



APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency

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Please submit the signed and notarized completed application (Pages 1-28 ONLY), which must include any applicable addendum or supplemental information requested in the application, along with payment of a non-refundable \$500 Application Fee (\$5,000 for Solar applications) and a \$1,000 Commitment Fee (will be applied to final closing costs) to the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency, 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome NY 13441-1405, within 14 days prior to the OCIDA Board of Directors meeting at which you want the Application to be included on the Agenda. Wire transfer and ACH payments are acceptable but all related fees incurred by the Agency are payable by the Applicant. An electronic version of the application must accompany the original application via physical media or e-mail.

Project Name

Date of Submission

Important Notes to Applicant:

Upon the submission of this application to the OCIDA, the application becomes a public document. Be advised that any action brought before the Agency is public information. All agendas for the OCIDA are issued publicly prior to the full agency meeting. Upon the submission of this application to the OCIDA, the application becomes a public document and OCIDA is required by law to post on its website and make available to the public this Application and supporting materials. If when completing this Application, you deem any information to be specifically exempted from disclosure under Article Six of the Public Officers Law, please answer the question "This information is deemed to be exempt from disclosure under Article Six of the Public Officers Law and is submitted on the attached confidential addendum." It is acceptable to submit any confidential addendum electronically as a .pdf file separate from the application, but any confidential addendum must still be submitted with the hard copy of the full application (see Page 1). Please answer any such questions on a separate Addendum titled, "Confidential and Protected by Article Six of the Public Officers Law." If OCIDA is challenged to produce any information the Applicant identifies as protected, the Applicant will be required at its sole cost to defend such assertion on behalf of OCIDA.

The information requested by this application is necessary to determine the eligibility of your project for OCIDA benefits. Please answer all questions and respond "Not Applicable", "NA", or "none" where appropriate. If you're response is an estimate, please indicate so. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed for a response. **All applications must include a completed and signed NYS SEQR form and Cost Benefit Analysis form (please consult with OCIDA) before the application is considered complete.**

By signing and submitting this Application, the Applicant acknowledges that it received a copy of the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and the Oneida County IDA Penalty for Failure to Meet Employment Levels as adopted by the Agency and Agency Memorandums pertaining to the benefits of projects financed through the Agency.

A project financed through the Agency involves the preparation and execution of significant legal documents. Please consult with an attorney before signing any documents in connection with the proposed project. You will receive an engagement letter from the OCIDA legal counsel. You will be asked to sign the engagement letter acknowledging you will be responsible for all legal fees of OCIDA legal counsel and that you understand the process. Should you not close and legal services have been rendered by the OCIDA legal counsel, Applicant will be responsible for those costs.

If your project requires a public hearing, a representative of the applicant is required to be present. A date will be coordinated by the OCIDA legal counsel.

If you have any questions how to calculate the OCIDA's application fee please refer to the enclosed Memorandum to Companies -Sale Leaseback Transactions or contact the OCIDA.

Part I: Applicant Information

Note: In responding to the following questions, please keep in mind that the Applicant will be party to all of the documents and is the individual or if entity will be formed which will receive the actual financial assistance from the Agency.

Applicant

1(a) Applicant's Legal Name: _____

1(b) Principal Address: _____

1(c) Telephone/Facsimile Numbers: _____

1(d) Email Address: _____

1(e) Secondary Email Address _____

1(f) Contact Person: _____

1(g) Is the Applicant a

☐ Corporation:
If Yes, Public ☐ Private ☐
If public, on which exchange is it listed?

☐ Subchapter S
☐ Sole Proprietorship
☐ General Partnership
☐ Limited Partnership
☐ Limited Liability Corporation/Partnership
☐ Single-Member LLC

Name: _____

☐ DISC
☐ Other(specify) _____

1(h) State of Organization (if applicable) _____

Applicant's Stockholders, Members, Directors and Officers, Partners.

