

Hospital Board Approves \$2.06M Cancer Equipment Purchase, Nearly \$3M SRMC Lab Lease

Hospital board members approved contracts spanning cancer-care equipment, laboratory systems, architectural work, paving, IT and temporary facilities, including \$2.06 million for CKCI equipment and a seven-year Siemens lease capped just under \$3 million.

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The Government Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation board approved a series of contracts Wednesday advancing healthcare redevelopment projects across the territory, including more than \$2 million in specialized equipment for the Charlotte Kimmelman Cancer Institute, a seven-year laboratory-equipment lease for Schneider Regional Medical Center capped at just under \$3 million, and new architectural work for Juan F. Luis Hospital projects on St. Croix.

For the Charlotte Kimmelman Cancer Institute, the board authorized sole-source procurement totaling \$2,058,956.34 for specialized medical equipment from 14 vendors. The approval followed four consecutive public solicitations that failed to produce a successful procurement. The amount includes the cost of the equipment and contingency funding.

The board separately awarded \$189,396.50 to Haughland VI for parking-lot paving and Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades at the cancer institute, along with \$75,634.72 to Omni Systems Inc. for the procurement and installation of information-technology equipment.

Stantec Architecture will also remain involved in the cancer institute project after the board approved four additional months of construction-administration services. The firm's existing contract was extended through September 30, 2026, and increased by \$94,687, bringing its total value to \$1,754,860.99.

At Schneider Regional Medical Center, board members approved a seven-year lease agreement with Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, capped at just under \$3 million, for specialized medical laboratory equipment.

Several contracts involving the Juan F. Luis Hospital redevelopment effort were also approved on St. Croix.

Flad & Associates Inc. was awarded a new architectural-services contract valued at \$1,497,156.09 for work associated with the JFL five-acre lease project. The contract runs from April 1 through October 28, 2026.

The firm also received the sixth amendment to an existing architectural and engineering contract for JFL's interim dialysis facility. The amendment adds \$232,929 in services and expenses, increasing the total contract value to \$1,485,298.

The board approved a smaller change order for J. Benton Construction LLC involving the Green Palm office buildout. The \$2,427.52 adjustment is intended to facilitate project closeout by the August 31 contract end date and brings the total contract amount to \$1,698,269.52.

On St. John, board members approved another sole-source procurement after repeated unsuccessful attempts to secure a contractor through the competitive process.

Grade All Heavy Equipment Inc. was awarded \$298,550 to provide interim water-tank storage and morgue-freezer facilities ahead of planned demolition work at the Myra Keating Smith Community Health Center. The sole-source procurement was authorized after four public solicitations failed to produce a successful bid.

Before concluding Wednesday's meeting, the board also corrected an administrative error involving a Smith Group contract associated with the Myra Keating Smith Community Health Center redevelopment project.