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UVI and VI Energy Office Seeking Community Input on Energy Strategy for USVI

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The University of the Virgin Islands' Caribbean Green Technology Center (CGTC) in partnership with the Virgin Islands Energy Office said Tuesday they are looking for community input on the development of a comprehensive energy strategic plan for the territory.

According to the release, the aim of the plan is to outline potential strategies, actions and programs that will bring the Virgin Islands together towards a brighter, cleaner and sustainable future of energy management. The plan will establish both short and long-term objectives for progressing the Territory's energy sector, in alignment with community principles.

"A comprehensive plan for the territory is urgently needed," Ariel Stolz, assistant director of the CGTC. "What is our vision for the future of the territory? - What energy policies and strategies

should be implemented to get us there. Before we can move forward, we have to first be honest about where we stand now. The first step is to create a snapshot of the Virgin Islands' current energy position.”

To emphasize the value of developing an energy strategic plan for the territory, CGTC will host three virtual webinars in observance of Energy Awareness Month in October. The one-hour webinars will take place on Oct. 6, 20 and 27 at noon as a Lunch and Learn series. Topics will include local solutions for sustainability, solar energy, and electric vehicles.

To register and for a list of featured guests, including Energy Office Director Kyle Fleming, visit www.cgtc-usvi.com/energy-month.

Additionally, CGTC and the Energy Office will be contacting agencies individually to request relevant data regarding energy usage and conducting their own analyses to better inform the planning.

“The final vision and plan will not only represent the future we all want for the Virgin Islands but will also be based on the best research and analysis so that we can achieve those goals together. Ultimately, we will all work together in order to advocate and promote the actions, programs and policies outlined in the plan to ensure they become a reality,” said Stolz.

Community members who are interested in learning more about the VI Comprehensive Energy Plan are encouraged to visit www.vienergypathways.org.

To provide input please utilize the Get Involved prompt on the website to send a message to Caribbean Green Technology Center.