

July 10, 2020

Message from the State Director of the Virgin Islands Small Business Development Center

I would like to introduce to the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce a new and improved VI Small Business Development Center forged during the COVID-19 pandemic. 2020 is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence in the territory and through the years the SBDC has experience many changes. Never has this been more true as our territory, nation, and world is dealing with this pandemic. I am pleased to announce the staff of the SBDC has been instrumental for many small businesses in all three islands in assisting for the Federal Funding Programs, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). The SBDC has also contracted with well-regarded professionals in various fields in the territory to provide additional assistance for small businesses in the Virgin Islands. The SBDC has also increased its collaboration with other agencies to promote and advocate for small businesses.

The St. Croix SBDC has acquired a new location at 6300 Estate Peter's Rest, Suite 4 in Christiansted and plan to open to the public once CDC and local Government protocols allow. Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore J. Gutierrez". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Theodore J Gutierrez  
State Director

