

July 16, 2024

The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner
Department of Planning and Natural Resources
4611 Tutu Park Mall
Suite 300, 2nd Floor
St. Thomas, USVI 00802

RE: Request for review for a Federal Consistency Determination by the Coastal Zone Management Board under VI Code Section 1, VIR & Regs Title 12, Subchapter 904, Section 904-8 for the Phase II Roof Replacement Project – R. H. Amphlett Leader Justice Center.

Dear Honorable Commissioner Oriol:

On behalf of my client, the Judiciary of the U.S. Virgin Islands, we would like to request that your agency provide a Federal Consistency Determination review of this federally funded roof replacement project. The project is located at the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Center, RR1 9000, Kingshill, St. Croix. The scope of work to be executed will entail utilizing a roof hugger system to be installed over the existing galvanized metal roofing panels on all the hip roofs for the complex. These roof panels are compromised from Hurricanes Maria and Irma, and the existing Z-purlin spacing does not meet the present IBC 2021 Edition building codes.

The federal funding that will be used for this work will cover the preparation and installation of additional structural bracing to the existing Z-purlins, as well as the insulation, rigid backer board and metal standing seam panels that comprise this roof hugger system. By using this roofing system, the client will substantially reduce demolition debris that would be placed in the landfill or would be shipped off island. Installation of this system also mitigates potential conflicts with the construction work impeding operations of the courthouse, which cannot be closed for any period of time. All replacement plumbing vents and other roof intersections will be executed in compliance with all VI Building, IBC & UPC codes 2021 ed.

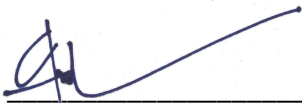
The work proposed will require a demolition permit, building permit, earth change permit, and electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits. All proposed work and activity are consistent to the maximum extent practicable as stipulated by the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with all program requirements. There is additional work to be executed in this contract that will be funded directly by the client.

The existing internal courtyard of the complex is slated to be covered with a space frame and translucent panels to prevent any water infiltration into this space during rain or storm events. A

new bulletproof entry wall will be installed at the northern main entrance to the complex. New interior buildouts to ground floor offices will be completed, as well as enclosing the northern porch to become the new employee lounge and (2) new employee ADA bathrooms. Finally, a new concrete swale will be constructed on the southern side of the complex to mitigate water ponding at the southwest corner and remove potential flooding into an adjacent courtroom by removing an egress door in conjunction to constructing the swale. All earth change work will have erosion and sediment control devices installed prior and maintained during the construction lifespan of the project.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. Your approval and support of this important project is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached via email or my office number.

Best regards,



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Principal / Owner

cc: Marlon Hibbert, Director
Division of Coastal Zone Management