2(a) Provide the following information with respect to any person with 15% or more in equity holdings in any entity in ownership chain of the project. Add additional sheets if necessary.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	Percentage of <u>Ownership</u>
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2(b) Is the Applicant, or any of the individuals listed in 2(a) above, related directly or indirectly to any other entity by more than 50% common ownership? **If Yes**, indicate name of such entity and the relationship. Yes No

2(c) Is the Applicant affiliated with any other entity, directly or indirectly, other than as listed in the response to 2(a) above? **If Yes**, please indicate name and relationship of such other entity and the address thereof: Yes No

Applicant's Counsel and Accountant

3(a) Applicant's Attorney

Name/Title: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Email: _____

3(b) Applicant's Accountant

Name/Title: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Email: _____

Business Description

4(a) Describe the nature of your business and principal products and/or services. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Part II: Project Information

5(a) Explain your project in detail. This description should include explanation of all activities which will occur due to this project. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Reasons for Project

6(a) Please explain in detail why you want to undertake this project.

6(b) Why are you requesting the involvement of the Agency in your project?

6(c) Please confirm by checking the box below, if there is the likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken **BUT FOR** the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If the Project could be undertaken without Financial Assistance provided by the Agency, ("**No**" is checked above) then provide a statement in the space provided below indicating why the Agency should approve the requested assistance:

How will the Applicant's plans be affected or scaled back if Agency approval is not granted?

6(d) Will the proposed project result in the Applicant or any project occupant moving from one area of the New York State to another area of the State or abandoning one or more facilities within the State

Yes No

Is the proposed project reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Applicant or project occupant in its respective industry?

Yes No

Is the proposed project reasonably necessary to discourage the applicant or project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside of New York State?

Yes No

6(e) If you answered YES to any of the questions in 6(d) above, please provide a statement and evidence supporting the same. Include the name of all taxing jurisdictions in which the abandoned facility or plant lies, and whether Applicant has had any discussions with said taxing jurisdictions regarding the abandonment. Please provide as much detail as possible below.

6(f) Has the Applicant or any related entity previously secured financial assistance in Oneida County (whether through the Agency, the Empire State Development Corporation, or any other entity) ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain (indicate date of benefit, location of facility and outstanding balance).

6(g) Has the Applicant or any related entity secured financial assistance anywhere within the United States within the last 90 days or does the Applicant or any related entity anticipate receiving financial assistance within the next 90 days? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain.

6(h) Check all categories best describing the type of project for all end users at project site (you may check more than one; if checking more than one indicate percentage of square footage the use represents):

Please provide percentage of sq. footage for each use (if more than one category):

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| ☐ | Manufacturing | % |
| ☐ | Industrial Assembly or Service | % |
| ☐ | Back office operations | % |
| ☐ | Research and Development | % |
| ☐ | Technology/Cybersecurity | % |
| ☐ | Warehousing | % |
| ☐ | Commercial or Recreational | % |
| ☐ | Retail | % |

Add Housing Addendum	Residential housing (specify) _____	%
☐	Pollution Control (specify) _____	%
☐	Environmental (e.g., Brownfield) (specify) _____	%
Add Solar Addendum	Other (specify e.g. renewable energy) _____	%

6(i) Check all categories best describing the **scope of the project**:

- ☐ Acquisition of land
- ☐ Acquisition of existing building
- ☐ Renovations to existing building
- ☐ Construction of addition to existing building
- ☐ Demolition of existing building or part of building
- ☐ Construction of a new building
- ☐ Acquisition of machinery and/or equipment & Installation of machinery and/or equipment
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

6(j) Please indicate the financial assistance you are requesting of the Agency, and provide the estimated value of said assistance. Attach a sheet labeled Annual PILOT that shows the annual utilization of the Real Property Tax Abatement by year and by taxing jurisdiction (PLEASE CONSULT WITH IDA STAFF ON PILOT CALCULATIONS).

Assistance Requested

Estimated Values

☐ **Fill-in** Real Property Tax Abatement (value of PILOT savings): \$ _____

☐ Mortgage Tax Exemption (.75%) \$ _____

Amount of mortgage: \$ _____ (**fill-in**)

☐ Sales and Use Tax Exemption ** (8.75%) \$ _____ (**Not available for solar**)

Value of goods/services to be exempted from sales tax: \$ _____ (**fill-in**)

☐ Issuance by the Agency of Tax Exempt Bonds(bond dollar value)\$ _____

**** TOTAL EXEMPTION ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:**

Is the financial assistance requested by the Applicant consistent with the IDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy? Yes No

If No, please provide a written statement describing the financial assistance being requested and detailing the reasons the IDA should consider deviating from its Policy.

