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## **UVI RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK APPOINTS ARAMARK HIGHER EDUCATION AS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES FIRM**

**St Croix, USVI, April 15, 2007** - The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park (RTPark) announced today that it has selected ARAMARK Higher Education to provide comprehensive project management and support services for the initial phase of construction of its headquarters building on the UVI St. Croix campus.

ARAMARK Higher Education, a world leader in providing professional services, will manage several facets of the project including project planning, design development oversight, and facilitating maintenance planning and operations training.

“We selected ARAMARK following our evaluation of responses to the Request for Information (RFI) we published in September, 2006,” said Denise S. Kurg, Director of Facilities and Operations for the RTPark. “ARAMARK has built a successful 15-year facilities relationship with the University of Virgin Islands, and has extensive protocols and systems for planning, construction, acceptance, and financial control to help ensure the success of this project.”

“We are excited to be entering into this relationship with ARAMARK, who we believe will be instrumental in helping us achieve the RTPark’s long term goals,” noted David M. Zumwalt, Executive Director of the RTPark. “This facility will bring tangible presence to the USVI’s commitment to economic development through collaborative public-private partnerships, workforce development initiatives, and fostering a sustainable technology sector in the US Virgin Islands.”

“We are delighted to be selected for this project and look forward to bringing our energies and experience to this unique opportunity in the U.S. Virgin Islands,” added Rodney Mack, Vice President of Operations, ARAMARK Higher Education. “Through the RTPark, commercial, academic and public sector stakeholders have joined to leverage best practices in creating and realizing a vision for economic development and prosperity in the Virgin Islands.”

ARAMARK's appointment is effective April 15, 2007.

About The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park

The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) Research and Technology Park (RTPark) is a center for e-commerce and technology with a focus on providing an enabling environment for knowledge-based, transaction-oriented and technology-driven businesses. Headquartered on St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), the RTPark provides a competitive environment to confidently conduct business backed by the U.S. legal system and applicable commercial, intellectual property and tax laws, as well as certain tax incentives for qualifying tenants with USVI-sourced income.

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