



Tikehau Star Infra and Aecon Inc.,  
as representatives of the SkyCity consortium, invite applications for

## Technical Project Manager

U.S. Virgin Islands Port Authority (“VIPA”) Redevelopment of the Cyril E. King Airport  
in St. Thomas and the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix  
U.S. Virgin Islands

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## About Tikehau Star Infra

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Tikehau Star Infra (“TSI”), a subsidiary of Tikehau Capital, a global alternative asset management group, is a U.S.-headquartered developer and manager of infrastructure assets in North America. With an investor base that includes large institutional investors such as insurance companies and pension funds, TSI has access to hundreds of millions in capital. TSI was founded in 2011 by Bill Marino and Christophe Petit. Their vision was to combine their respective construction and finance advisory backgrounds to create a U.S.-based infrastructure manager focused on U.S. greenfield assets helping to rebuild America’s infrastructure.

TSI’s focus is primarily delivering infrastructure projects across the transportation, social, environmental and telecommunications sectors. With investments in projects which have a total asset value of more than \$10 billion as of June 30, 2024, TSI is one of the leading infrastructure developers in the U.S. Leveraging decades of collective experience in design, construction, and finance, TSI is well positioned to strive to achieve strong results for our clients, partners, and investors.

TSI’s knowledge and understanding of project development includes construction risk and asset management developed over decades of relevant experiences by working closely with many of the top national and international infrastructure firms and their public sector clients on complex and transformative projects. These strong existing relationships allow TSI to assemble and participate on project delivery teams with many best-in-class partners in the various sectors of focus.

# The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA)

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VIPA is an autonomous agency that owns and manages the two airports and the majority of the public seaports in the United States Virgin Islands. VIPA is also charged with maintaining the harbors in the territory. The law stipulates that VIPA must make its properties available to the public so that the populace may reap the benefits of these facilities.

VIPA derives its operating revenues from user fees and rental fees charged to users of its airport and marine facilities on St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. The agency is expected to be financially self-sufficient and does not receive nor does it contribute any funds to the USVI government. Federal and state government grants are given to the Authority to support its capital construction programs - provided that VIPA meets all eligibility requirements. The federal government also offers Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs) to fund airport projects only. These airport-related improvements must be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Just about everything that is used or consumed by the residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands enters the islands by boat or by plane. Food, clothing, machinery, mail, furniture, vehicles, building supplies, and medical equipment enter through the ports. Therefore, VIPA touches the lives of every single resident and visitor in the Virgin Islands. In addition, the territory's major economic contributor is a bustling tourism industry that blossomed in the 60s.

Tourism accounts for about 80 percent of the islands' gross domestic product and employment. The islands are a popular destination for travelers from every corner of the world seeking the perfect vacation. These key factors make the airports and seaports in the territory a critical component in the strength and growth of the islands' economy. Any investment or improvement to our port facilities secures our territory's economic future.

VIPA is governed by a Board of Governors which sets policy. The executive director is responsible for implementing these policies and overseeing the agency's day-to-day operation. Board meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month. At these meetings, the Board reviews the Authority's financial reports, reviews, and approves requests to lease port property, awards contracts for port development projects, and sets policies that will efficiently manage our resources as well as keep our port facilities competitive with other destinations.





## The Project

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SkyCity, led by TSI and its partner Aecon Group Inc. (“Aecon”), has been selected by VIPA to redevelop the Cyril E. King Airport in St. Thomas and the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix under a collaborative Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain (“DBFOM”) Public-Private Partnership model. SkyCity is comprised of TSI, Aecon, Consigli Benton Joint Venture (J. Benton Construction) and Avports.

SkyCity will be tasked with infrastructure financing, terminal redevelopment, airport operations and maintenance, and leveraging private capital resources. The project will improve service levels, increase capacity, improve airport operations and long-term maintenance efficiency while enhancing resiliency. These new facilities will stimulate economic growth in the VI while providing travelers with a safe, modern, comfortable and pleasant experience. Improvements to the airports will include upgrading the baggage systems, adding jet bridges, renovating and expanding existing terminal buildings and adding additional seating, concession areas and other amenities.

Mr. Dowe has emphasized the project’s alignment with the region’s economic, travel, and tourism industry needs, projecting a groundbreaking plan for redevelopment in early 2025. Governor Albert Bryan lauded the progress of the Airports Public/Private Partnership (P3) Project agreement process, highlighting its importance for upgrading the territory’s airports to match mainland standards. He noted the project’s potential to enhance the tourism experience for visitors and provide residents with a more convenient and efficient travel experience.





# Living and Working in America's Paradise

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The United States Virgin Islands (USVI) blends Caribbean charm and American familiarity, offering an exceptional setting for both professional growth and personal fulfillment. As a U.S. territory comprising the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John, the USVI combines tropical living with the conveniences of U.S. systems and infrastructure. Known for its beautiful beaches, vibrant culture, and rich history, the USVI is a popular destination for travelers seeking both relaxation and adventure.

USVI residents enjoy U.S. citizenship benefits while enjoying year-round tropical weather and stunning Caribbean vistas. Operating under U.S. law and using the U.S. dollar, the territory provides familiar services like the postal service and telecommunications networks. Moving here is seamless for U.S. citizens from the mainland—no passport is required.

Home to approximately 87,000 people, the USVI represents a rich tapestry of cultures, creating a warm and welcoming multicultural society. The islands attract professionals from across the globe, fostering a community that celebrates diverse perspectives and experiences. English is the primary language, though you will also hear Spanish and local Creole, which add to the cultural richness.



