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De Jongh Says "Aggressive" Hiring Of Locals Expected For Stadium

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In our discussions with them, we've been very clear that our preference is a very aggressive use of local labor and of local purchases. And I feel very comfortable, given their history and given their involvement of the Louis Brown project and the Calabash Boom on St. John to Lovenlund on St. Thomas, that they understand that focus. -- Gov. John P. de Jongh, Jr.

Governor John P. de Jongh, Jr. on Monday issued an audio recording outlining the expected employment and steps he says the Government took to secure the contractor, St. Croix-based GEC, LLC, for the demolition and reconstruction of Frederiksted's Paul E. Joseph Stadium.

According to the company's [website](#), GEC, LLC has extensive experience in the territory, as it is the contractors of the Louis E. Brown Apartments and Senior Villas on St. Croix, as well as a number of other projects on St. Thomas and St. John.

In a [previous report](#) on the stadium's planned reconstruction, it was reported that the contract was awarded to Portage, Wisconsin-based General Engineering Corporation. However, St. Croix's GEC, LLC has no affiliation with General Engineering Corporation in Wisconsin.

Listen to the audio [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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