitment program.

Below is a recapitulation of the vacancies and recruitment activities and supplemental outreach initiatives that were undertaken by Bristol Broadcasting Company during the Applicable Period of this Annual Equal Employment Opportunity Report.

<sup>1</sup> While the communities of license of Stations WAEZ(FM), WTZR(FM), WNPC(AM) and WNPC-FM are all in Tennessee (Greeneville, Elizabethton, and Newport respectively) this Annual EEO Public File Report was prepared and filed on the anniversary date of the filing of the licensee renewal applications for Stations WXBQ-FM, WFHG-FM, and WFHG(AM) whose communities of license are in Virginia as is permitted by the Commission's policies in cases where an SEU is comprised of stations with cities of license in multiple states.

### **Vacancy Information**

Only one<sup>2</sup> full-time vacancy was filled for the Tri-Cities Station Employment Unit during the Applicable Period of this Report.

Full-Time Position Filled by Job Title	Recruitment Source of Hiree
Air Personality <sup>3</sup>	SEU Station(s) Website(s)

## **Total Number of Interviewees**

Total number of persons interviewed during Applicable Period: 9

### **Recruitment Source Information**

Notice of the one full-time vacancy that occurred during the Applicable Period for this Report was posted on bulletin boards at the offices of Bristol Broadcasting Company and was posted on the Bristol Broadcasting Company website "Employment" page which is hyperlinked from the websites of each of the stations in the Tri-Cities Station Employment Unit. These notices emphasized that Bristol Broadcasting Company is an equal opportunity employer.

Each of the stations in the Bristol SEU regularly air announcements encouraging organizations involved in assisting job seekers to request notice of all vacancies at Bristol Broadcasting Company. Similar notice to job placement assistance organizations is also given on the Bristol Broadcasting Company website, and an online form is provided for convenience in requesting notice of vacancies. A list of all such organizations that have requested notice of job openings is maintained by Bristol Broadcasting Company. Notice of the full-time job opening was sent to the following organization that had requested notice of such openings:

Shawnee Community College Attention: Candy Eastwood 8364 Shawnee College Road

Ullin, IL 62992 Phone: 618-634-3353 ITT – Technical Institute Attention: Melinda Parker 10208 Technology Drive Knoxville, TN 37932 Phone: 865-671-2800 Trevecca Nazarene University Attention: David Deese 333 Murfreesboro Road Nashville, TN 37210 Phone: 615-248-7786

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In September, 2008 a recruitment effort was launched to fill an air personality vacancy; however, the effort was terminated and a decision was made to utilize existing employees to cover the open duties thus eliminating the vacancy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Recruitment for this position was commenced during the previous EEO reporting period (February 2008) but the position was not filled during reporting period. Because the position remain unfilled, shortly after the start of the Applicable Period of this report (July 2008) Bristol Broadcasting Company "freshened" the recruitment by posting and mailing a second round notices to each of the recruitment sources. The interview process was then completed and the position was filled as detailed in this report.

Goodwill Industries Attention: Erin Starnes 2017 Brookside Lane Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: 423-245-0600

The Crumley House Attention: Jessica Kerney 300 Urbana Road Limestone, TN 37681 Phone: 423-257-3644

National College of Business Attention: Angie Williams 1328 Highway 11W Bristol, TN 37620 Phone: 423-878-4440 ETSU Community Outreach Attention: Keri Hale 603 Bert Street, Suite 209 Johnson City, TN 37601 Phone: 423-926-4376

Virginia Highland Community College

Attention: Kim Morton P. O. Box 828 Abingdon, VA 24212 Phone: 276-739-2590

UVA College at Wise Attention: Mallory Mullins 1 College Avenue Wise, VA 24293 Phone: 276-328-0126 Work Force One Attention: Patti Nichols P. O. Box 645 Abingdon, VA 24212 Phone: 276-676-0403

Emory & Henry College Attention: Amanda Gardner

P. O. Box 947 Emory, VA 23327 Phone: 276-944-6922

Below is a listing of the <u>Specialized Recruitment Sources</u> utilized by Bristol Broadcasting Company for every full-time vacancy. A notice of each vacancy was sent to each source along with a request that the notice be propagated to any qualified job seeker.

