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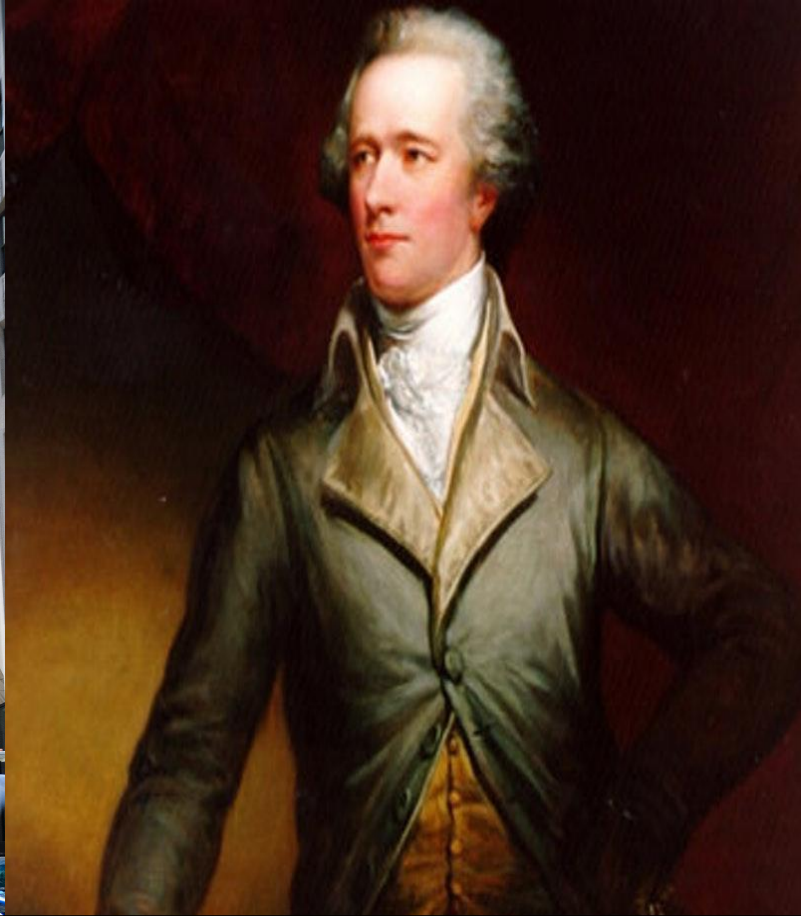
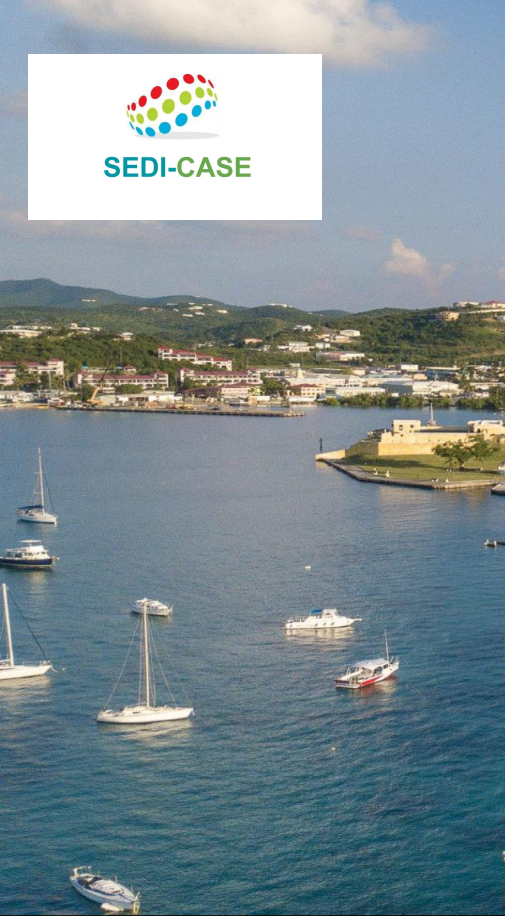
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VINYCE Exchange & International Trade and Commerce Hub- Alexander Hamilton Financial Center Opportunity Zone and National Heritage Area. Bridging Saint Croix USVI & New York Shared History and Future Through Capital Markets, Trade & Commerce and Technology

