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## Administrative Oversight Adds \$79K to \$22.7M Crown Bay Cargo Port Contract

VIPA officials said insurance coverage requirements were omitted from the solicitation package, prompting a contract increase for Island Roads Corporation to secure general, auto and environmental liability coverage.

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The Crown Bay Cargo Facility.

An “administrative oversight” has forced the V.I. Port Authority to seek board approval for an additional \$79,312 toward Island Roads Corporation’s contract for the redevelopment of the Crown Bay Cargo Port.

The additional amount pushes the total contract cost to \$22,719,507.38. According to VIPA Procurement and Contracting Manager, Khadila Joseph, during contract negotiations in September 2025, VIPA “realized that the project was underinsured, lacking sufficient general liability, auto liability and environmental liability coverage.”

“Due to an administrative oversight, sufficient insurance limits were not included in the project solicitation package,” Ms. Joseph explained.

Island Roads Corporation, she reported, stated that the additional funds “will enable the firm to acquire sufficient coverage as required by VIPA to support the project.” The new total, \$22.7 million, “will be consistent with the engineer of records' estimate for the entire project,” Ms. Joseph said.

Preston Beyer, VIPA director of engineering, promised that action is being taken to prevent any future oversight.

“We're working with our contracts and procurements department to standardize all of the front-end documents and solicitation documents so that we don't have this situation,” he assured.

VIPA's governing board approved the request during their meeting on Wednesday.