



**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS**

APPROVAL FORM

Date: December 3, 2015

To: Nellon L. Bowry, Director Designee
Office of Management and Budget
41 Norre Gade
Emancipation Garden Station, 2nd Floor
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I. 00802

From: Mark Brown
U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Insular Affairs
MS 2428
1849 C Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20240

Phone: (202) 208-6971
Fax: (202) 208-7585

PROJECT NUMBER: VI-CIP-2015-1, D15AP00023

PROJECT NAMES &
AMOUNTS: Florence Williams Public Library - \$600,000
Athalie McFarlane Petersen Public Library - \$250,000
Elaine Ione Sprauve Library - \$65,000

Dear Director Bowry:

I received the October 13, 2015 scope of work submittal for the three library renovation projects. Please accept this form as the Office of Insular Affairs' formal approval of this submittal.

Work may not commence on these projects until OIA has ensured that all Federal environmental laws and regulations are complied with. Consequently, it will be necessary for you to prepare documentation to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all other applicable environmental laws and regulations (including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act) and submit them to OIA for review and approval. If it is determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) is required, the U.S. Virgin Islands or its agent will need to prepare a proposed EA for independent review by OIA.

The projects may commence once OIA has issued an Authorization to Proceed (ATP) upon review of the necessary documentation. The U.S. Virgin Islands may incur costs associated only with obtaining all the required environmental documentation until an ATP is issued.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on the U.S. Virgin Islands' Capital Improvement Projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Brown
Grant Manager