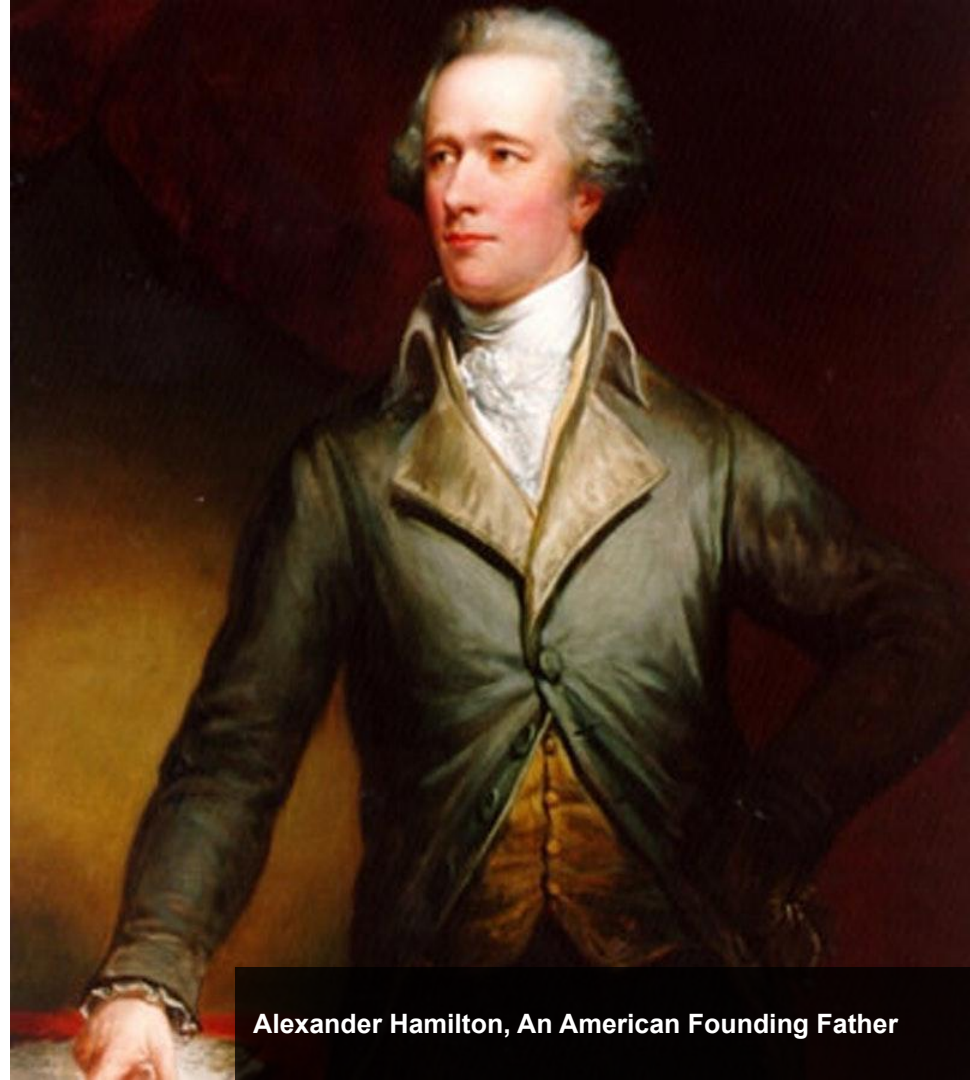
# EDC & UVI RT Park Tax Benefits

## A Program Sanctioned By the U.S. Government

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) offers a unique and attractive tax incentive program for companies located in the USVI. This is a competitive offshore tax benefit program that is sanctioned by the U.S. Government. Below are some of the benefits your business can reap if eligible for the EDC program:

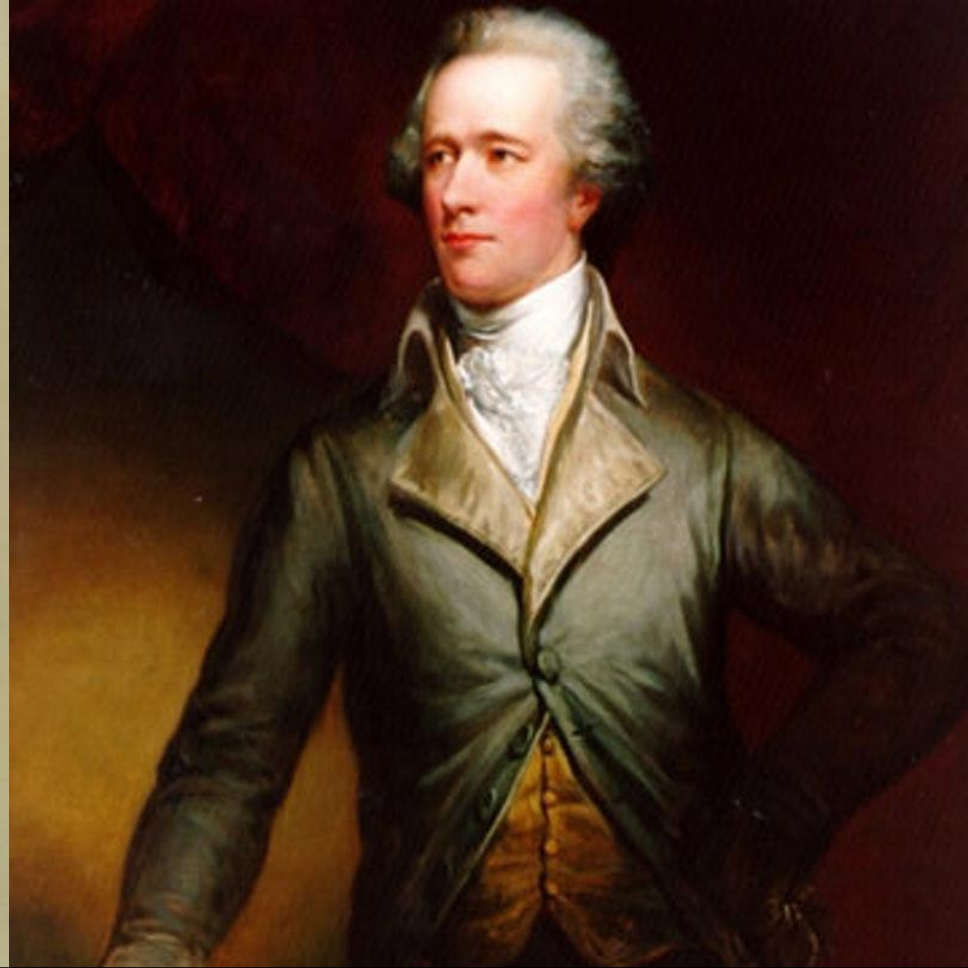
- 90% reduction in corporate income tax
- 90% reduction in personal income tax
- 100% exemption on gross receipt tax
- 100% exemption on business property tax
- 100% exemption on excise tax payments
- Reduction in the customs duty from the standard 6% to 1%
- Tax reduction on royalty income from software developed in the USVI and sold to non-US customers
- Availability of rental space at below market rates in the St. Croix and St. Thomas Industrial Parks

**Opportunity Zone 100% Capital Gains Exemption or Deferral**



Alexander Hamilton, An American Founding Father





**Alexander Hamilton, An American Founding Father from Saint Croix**

## **Saint Croix Alexander Hamilton Opportunity Zone. A Powerful Combination of Economic Incentives & Capital Market Formation for Investors and Creating Shareholder Value to Market the St. Croix-USVI as a Place to do Business**

Saint Croix has a very unique and incredible story to be told. Telling the story of Alexander Hamilton an American Founding Father who created modern America from Saint Croix, USVI, a place to live, do business, invest and vacation for Americans, with very attractive economic benefits incentive, Opportunity Zone, New Market Tax Credit, 1031 Exchange, Free Trade Zone, HubZone, and Saint Croix is now a new National Heritage Area in the US. The St. Croix Economic Development Initiative (SEDI), SEDI, Inc is the nonprofit development company, developing the new Alexander Hamilton Opportunity Zone & Financial Center, and Museum Project. [www.SediVision.org](http://www.SediVision.org)



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# A Powerful Combination of Tax Benefits & Capital Raise for Investors and Creating Shareholder Value to Market the St. Croix-USVI as a Place to do Business

The USVI has a very unique and incredible story to be told. Telling the story of Alexander Hamilton an American Founding Father from St. Croix, USVI, a place to live, do business, invest and vacation, with lucrative tax benefits EDC, UVI Research & Technology Park, Opportunity Zone, New Market Tax Credit, 1031 Exchange, Free Trade Zone, HubZone, Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) Market Exchange (SPACMX). National Heritage Area Designation by US Senate Pending 2022 US Congress





## **Alexander Hamilton International Financial & Trade Center Development Project**

In the heart of historic downtown Christiansted, Saint Croix, a National Heritage Area, and Opportunity Zone, where young Alexander Hamilton worked, now the Hamilton Building.

