

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Eighty Modular Classrooms Arrive In Territory

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ST. THOMAS -- Eighty modular classrooms arrived in the territory early Sunday as part of the Virgin Islands Department of Education's 2018 Temporary School Facilities Project being managed by architectural and engineering firm AECOM, D.O.E. announced Tuesday morning.

According to the release, the brightly colored buildings were offloaded at the Crown Bay dock and immediately transported to their designated locations on St. Thomas. Classrooms destined for St. John were moved overnight by local crews. The cargo vessel carrying units for St. Croix will depart from St. Thomas on July 31.

Modular building supplier Mod Space was contracted by AECOM to provide more than 200 temporary classroom and administrative facilities to the territory. AECOM chartered freightliners through Global Go to transport the structures to the territory from the Jacksonville, Fla., seaport, D.O.E. said.

The department said it will receive shipments of modular classrooms every seven days until the start of the school year on September 4. Multipurpose Sprung structures have already arrived in each island district and are in the process of being erected at designated school sites.

D.O.E. Chief of Staff Anthony Thomas, who also leads the department's hurricane recovery efforts, is pleased with the arrival of the long-awaited classrooms, according to D.O.E.

"We're all excited that the modular classrooms have begun to arrive on island," he said. "The community will continue to see the movement until they're all here. The goal is to get the students off of double session, and we're getting closer and closer to it every day. This is a visual representation of the goal."