## Living and Working in America's Paradise (*continued*)

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The USVI offers a lifestyle where professional opportunities meet leisure activities that many typically reserve for vacations. Imagine starting your day with a sunrise beach walk, commuting to work along scenic routes, and ending the day with water sports or hiking in tropical forests.

The islands boast:

- Year-round warm weather and sunshine
- World-class beaches and water activities
- Abundant outdoor recreation
- Rich historical sites and cultural experiences
- Active community events and festivals
- Fresh local cuisine and vibrant food scenes
- A strong sense of community and island hospitality



A vibrant community spirit thrives in the USVI, with numerous ways to connect and engage. Civic organizations form the backbone of local advocacy and community service, while diverse volunteer programs allow residents to contribute meaningfully to island life. The islands come alive throughout the year with cultural festivals and events that celebrate the region's rich heritage and traditions. Sports enthusiasts can participate in various leagues and recreational programs that bring together residents from all walks of life. The thriving arts and music scenes provide creative outlets, while diverse religious communities offer spaces for worship and fellowship, fostering a profound sense of belonging and purpose.

Families flourish in USVI's welcoming and supportive environment. Safe neighborhoods provide peace of mind for parents, while the community-oriented atmosphere ensures that children grow up surrounded by caring neighbors and strong social connections. The islands offer an abundance of activities to keep families active and engaged year-round, with programs focusing on education, sports, arts, and character development. Cultural experiences expose young people to diverse traditions, customs, and perspectives, helping them become well-rounded individuals.

Environmental stewardship is deeply woven into the fabric of USVI life, reflecting a commitment to preserving natural heritage. Marine conservation protects the islands' pristine waters and diverse aquatic life, while renewable energy initiatives move the territory toward a more sustainable future. Particular attention is given to coral reef preservation, recognizing these ecosystems' vital role in marine life and coastal protection. Together, these efforts ensure that the USVI's natural beauty and resources remain vibrant for generations.

## Living and Working in America's Paradise (*continued*)

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The economy of the US Virgin Islands has historically relied on tourism, manufacturing, and agriculture. The breathtaking beaches and warm climate attract millions of visitors each year, making tourism the primary economic driver. Cruise ships frequently dock in Saint Thomas, with visitors drawn to the island's duty-free shopping, picturesque views, and water activities.

The U.S. Virgin Islands offer a unique blend of natural beauty, rich history, and vibrant culture. From the stunning beaches to the lively festivals, the islands captivate visitors and residents alike. As they navigate the challenges of the modern world, the spirit of the USVI remains resilient, rooted in its diverse heritage and commitment to preserving its stunning environment for future generations. Whether for adventure, relaxation, or cultural exploration, the US Virgin Islands hold a special place in the heart of the Caribbean.

The USVI features:

- Public and private school options
- The University of the Virgin Islands has undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Modern healthcare facilities and specialized medical services
- Continuing education opportunities and professional development programs

Cost of Living:

While the cost of living is generally higher than many mainland locations, this is offset by:

- No state income tax (federal taxes still apply)
- Lower property taxes
- Diverse housing options, from beachfront properties to hillside homes
- Opportunities for long-term rentals and purchase
- Growing real estate market with investment potential

The USVI offers a unique opportunity to advance your career while enjoying an exceptional quality of life. The combination of professional growth, natural beauty, and strong community values makes these islands an attractive destination for talented individuals seeking career advancement and lifestyle enhancement. Whether starting your career, making a mid-career transition, or looking for your next professional challenge, the USVI invites you to join our vibrant community, where work-life balance is a way of life.





## The Position

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TSI is seeking a proactive leader with a passion for airport development and a track record of delivering successful projects. The Technical Project Manager will oversee and execute various projects associated with the redevelopment of Cyril E. King Airport in St. Thomas and Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix. These projects are part of a collaborative Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain Public-Private Partnership with the U.S. Virgin Islands Port.

As a Technical Project Manager, you will report to TSI and work closely with VIPA, TSI's development partner Aecon Group Inc., and several seasoned airport consultants as part of the SkyCity consortium. This is an outstanding opportunity to gain broad and deep expertise in the airport industry, covering areas such as commercial aspects with airlines and other stakeholders, existing condition assessment, design & construction, operations & maintenance, regulatory compliance, environmental permitting, human relations, community engagement, insurance, financing, and more.

The first six to twelve months will focus on structuring, negotiating, and finalizing contracts and processes related to the technical development, design, and construction aspects of the project. The subsequent four years will involve executing the technical design and construction in an active airport environment, supporting the development company's leadership.



## Ideal Experience

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- Proven experience in project management, particularly within the airport industry, with a focus on technical aspects.
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to multitask, organize and manage complex projects.
- Excellent communication, analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Proficiency in project management tools and software.

## Qualifications

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- Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Engineering, Construction Management, Business Administration, Project Management, or related field (Master's degree preferred).
- 10+ years of proven experience as a project manager for airport and civil infrastructure projects, with a successful record of accomplishment of managing projects from initiation to completion.
- Certification in Project Management (PMP) is a plus.

This role offers the opportunity to be at the forefront of a transformative airport redevelopment project, working with a diverse range of stakeholders in a collaborative environment. Join our team as a Technical Project Manager and play a key role in driving the success of our projects and the growth of our organization.

## Salary and Benefits

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This position offers market competitive salary accompanied by a generous benefits package. Benefits include:

- Relocation assistance to USVI and housing allowance provided.
- Opportunities for professional development and advancement.
- Dynamic and collaborative work environment.
- Chance to work on diverse and challenging projects.
- Making a significant impact on organizational success.





## How To Apply

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To apply online, [click here](#).

**Deadline for applications: Open Until Filled**

*ADK will review and process applications as they are received. We highly encourage you to apply as soon as possible.*

The contact for this search is:

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