**** Note that the estimate provided above will be provided to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The Applicant acknowledges that the transaction documents will include a covenant by the Applicant that the estimate, above, represents the maximum amount of sales and use tax benefit currently authorized by the Agency with respect to this Application. The Agency may utilize the estimate, above, as well as the (9)proposed total Project Costs as contained within this Application, to determine the Financial Assistance that will be offered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform the IDA within 10 days if the project amount changes.**

Part III: Facility Information

Attach copies of the most recent real property tax bills. Include copies for all taxing jurisdictions for the site/ facility that IDA assistance is being sought.

Facility (Physical Information) If multiple locations please provide information on all.

7(a) Street Address of Facility:

7(b) City, Town and/or Village (list ALL incorporated municipalities):

7(c) School District:

7(d) For what purpose was the facility site most recently used (i.e., light manufacturing, heavy manufacturing, assembly, etc.)?

7(e) Zoning Classification of location of the project:

7(f) Please describe in detail the facility to be acquired, constructed or renovated (including number of buildings, square footage, number of floors, type of construction,) and attach plot plans, photos or renderings, if available. If there are infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, gas, electrical, etc.) please provide details along with who will carry out those improvements and who will fund them. ***Please be as specific as possible.***

7(g) Has construction or renovation commenced? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please describe the work in detail that has been undertaken to date, including the date of commencement.

If No, indicate the estimated dates of commencement and completion:

Construction Commencement: _____

Construction completion: _____

7(h) Will the construction or operation of the facility or any activity which will occur at the site require any local ordinance or variance to be obtained or require a permit or prior approval of any state or federal agency or body (other than normal occupancy and/or construction permits)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please describe.

Has the Project received site plan approval from the Planning Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If Yes, please provide the Agency with a copy of the planning department approval along with the related State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) determination. If no, please provide the status of approval:

7(i) Will the project have a significant effect on the environment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Important: please attach and sign Part 1 of either the the long or short Environmental Assessment Form to this Application.

7(j) What is the useful life of the facility? _____ years

7(k) Is the site in a former Empire Zone? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, which Empire Zone: _____

Is project located in a Federal HUB Zone or distressed area: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Provide detail.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ANSWER PART IV-8(a)

Part IV: Retail Project Questionnaire

To ensure compliance with Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency requires additional information if the proposed Project is one where customers personally visit the Project site to undertake either a retail sale transaction or to purchase services.

8(a). Will any portion of the project (including that portion of the cost to be financed from equity or other sources) consist of facilities or property that are or will be primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project site?

Required ☐ Yes or ☐ No **If the answer is YES, please continue below.**
If the answer is NO, proceed to Section Part V - Facility (Legal Info)

For purposes of Question A, the term "retail sales" means (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the Tax Law of the State of New York (the "Tax Law") primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101(b)(4)(i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

8(b). What percentage of the cost of the Project will be expended on such facilities or property primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project? _____%. **If the answer is less than 33% do not complete the remainder of this retail determination page and proceed to next section, Part V Facility (Pg 13)**

*** If the answer to A above is Yes AND the answer to B above is greater than 33.33%, indicate which of the following questions below apply to the project:**

1. Will the project be operated by a not-for-profit corporation ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Is the Project location or facility likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside Oneida County?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If **yes**, please provide a third party market analysis or other documentation supporting your response.

3. Is the predominant purpose of the project to make available goods or services which would not, but for the project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the municipality within which the proposed project would be located because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If **yes**, please provide a third party market analysis that demonstrates that a majority of the project's customers are expected to come from outside of Oneida County and the project will not directly compete with existing businesses located in Oneida County.

Part V: Facility (Legal Information)

9(a) With respect to the **present owner** of the land or facility, please give the following information and provide a brief statement regarding the status of the acquisition.

(Note: the present owner is not necessarily the user of the facility, but that party which holds legal title to the facility.)

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Balance of Mortgage: _____

Holder of Mortgage: _____

If the Applicant is not the present owner of the facility, please attach any written agreements and contracts concerning the acquisition of the real property and/or equipment.

