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25 Submissions Received For Road Town Partnership National Monument Design Competition

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The Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) confirms that 25 submissions have been received for the Road Town Partnership National Monument Design Competition, which officially closed this weekend.

The final number reflects a strong response from designers, creatives, and other interested members of the public, demonstrating growing engagement and national interest in contributing to a symbol that represents the Virgin Islands' identity, heritage, and resilience**.**

Submissions continued to be received up to the close of the competition, with increased participation as the deadline approached. The range of entries highlights the depth of creativity and the importance placed on this initiative by the wider Virgin Islands.

The competition invited designers to conceptualise a national monument that will serve as a lasting symbol of the Territory's story, resilience, and aspirations. The diversity of submissions received demonstrates both interest in and appreciation for the significance of this national initiative.

Junior Minister for Tourism and Culture, Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith and Chair of the Road Town Partnership Committee welcomed the outcome, stating, "We are encouraged by the level of participation and the strong response received as the competition progressed. The 25 submissions reflect meaningful engagement from individuals across the Territory who have taken the opportunity to contribute to a national symbol. This initiative goes beyond design—it speaks to identity, pride, and giving voice to how we see ourselves as a people."

The RDA will now proceed with the evaluation process in accordance with established criteria, with submissions to be assessed by a Selection Committee based on design quality, cultural relevance, and alignment with the vision for the National Monument.

The National Monument Design Competition is an initiative forming part of broader efforts to strengthen cultural identity and create meaningful public spaces that reflect the Territory's heritage and aspirations under the Road Town Development Partnership Committee comprised of business partners, residents and the Ministry

of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development.

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