The value proposition, enhancement and niche business and market opportunities stems from the uniqueness and facts of St. Croix, USVI, both as a US Territory jurisdiction, and based in the Caribbean, an international region, having the benefit to leverage USVI Financial Services Act, its International Banking Laws, its adoption of the SEC's Uniform Securities Act, its Free Trade Zone status, local EDC tax (personal income) exemptions, it's a Qualified Opportunity Zone (capital gains exemption), 1031 Exchange (tax deferral), US HubZone (USVI 100 percent HubZone), and its status as newly designated National Heritage Area.

SEDI-CASE: Invest USVI will be established as an investment super fund platform using the tools of real estate crowdfunding, 1031 Exchange, Qualified Opportunity Zone, SPAC, Foreign Direct Investments (FDI's) to attract and incentivize potential investors to invest in the various project opportunities. Establishing the first US international capital market in the Caribbean outside the US Mainland.



## **SEDI-CASE: Capital Market Formation Initiative. Creating New Markets Opportunities for Public Offerings**

**SEDI-CASE through our strategic collaborative partnerships is poised to stimulate and spur economic development opportunities and expansion locally, nationally, regionally and globally. SEDI partnerships bring to bear capital markets formation dynamics and mechanisms to foster investments to fund capital projects, development, supply chain logistics & technology integration, and leveraging assets and resources to mitigate investment risk.**

The SEC is offering more and more ways for non-accredited investors to participate in high-altitude investing.

The reality is that non-accredited investors already can participate in many “restricted” investment opportunities. Certainly, companies can invite almost anyone to invest, no question.

The SEC has several offering rules that allow non-accredited investor participation. Perhaps the simplest, and most commonly used, is the Reg D Rule 506(b) private offering. Here, issuers can allow up to 35 “sophisticated investors.” That’s you and me! We just need to have a relationship with the company (for example, know the founder), and have “sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters” to be capable of evaluating the investment.

Other SEC “safe harbor” offerings include Reg D Rule 504 (offerings up to \$5M, not exempt from state blue sky laws), and Reg CF (crowdfunding offerings up to \$1M).

A special purpose acquisition company, also known as a “blank check company”, is a shell corporation listed on a stock exchange with the purpose of acquiring a private company, thus making it public without going through the traditional initial public offering process and the associated regulations thereof.

An Opportunity Zone is a designation and investment program created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 allowing for certain investments in lower income areas to have tax advantages.

Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool that allows people to invest in distressed areas in the United States. A Qualified Opportunity Fund is any investment vehicle that is organized as a corporation or a partnership for the purpose of investing in Qualified Opportunity Zone property (other than another Qualified Opportunity Fund) that holds at least 90% of its assets in Qualified Opportunity Zone property.

**St. Croix will emerge and become the very first US International Capital Market Formation Environment in a US National Heritage Area, HubZone and Opportunity Zone. The United States Virgin Islands has adopted the SEC Uniform Security Act**





1. **Launch New USVI-New York Small Businesses Better Access to Capital Markets (NYSE, NASDAQ, OTC)**
2. **Small Businesses Access to Capital** - Create and develop new collaborative and cooperative capital markets for small businesses contemplating an Initial Public Offering (IPO) going public, and raising capital.
3. **Rule 504 of Regulation D** provides an exemption from the registration requirements of the federal securities laws for some companies when they offer and sell up to \$5,000,000 of their securities in any 12-month period. Reg D Rule 504 (offerings up to \$5M, not exempt from state blue sky laws), and Reg CF (crowdfunding offerings up to \$1M).
4. **Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) exemption.** C-corporation with less than \$50 million of gross assets that is engaged in an active trade or business and (2) held for at least five years.
5. **Facilitate Smaller Companies' Access to Capital.** enable smaller companies to offer and sell up to \$20 million and \$50 million of securities in a 12-month period.
6. **Microcap Stock** - Companies with low or "micro" capitalizations, meaning the total value of the company's stock. A typical definition would be companies with a market capitalization of less than \$250 or \$300 million. The smallest public companies, with market capitalization of less than \$50 million, are sometimes referred to as 'nanocap stocks.
7. **A New Capital Market Formation System for Cross-Bordering** purposes, for both Caribbean and Latin America private and public companies, contemplating going public via a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) merger or acquisition, facilitating increased and stronger trade and commerce and entry into the US marketplace. **Learn more at [www.Sedivision.org](http://www.Sedivision.org)**