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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure & Planning

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10:00 AM

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
St. Croix, USVI

AGENDA

BLOCK I

Bill No. 36-0248 “An act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code by enacting the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Act.” **Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis**

Invited Testifiers:

Ludence Romney, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Kyle Fleming, Director, Virgin Islands Energy Office

Leah Wiggs, Executive Director, C-PACE Alliance

Michael Sammartino, President, Alba Capital Corporation

Zachary Chandler, Senior Vice President, Peachtree Group

John Hebert, Owner & Operator, Calidad Construction

Llewellyn and Anecia Sewer, Owner-Operators, Love City Car Ferries

Angel Torres, Business owner and retired Deputy Fire Chief

BLOCK II

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning will receive testimony and conduct oversight on the status of federal disaster recovery funding and the Territory’s workforce capacity to support ongoing recovery and infrastructure projects from the following:

Office of Disaster Recovery on a comprehensive status update on all disaster recovery, projects.

Invited Testifier:

Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

CHAIR

Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning

MEMBER

Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance

Committee on Education
and Workforce Development

Committee on Economic
Development and Agriculture

Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications

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Department of Labor: The Committee will receive testimony regarding the Territory's workforce capacity to support disaster recovery and infrastructure projects, including:

- Current status of the Territory's labor workforce
- The Department's role in recruiting workers for disaster recovery and FEMA-funded projects
- Workforce development and training programs designed to prepare local workers for these projects
- Engagement with contractors to prioritize local hiring

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Gary Molloy, PhD, Commissioner, Department of Labor

Contractors involved in disaster recovery and infrastructure projects will be asked to provide testimony regarding:

- Plans for recruiting labor during the duration of their projects
- The state or territory from which workers are being recruited, if applicable
- Housing arrangements for workers, including location and number of workers to be housed
- Anticipated challenges in securing local labor or adequate worker housing

Invited Testifiers:

Lisa Anders, Senior Vice President, MCN Build Caribbean

James Benton, President, J. Benton Construction, LLC

Ryan Attard, Director of Marketing, Haugland Group

P. J. Platt, Project Manager, Persons Services Corporation

Keith Couch, Executive Vice President, Caribbean, Suffolk Construction

Kenneth Canty, President/CEO, AMC Civil Corporation
