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Aureo Diaz Housing Community Center
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David C. Canegata Multi-Purpose Recreation Center
Boys' and Girls' Club of the Virgin Islands - Christiansted and Frederiksted Chapters
Florence Williams Library
Athalie M. Peterson Library
St. Patrick's School
Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc.

St. John

Elaine I. Sprauve Library
Adrian Senior Center

St. Thomas

U.S.V.I. Department of Labor
Virgin Island Resource Center for the Disabled (VIRCD)
Charles Turnbull Library
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Long Path/Garden Street Community Center
Lovenlund Community Center
Winston Raymo Recreation Center
Wesley Methodist Church
Contant Knolls Housing Community Center
Kirwan Terrace Housing Community Center
Police Athletic League (PAL)
Boys' and Girls' Club of the Virgin Islands
City Seventh Day Adventist Church
Strive Senior Center
Philadelphia Seventh-Day Adventist Church
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viNGN, Inc. d/b/a Virgin Islands Next Generation Network Recognized As The Best Of The VI 2015

“Connecting the U.S. Virgin Islands To The World” is the memorable slogan of viNGN, INC., which proclaims the Company’s mission – to connect the U.S.V.I. to the rest of the world, via the internet.

Established in 2010, viNGN, Inc. d/b/a Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority (PFA), and since its inception, viNGN has been primarily funded by four (4) Federal grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program to improve the broadband capacity of the United States, its territories, and the District of Columbia. The program is called the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). viNGN has also been funded with local matching funds from the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands through the PFA and supported through a partnership with the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA). The grants that were awarded to the Territory are: the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) Grant for \$58,888,468; the Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) Grant for \$2,535,082; the Public Computer Centers (PCC) Grant for \$3,021,867, and the State Broadband Initiative/State Broadband Data and Development (SBI/SBDD) Grant for \$3,009,506.

The federal grants are now in the Closeout Period, and viNGN has successfully completed all of the Federally-required mandates under each grant, including, though not limited to, the following: the build-

out of the 100% fiber optic cable infrastructure, with the connection of 316 local government departments and agencies and other Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) to the network and the creation of a key means to attract and retain businesses and support economic growth and sustainability in the Territory; the creation of 33 Public Computer Centers, in partnership with the local government and non-for-profit organizations, along with the successful training of more than 2,500 U.S. Virgin Islands residents in Digital Literacy education; provided 21st century job skills training and entrepreneurship education; and the collection and mapping of broadband bandwidth speeds and coverage within the Territory. With the conclusion of Federal funding, viNGN will now primarily operate on funding generated by the company through its sale of wholesale bandwidth and other services to interested Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

viNGN is pleased to have been named “The Best E-Commerce Training / Computer Training Of The VI. 2015”. “On behalf of viNGN, I am very pleased that our Company has been recognized as the VI’s Best within the Territory for 2015 by the readers of the Virgin Islands Daily News”, said Kevin Hughes, VP of Sales & Marketing of viNGN. “Our consecutive Best Of wins since 2013 demonstrate that all of our initiatives, particularly our efforts with regards to Digital Literacy training and other education-related services offered at our Public Computer Centers, have definitely connected in a big way with our U.S. Virgin Islands community. I want to recognize viNGN’s PCC and SBA Project Management Team members,

viNGN’s lead grant implementation vendors (CyberLearning, Inc. and BetterWorld Telecom d/b/a ConnectSpace.vi), and our key partners [the local government, various community organizations and the National Education Foundation (NEF)], for their contributions to our win, as well as the general public that voted for us. viNGN will continue to strive to being good corporate citizens of the V.I. and continue to provide and deliver a high quality level of services and returns to the U.S. Virgin Islands community”, Hughes said.

viNGN, with oversight by the PFA, is managed by a cadre of seasoned business professionals who have successfully executed the mandates of each of the grants. The viNGN team did so with an eye towards making a long-lasting, positive impact on the U.S.V.I. through its diverse efforts. viNGN’s senior management team is smartly comprised of experienced executives, possessing more than a combined 100 years of industry and professional corporate level experience, including: Lawrence Kupfer, President & CEO; Cornelius “Cork” Vanderford, Chief Technical/Technology Officer (CTO); Andrew Bandola, V.P. of Operations (Infrastructure); and, Kevin Hughes, V.P. of Sales & Marketing, along with other talented staff members, located on both St. Croix and St. Thomas.

At the core of viNGN’s PCC and SBA programs are its efforts to increase Digital Literacy, encourage increased broadband adoption and support economic growth in the Territory. The Digital Literacy training was offered by viNGN through its vendor, CyberLearning, in partnership with the National Education Foundation. viNGN provided access to the Digital Literacy program through its PCCs and via its website at www.vingn.com to all residents of the Territory. As a result, many students, seniors, veterans, and residents from all walks of life received this coveted training and also received a Certificate of Completion from the State University of New York (SUNY)-Potsdam. viNGN also made great strides in fostering sustainability for the PCCs and greater overall broadband usage on the part of residents of the U.S.V.I through its incentive programs, such as its Computer Incentive Giveaway Program, which was designed to randomly select residents who passed the Digital Literacy Program and provide them with a new laptop with accessories. The program was well received, with the first round

of recipients receiving their laptops just before the calendar year 2014 Holidays. viNGN also did a second round of randomly-selected laptop giveaways, targeted at students within the local schools, in addition to a separate promotion where residents received one of 8 Apple I-phones, donated by CyberLearning. These efforts were all designed to reward residents who completed the Digital Literacy training and to target young U.S. Virgin Islanders and other targeted groups of individuals who need to be uplifted as a result of the “digital divide”, such as seniors, veterans and the physically challenged. The viNGN team expects that its incentive programs will facilitate greater interest in the use of broadband technologies; increase opportunities for additional digital literacy education, job skills training, and entrepreneurial development; and, foster usage of the internet in the daily personal and professional lives of residents.

viNGN’s Digital Literacy and other training programs were funded under the PCC and SBA grants and were supported by in-kind contributions from the NEF. Given the completion of the PCC and SBA grant programs, the viNGN team is referring residents to a variety of sources and resources for free and low cost training and other education programs, including, but not limited to, those offered by CyberLearning and the NEF (<http://www.cyberlearning.org>) and Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org). Please visit viNGN’s Blog and its website at www.vingn.com for an ever-growing list of free and low cost training/education sources and resources.

viNGN encourages all residents to continue to utilize and/or request the high speed internet services made possible by its 100% fiber optic cable network by requesting that your ISP connects to viNGN, in order to provide faster, more reliable internet services to your government departments or agencies, your places of business, your organizations, and your residences. viNGN also encourages all residents to visit any of our Public Computer Centers, and access the internet and free and low cost training.

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