East Tennessee State University

Career Services Attention: Jeanette Hill PO Box 70718 Johnson City, TN 37614 Phone: 423-439-4441

King College Career Services

Attention: Elizabeth Graham 1350 King College Road Bristol, TN 37620 Phone: 423-652-4752

Virginia Intermont College

Career Services Attention: Bobbie Sturgill PO Box 220

Bristol, VA 24201 Phone: 276-466-7909

Virginia Employment Services Attention: Danny Bartlett 192 East Bristol Road Bristol, VA 24201 Phone: 276-642-7350 Northeast Community College

Career Services Attention: Ron Smith PO Box 246 Blountville, TN 37617 Phone: 423-354-2491

Tusculum College Career Services

Attention: Rhonda McCurdy

PO Box 5082

Greeneville, TN 37743 Phone: 423-636-7387

Washington Co. Adult Learning Center

Attention: Kenneth Litton 848 Thompson Drive Abingdon, VA 24210 Phone: 276-676-1999

NAACP

Attention: Glodine Davis P. O. Box 1878 Johnson City, TN 37605 Phone: 423-283-2223 Emory & Henry College Career Services

Attention: Christine Puttock

PO Box 947 Emory, VA 24327 Phone: 276-944-6144

Milligan College Career Services

Attention: John Paul Abner

PO Box 500

Milligan College, TN 37682 Phone: 423-975-8013

Tennessee Employment Commission

Attention: Sue Creasy 1712 West State St. Bristol, TN 37620 Phone: 423-989-6600

Newport Chamber of Commerce Attention: Kandee Veridal 433-B Prospect Avenue Newport, TN 37821 Phone: 423-623-7201

Additionally, notice of the vacancy was posted on AllAccess.com and on radioandrecords.com, broadcast industry websites that have job bank listings that are viewed by numerous persons seeking employment in the broadcast industry. Notice regarding the job opening was also listed in the "Jobs" section of the website for the Virginia Association of Broadcasters.

#### Analysis of Interviewees by Source

Bristol Broadcasting Company made an analysis of the number of interviewees that was provided by each recruitment source during the Applicable Period of this Report. That analysis is charted below:

AllAccess.com	East Tennessee State University	Northeast Community College
Number of Interviewees Provided: 6	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
Emory & Henry College	King College	Tusculum College
Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
Milligan College	Virginia Intermont College	Washington Co. Adult Learning Center
Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
Tennessee Employment Commission	Virginia Employment Services	NAACP
Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
Virginia Highland Community College	ITT – Technical Institute	Shawnee Community College
Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
Goodwill Industries Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Contemporary Staffing Services Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Trevecca Nazarene University Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
The Crumley House	Work Force One	ETSU Community Outreach
Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
VAB Website Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	SEU Bulletin Boards Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	SEU Station(s) Website(s) Number of Interviewees Provided:1
RadioandRecords.com Number of Interviewees Provided: 1	Word-of-Mouth (Walk-in Applicant) Number of Interviewees Provided:1	Newport Chamber of Commerce Number of Interviewees Provided: 0
UVA College at Wise Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	National College of Business Number of Interviewees Provided: 0	

The chart below gives an analysis of the total number of interviewees provided by each referral source for each of the vacancies filled during the Applicable Period of this report:

Chart Showing Total Number Interviewees by Source for Each Vacancy			
Full-Time Position	Recruitment Sources of Interviewees	Total Referred by Source	
Air Personality	SEU Station(s) Website(s) AllAccess.com Word-of-Mouth (Walk-in Applicant) RadioandRecords.com	1 6 1 1	

Total number of persons interviewed during Applicable Period: 9

#### **Analysis of Effective of EEO Recruitment Program**

While preparing this Annual EEO Public File Report for the Tri-Cities Station Employment Unit, Bristol Broadcasting Company also reviewed its recruitment efforts during the Applicable Period. Because only one vacancy was filled, enough data for a complete analysis of the effectiveness of the SEU's EEO recruitment program was not available. However, Bristol Broadcasting Company did note that trends from previous reporting periods were evident for the recruitment endeavored during the period of this report.

AllAccess.com (a broadcast industry website), as in the past, was exceptionally effective in producing interviewees for the on-air position advertised. Indeed, most of the interviewees were referred by this one source. It remains apparent that many job seekers interested in opportunities in the radio broadcasting industry check the postings on AllAccess.com, and the Tri-Cities SEU will continue to utilize this resource.

The websites of the Stations of the SEU were also beneficial to the recruitment efforts. The hiree for the one filled vacancy can from this source. The management of the Tri-Cities SEU advises interested persons at career fairs, during station tours, and at other public opportunities to periodically check the "Employment" page on the Bristol Broadcasting Company website (hyperlinked from the websites of all of the SEU Stations) for job vacancy notices. Bristol Broadcasting Company believes that its station's websites can be effective in disseminating vacancy information.

One interviewee was referred by RadioandRecords.com and one interviewee learned about the opening from a friend in the broadcasting industry (word-of-mouth).

No interviewee was referred for the one vacancy that occurred during the Applicable Period of this Report by *Organizations Requesting Notice* or by any of the SEU's *Specialized Recruitment Sources*. Bristol Broadcasting Company did review its list of *Specialized Recruitment Sources* and again concluded that the list is comprehensive and comprises entities with reach into many diverse segments of the population. On an ongoing basis Bristol Broadcasting Company will continue to review and update its list as new sources are identified and added and unproductive sources are removed.