9(b) Is there a legal relationship, directly or indirectly, by virtue of common control or through related persons, between the Applicant and the present owner of the facility?

☐ Yes ☐ No. **If Yes**, please explain.

9(c) Will a related real estate holding company, partnership or other entity, be involved in the ownership structure of the transaction?

☐ Yes ☐ No. **If Yes**, please explain.

9(d) Will the title owner of the facility/property also be the user of the facility?

☐ Yes ☐ No **If Yes**, please explain.

9(e) Is the Applicant currently a tenant in the facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9(f) Are you planning to use the entire proposed facility?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give the following information with respect to tenant(s) which will remain in the facility after the completion of the project, including the square footage the Applicant will occupy:

<u>Name of Tenant</u>	<u>Floors Occupied</u>	<u>Sq. Ft. Occupied</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>
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9(g) Are any of the tenants related to the owner of the facility?
☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please explain.

9(h) Will there be any other users utilizing the facility?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please explain. Provide detail of the contractual arrangement including any financial exchange for the use of the site or property.

Part VI: Equipment

10(a) List the principal items or categories of equipment to be acquired as part of the project. If you are requesting sales tax exemption it is important to be as detailed as possible. (If a complete list is not available at time of application, as soon as one is available but prior to final authorizing resolution, please submit a detailed inventory of said equipment to be covered.) Attach a sheet if needed.

10(b) Please provide a brief description of any equipment which has already been purchased or ordered, attach all invoices and purchase orders, list amounts paid and dates of expected delivery. Attach a sheet if needed.

10(c) What is the useful life of the equipment? _____ years

Part VII: Employment Information

"FTE" shall mean a full time employee that has a minimum of thirty-five (35) scheduled hours per week, or any combination of two or more part-time employees that work a minimum of fifteen (15) scheduled hours per week, when combined together, constitute the equivalent of a minimum of thirty-five (35) scheduled hours per week, and whose workplace location is the project facility. For this purpose an employee shall include a leased employee regularly retained by the company.

11(a) Estimate how many construction jobs will be created or retained as a result of this project.

11(b) Will the project preserve permanent, private sector jobs or increase the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York?

Yes No **If Yes**, explain below.

11(c) Have you experienced any employment changes (+ or -) in the last three (3) years?

Yes No **If Yes**, explain below.

11(d) Job Information related to project ***

Estimate below how many jobs will be created and retained as a result of this project, if OCIDA assistance is granted. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TOTAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES ARE TURNED INTO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE) for Line B. - See Pg. 17.**

	Number of Jobs BEFORE Project	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Location 4	Location 5	
	Address in NYS						Total
	Full-Time Company						
	Full-Time Independent Contractors						
	Full-Time Leased						
A.	Total Full-Time BEFORE						
	Part-Time Company						
	Part-Time Independent Contractors						
	Part-Time Leased						
B.	Total FTE Part-Timers BEFORE						
C.	Total FTE BEFORE*						

*For **Total FTE BEFORE** add full-time employees (line A) plus part-time employees that have been converted to FTE (line B).

	Number of Jobs AFTER Project (within 3 years of project completion)	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Location 4	Location 5	Total
	Full-time Company						
	Full-Time Independent Contractors						
	Full-Time Leased						
A.	Total Full-Time AFTER						
	Part-Time Company						
	Part-Time Independent Contractors						
	Part-Time Leased						
B.	Total FTE Part-Timers AFTER						
C.	Total FTE AFTER *						

*For **Total FTE AFTER** add full-time employees (line A) plus part-time employees that have been converted to FTE (line B).

	Estimate the number of residents from the Labor Market Area** in which the Project is located that will fill the <u>JOBS CREATED</u> within three years of project completion	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Location 4	Location 5	Total
A.	Full-Time						
B.	FTE Part-Timers						
C.	Total AFTER						

** Labor Market Area includes Oneida, Lewis, Herkimer, and Madison Counties

Provide Any Notes To Job Information Below

	Retained Jobs		Created Jobs	
SALARY AND BENEFITS	Average Annual Salary <i>per employee</i>	Average Fringe Benefits (as a percentage of wages)	Average Annual Salary <i>per employee</i>	Average Fringe Benefits (as a percentage of wages)
Management	\$	%	\$	%
Administrative	\$	%	\$	%
Production	\$	%	\$	%
Independent Contractor	\$	%	\$	%
Other	\$	%	\$	%
Overall Weighted Average	\$	%	\$	%

