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National Design Competition Launched for Road Town Roundabout

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The Government of the Virgin Islands through the Road Town Partnership (RTP) Committee and the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) is pleased to announce the launch of the Roundabout National Monument Design Competition.

This is a national call for innovative, culturally reflective, and enduring monument concepts to anchor one of our Territory's most prominent public spaces directly in the heart of Road Town. As part of the broader Road Town Development Project, this competition invites individuals and creative teams across the Territory to submit original design concepts for a landmark that will embody Virgin Islands pride and be visible from every angle of the roundabout.

The envisioned monument will serve as a signature feature of Road Town—one that celebrates the history, culture, and identity of the Virgin Islands. To ensure safety, all design submissions must be freestanding with only low shrubbery or ground cover to maintain a full 360-degree visibility around the roundabout.

Co-Chair of the RTP Committee and Junior Minister for Culture and Tourism Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith said, "I am truly excited to invite those among us with creative talent to participate in this competition. There are very attractive monetary prizes, but this is more than just a competition. It is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy, as the monument you help to design will stand at this roundabout for generations to come."

Design sketches must be accompanied by a short concept description explaining the inspiration, symbolism, and proposed materials. All submissions must be original works created specifically for this competition.

Prizes and Recognition

Participants will have the opportunity to earn significant recognition and rewards, including a 1st Prize of US$3,000 along with official recognition as the winning designer or team and the opportunity to collaborate with the RDA on refinement of the final design, with the winning concept also receiving public acknowledgment in RDA publications, media releases, and exhibitions.

The 2nd Prize winner will receive US$2,000 and a certificate of recognition, with inclusion in public exhibitions and media acknowledgements, while the 3rd Prize winner will receive US$1,000 and a certificate of recognition with similar public exposure.

All submissions must be emailed to info@bvirecovery.vg by 27 March, 2026. Incomplete entries or designs that block visibility or fail to comply with competition rules will be disqualified.

The RDA encourages artists, architects, designers, and all creative thinkers—whether experienced professionals or emerging talent—to participate in shaping a permanent symbol of the Virgin Islands' resilience, culture, and future.

This national monument will stand at the heart of Road Town as a reflection of who we are and what we aspire to be. We look forward to receiving visionary designs from across the Territory.

The Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) is a purpose-built project implementation agency established by the Government of the Virgin Islands in 2018 to support the Territory's recovery and long-term development. The Agency is responsible for delivering a portfolio of infrastructure and institutional strengthening projects and works in partnership with Ministries, Departments and external stakeholders to ensure value for money, transparency and timely execution.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Promotional Flyer for the Roundabout National Monument Design Competition is attached.

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