It is noted that the Tri-Cities SEU has been successful in soliciting organization that regularly assist job seekers to help disseminate information about vacancies. Bristol Broadcasting Company will continue to air announcements on it stations notifying organizations that they can be added to a list of entities that receive notifications of job vacancies at the SEU. Any such organizations that respond requesting notice of future openings will be added to the SEU's recruitment sources.

After the review, Bristol Broadcasting Company found its recruitment practices to be effective and believes that by sending notices of job vacancies to its list of *Specialized Recruitment Sources* and *Organizations Requesting Notice*, by posting notices on the SEU Stations' websites and on bulletin boards in the offices of the SEU, by posting notices on broadcast industry websites, and by encouraging *word-of-mouth* propagation, wide dissemination of job openings is achieved.

# **Supplemental Outreach Initiatives**

During the Applicable Period, Bristol Broadcasting Company completed the following Supplemental Outreach Initiatives seeking to provide increased awareness of employment opportunities in broadcasting and with Bristol Broadcasting Company:

- Internship with East Tennessee State University In June 2008, Bristol Broadcasting Company established an internship with an East Tennessee State University student who had an interest in a career in broadcasting. This student was provided opportunities to "job shadow" with the on-air staff of one of the stations of the Tri-Cities SEU. The student sat in with the air personalities on their live shows, was given training in the operation of the station's audio equipment, was instructed on the use of audio editing software and commercial production, and attended live remote broadcasts and promotional events with station staff members. During the internship members of the SEU management team provided the student with information about the overall operations of a broadcast station and career opportunities available in broadcasting.
- Field Trip Southwest Virginia Community College The SEU hosted a field trip for a group of communications class students at Southwest Virginia Community College on June 20, 2008. The students were shown how audio equipment and audio editing software used by the SEU stations was operated. Employees of the SEU answered questions posed by the students on a wide range of topics related the radio industry including duties at radio stations, potential pay scales, types of equipment used by broadcast stations, and how programming is selected for stations. The students were given a brochure produced by Bristol Broadcasting Company that detailed career opportunities in broadcasting and information about Bristol Broadcasting Company's EEO and employment practices.
- <u>Career Fair National College of Business</u> On October 7, 2008 the stations of the SEU participated in a Career Fair held at the National College of. Bristol Broadcasting Company personnel at the Career Expo included Program Director Jennifer Worley and Sales Manager Winnie Quaintance. Those who visited the Bristol Broadcasting Company booth were given a brochure that detailed career opportunities in broadcasting and information about Bristol Broadcasting Company's EEO and employment practices. Worley and Quaintance answered general questions about radio broadcasting and about how one should apply for any available position for which he/she is qualified at Bristol Broadcasting Company.
- Field Trip Southwest Virginia Community College On October 27, 2008, Bristol Broadcasting Company hosted a *field trip* for a group of communications class students at Southwest Virginia Community College at the SEU studios. The students were shown how audio equipment and audio editing software used by the SEU stations was operated. There were question and answer periods during which the students and SEU staff members discussed various aspects of the radio broadcasting business from station formats to computer software used in station automation. A brochure produced by Bristol Broadcasting Company that detailed career opportunities in broadcasting and information about Bristol Broadcasting Company's EEO and employment practices was given to the students.

- <u>Station Tour Holston High School</u> Bristol Broadcasting Company provided a tour of
  the offices and studios of the SEU to a group of students from Holston High School on
  April 9, 2009. The basic operations of the control rooms, production studios, and news
  rooms at the SEU were explained to the students and staff members answered
  questions posed by the students. Information about career opportunities in radio
  broadcasting was also shared with the students.
- Interstate Career Council Career Fair 2009 On April 16, 2009, Bristol Broadcasting Company participated in the Interstate Career Council Career Fair 2009 in Bristol, Virginia. Program Director Jennifer Worley and Promotions Director Kelly Mullins from the Tri-Cities SEU manned a booth at the career fair. A pre-printed brochure detailing career opportunities in broadcasting was furnished to those interested. Worley and Mullins made themselves available to answer questions about the radio industry and Bristol Broadcasting Company.
- <u>Internship with Milligan College</u> In May 2009, Bristol Broadcasting Company established a 12 week internship program with Milligan College. A student enrolled in communications courses at the college was given the opportunity to observe and have direct *hands-on* participation with the on-air personnel at one of the stations of the SEU. Instruction and training in was providing in several areas including live remote broadcasting, commercial and audio production, voice tracking, and control room operations.

Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc., is committed to providing employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or gender and will continue to pursue new ways and means of more widely disseminating information regarding job vacancies with the company.