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**UVI RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK ANNOUNCES  
SELECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL ALLIANCE TO PROVIDE  
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR  
20,000 SQ. FOOT RTPARK FACILITY IN ST. CROIX**

St. Croix, USVI (November 12, 2007) - [The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park](#) (RTPark) announced today the selection of Minneapolis-based architecture firm [Architectural Alliance](#), a full-service architectural and design company, to lead the development of plans and construction drawings for the proposed 20,000 square foot RTPark facility on the University of the Virgin Islands campus at St. Croix. Plans for the facility are expected to be completed within six months.

Architectural Alliance has significant experience working in the USVI, and its Principal Peter Vesterholt is descended from the territory's Danish architectural design heritage. Architectural Alliance will be assisted in the project by St. Thomas-based Vaccarino Associates, a landscape architecture and design firm instrumental in the original master plan, as well as a number of other USVI licensed firms including Scott Andrew Natvig Design, Thompson & Youngross Engineering, Bliss & Nyitray Inc., WEG Engineers, McComb Engineers, BGM Engineers & Surveyors, and Kraus Manning.

[ARAMARK](#) was previously selected as the RTPark's Program Manager for the building project, and will oversee the planning, design and construction of the building and associated site work.

"The project is being undertaken with sustainable design principles in mind, and we believe this is a first for commercial construction in the USVI," said Architectural Alliance Principal Peter Vesterholt. "We are very excited to work with RTPark, and hope to make the building an example of how to integrate the unique demands of function, energy efficiency, and ecology while encouraging the growth of other sustainable design activities and capabilities in the USVI."

"Selection of an architecture firm is a major step, and we look forward to working with Architectural Alliance and their partners to realize the potential of this project," said Denise Kurg, RTPark's Director of Facilities and Operations. "We see this as an excellent opportunity to align the USVI's commitment to technology-based economic development, the requirements of knowledge-based businesses, and the specific expectations of our stakeholders and community, to develop a facility that will be instrumental in fostering economic diversity in the USVI."

The building project is a part of Phase 1 of the RTPark's capital development program, which also includes a collocation data center with global broadband connectivity within the Global Crossing fiber switching center on St. Croix, previously announced in July, 2007.

“The talent and scale of services available here, and the quality of our partners, underscore the strength of the resources already in place to support technology-based economic development in the USVI,” said David M. Zumwalt, Executive Director of RTPark. “Our mission is to facilitate sustainable growth, and we embark on this project with an eye on sustainable design. We look forward to a fruitful partnership with Architectural Alliance, and the continuing progress of RTPark.”

#### About The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park

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

#### About Architectural Alliance

Architectural Alliance provides planning, architecture and interior design services. The firm is focused on consistently creating innovative environments for clients through strategic partnerships, exceptional design, and superior project delivery.

#### About ARAMARK

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