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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**USVI small manufacturers sought for potential locations to sell local products**

*USVIEDA, V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources to partner in initiative to assist local, small manufacturers in securing local locations for their business*

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands** - March 16, 2017 - To help assist local, licensed small manufacturers in securing local locations to sell their products within the Territory and abroad, the U.S. Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority (USVIEDA), in partnership with the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (VIDPNR), is seeking local, licensed small manufacturers in various industries.

The USVIEDA and VIDPNR are collaborating in an initiative to assist local, licensed small manufacturers increase their opportunities for business exposure and growth in the USVI and outside of the Territory.

Local, licensed small manufacturers are encouraged to contact the USVIEDA by, or prior to, 12PM on Monday, March 20, 2017 and are requested to have a copy of their business license available.

To be considered for this initiative, local, licensed small manufacturers must contact Ja'Nelle Forbes at 340-714-1700, ext. 260, or by email at [jforbes@usvieda.org](mailto:jforbes@usvieda.org).

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