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Port Authority Announces Manager For Territory's Airports

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Jerome Sheridan By. Virgin Islands Port Authority

ST. THOMAS -- Jerome Sheridan officially joined the Virgin Islands Port Authority on August 19 as the authority's new airport manager, V.I.P.A. has announced, an important move that keeps USVI airports in compliance with an FAA requirement to maintain airport certification.

Mr. Sheriddan is responsible for the overall management and operation of both the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas and the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix, V.I.P.A. said. He will also manage federal and local compliance matters and the operation of the airfields and facilities' infrastructure.

Prior to joining V.I.P.A., Mr. Sheridan served as the airport operations supervisor for 13 years at the Capital Region Airport Commission, which owns and operates Richmond International Airport in Sandston, Virginia.

According to V.I.P.A., Mr. Sheridan brings a wealth of experience having supervised the day-to-day management of operations at a facility generating about four million enplanements and 119 million pounds of cargo. He successfully completed capital projects valued over \$65 million – including new terminal buildings, multi-level parking garages, runway rehabilitation projects, new taxiway systems, aviation ramp development, and LED-lighting system installations.

“We are pleased to have Mr. Sheridan join our port management team to oversee all aviation operations in the territory,” said V.I.P.A. Executive Director Carlton Dowe. “His extensive aviation experience will significantly contribute to maintaining the airports’ infrastructure to sustain increased passenger and aircraft activity. Mr. Sheridan’s employment as our new airport manager also satisfies the Federal Aviation Administration’s Part 139 requirement that V.I.P.A. employs a certified airport manager to oversee all our aviation operations.”

V.I.P.A. said Mr. Sheridan has a master’s degree in public administration from the Virginia Commonwealth University, and a bachelor of science in aviation management and FAA Ground School Certification from Dowling College. He is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials. Mr. Sheridan has also completed the AAAE certified membership and certified employee programs.