



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 507-2020

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
TO AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 493-2019 TO INCREASE THE
AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT TO SIGN CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, in recognizing the importance of maintaining a centralized, sound, practical, consistent, and comprehensive Government-wide procurement and contract management strategy as prescribed in Executive Order No. 477-2016, established the Office of Procurement and Contract Management and Reporting (“OPCMR”) through Executive Order No. 493-2019 dated August 21, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, in striving to achieve every possible efficiency in its operations and in its delivery of services for the People of the Virgin Islands, reduced the number of steps and required signatures in the contract approval process by granting the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement the authority to sign professional services, construction contracts and memoranda of agreement valued up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) through Executive Order No. 493-2019;

WHEREAS, after evaluation of the OPCMR, a year after its implementation, the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, in seeking greater efficiency in its operations finds it necessary to amend Section 5 of Executive Order No. 493-2019, to provide the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement with the authority to sign professional services contracts, construction contracts and memoranda of agreement valued up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, substantial benefits and greater efficiency can be achieved in the contract approval process by implementing this change in the procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 493-2019 is amended in Section 5 as follows:

A. The heading of Section 5 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following heading:

“Section 5. Professional Services Contracts, Construction Contracts, and Memoranda of Agreement with Compensation Values up to \$1,000,000.00 and Memoranda of Understanding and Supply Contracts”

B. In Subsection a. by deleting all of the existing language and replacing it with the following language:

“All Departments and Agencies within the Executive Branch shall procure all goods and services in accordance with the provisions outlined in Executive Order No. 477-2016. Except, however, all professional services contracts, construction contracts and memoranda of agreement with a compensation value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or less shall be signed by the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement as the final signatory for the Government of the Virgin Islands and shall be binding upon the signature of the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement. The Department of Justice is still required to approve contracts in this category for legal sufficiency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, contracts and purchases procured under Title 31, Section 239(a)(1) (during a declared State of Emergency) and (2) (Public Exigency) will require approval of the Governor pursuant to Title 31, Section 239(b) of the Virgin Islands Code regardless of the amount.”

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

SECTION 3. All other sections and provisions of Executive order No. 493-2019, not otherwise amended herein, remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, this 4th day of September, A.D., 2020.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor