

Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission
Decision Meeting of Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Summary Report Out

During the Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission (“VIEDC”) Decision Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, the Governing Board heard recommendations from staff regarding one (1) application matter and two (2) compliance matters in Executive Session and voted as follows:

Executive Session¹:

Action Items:

Applications:

• **Celebrity Financial, LLC – Correction of Terms in Grant of Incentives**

The Governing Board voted (4 – 0) to:

1. Approve an **Amended Grant of Tax Incentives** to Celebrity Financial, which shall now state, in relevant part, as follows:
 - a. **Employment Requirement:** Applicant/Beneficiary shall employ a minimum of **five (5) full-time non-member/owner** employees within one (1) year from the date that its Certificate is signed by the VIEDC Chairman, or within one (1) year of commencement of benefits, whichever is later.
 - b. **Type of Business Granted Tax Incentives:** Celebrity Financial shall own and operate a Category IV designated services, financial services business to provide financial management and consulting services, **risk management and insurance management**, and compliance and related back office services pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 708(a). Celebrity Financial’s clients shall be located outside the U.S. Virgin Islands. Pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 714(c), Celebrity Financial established a wholly-owned subsidiary, Celebrity Capital, LLC, through which it will conduct its business activities and may establish more disregarded entities in the future.
 - c. **Internship Program:** Applicant/Beneficiary shall offer one (1) internship annually beginning in its second year of tax incentives and two (2) internships annually beginning in its third year of incentives. Internships shall be offered to students enrolled at the University of the Virgin Islands, to USVI high school students, and to USVI students studying outside the

¹ Governing Board Member Jose A. Penn presided over the meeting as the Acting Chairman. Governing Board Chairman Kevin Rodriguez was excused from the meeting during Executive Session prior to the cases being presented.

Territory. **If Applicant/Beneficiary is unable to host an intern for any year in which an internship is required under its Certificate, Applicant/Beneficiary shall, in lieu of each internship, offer a scholarship, publicized in a newspaper of general circulation in the USVI, in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a USVI high school student to attend a summer program focused on business and/or leadership. Applicant/Beneficiary may utilize a third-party organization to administer any scholarship offered.**

2. All other terms and provisions of the tax incentives granted by VIEDC at the February 9, 2021 Decision Meeting shall remain in full force and effect.

Compliance:

1. Fintrac, Inc. – Waiver of Minimum Full-Time Employment Requirement

The Governing Board voted (4 – 0) to:

1. Find that it is not practical for Fintrac, Inc. to effectively maintain the full-time employment requirement set forth in its Certificate due expiration of its major contracts;
2. Grant Fintrac, Inc. a waiver of its minimum full-time employment requirement from 16 full-time employees to 10 full-time employees commencing March 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021;
3. Grant Fintrac, Inc. a waiver of its minimum full-time employment requirement from 16 full-time employees to three (3) full-time employees commencing January 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022;
4. Grant Fintrac, Inc. a waiver of its minimum full-time employment requirement from 16 full-time employees to one (1) full-time employee commencing August 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022;
5. Require Fintrac, Inc. to adhere to all other standards and special provisions/conditions of its VIEDC Certificate of Tax Incentives.
6. Require an order to show cause why Fintrac, Inc.'s Certificate should not be revoked, suspended, or modified pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 722 should Fintrac not comply with the aforementioned within the time period required by the VIEDC Board.

2. Tuthill Corporation – Request to Allow Partial In-Kind Charitable Contribution in 2021

The Governing Board voted (4 – 0) to:

1. Grant Tuthill Corporation a partial waiver of Special Condition No. 1-CharitableContribution requirement, and allow an in-kind contribution totaling \$7,500.00 for the year 2021;

2. Apply the in-kind contribution of \$7,500.00 for total cost incurred for product, duties and shipping towards Tuthill Corporation's Special Condition No. 1- Charitable Contribution requirement of \$22,000.00 to broad-based charities;
3. Require Tuthill Corporation to provide proof of payment to the VI Board of Education - Territorial Scholarship Fund for the years 2017 to 2020 totaling \$12,000.00 within 30 days of receiving the notice of the VIEDC Governing Board's decision;
4. Require Tuthill Corporation to adhere to all other standards and special provisions/conditions of its Certificate of Tax Incentives; and
5. Require an order to show cause why Tuthill Corporation's Certificate should not be revoked, suspended, or modified pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 722 should Tuthill Corporation not comply with the aforementioned within the time period required by the VIEDC Board.