*** By statute, Agency staff must project the number of Full-Time Jobs that would be retained and created if the request for Financial Assistance is granted. "FTE" shall mean a full time employee that has a minimum of thirty-five (35) scheduled hours per week, or any combination of two or more part-time employees that work a minimum of fifteen (15) scheduled hours per week, when combined together, constitute the equivalent of a minimum of thirty-five (35) scheduled hours per week, and whose workplace location is the project facility. For this purpose an employee shall include a leased employee regularly retained by the company.

11(e) Please list NAICS codes for the jobs affiliated with this project:

Part VIII: Estimated Project Cost and Financing

12(a) List the costs necessary for preparing the facility.

LAND Acquisition	\$	(If lease value use OTHER below)
Existing Building(s) ACQUISITION	\$	
Existing Building(s) RENOVATION	\$	
NEW Building(s) CONSTRUCTION	\$	
Site preparation/parking lot construction	\$	
Machinery & Equipment that is TAXABLE	\$	
Machinery & Equipment that is TAX-EXEMPT	\$	
Furniture & Fixtures	\$	
Installation costs	\$	
Architectural & Engineering	\$	
Legal Fees (applicant, IDA, bank, other counsel)	\$	
Financial (all costs related to project financing)*	\$	
Permits (describe below)	\$	
Other (describe below) ie: solar decommissioning expense)	\$	
Other:	Cost:	Subtotal \$
1.		
2.		Agency Fee ¹ \$
3.		
4.		
5.		Total Project Cost \$

* **Bank fees, title insurance, appraisals, environmental reviews, etc.**

¹ **See Attached Fee Schedule (Page 22) for Agency Fee amount to be placed on this line.**

Permit/Other Information

12(b) Has the Applicant contacted any bank, financial institution or private investor with respect to financing the proposed project? Yes No **If Yes**, please provide details below.

12(c) Has the Applicant received a commitment letter for said financing? **If Yes**, please provide a copy along with this application. Yes No

12(d) Sources of Funds for Project Costs

Bank Financing: ----- \$ _____

Equity (excluding equity that is attributed to grants/tax credits) -- \$ _____

Tax Exempt Bond Issuance (if applicable) ----- \$ _____

Taxable Bond Issuance (if applicable) ----- \$ _____

Public Sources (Include sum total of all state and federal tax credits and grants) Break out individually below.----- \$ _____

Identify each Public state and federal grant/credit:

Comments:

Source \$

Source \$

Source \$

Source \$

Total Sources of Funds for Project Costs: \$

Part IX: Real Estate Taxes

13(a) For each tax parcel which comprises the facility, and for which assistance is being sought, please provide the following information using figures from the most recent tax year. If an increase in the assessment is anticipated due to the proposed project, please indicate the new estimated assessment amount in the **POST- PROJECT** column. Attach copies of the most recent tax bills for all jurisdictions.

Tax Map Parcel #	<u>Current Land Assessment</u>	<u>Current Building Assessment</u>	<u>Current Total Assessment</u>	<u>Current Total Taxes Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Estimated Post-Project Assessment</u>

13(b) Will the entirety of each tax parcel be subject to the PILOT? YES NO

13(c) If the entirety of each parcel will not be subject to the PILOT, will the municipality require a subdivision? YES NO

***If a subdivision is required, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to complete subdivision approval prior to commencement of the PILOT Agreement, and to provide the Agency with the tax parcel number(s) assigned.**

13(d) Address of Receiver of Town and/or Village Taxes (include all jurisdictions):

13(e) Address of Receiver of School Taxes:

13(f) Has the current property owner or user been granted an Ag-District exemption on the tax map parcel anytime during the past 4 years?

Yes No

If **Yes** explain below.

13(g) Please consult with Agency staff to complete a Cost/Benefit Analysis form to attach to this Application.

Use space below for additional information

NYS SEQRA Environmental Review

- The applicant must complete, sign and return to the IDA either the Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) or the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF). See the NYS DEC website for the most current versions of these documents.

<https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/seqr>

- To determine which EAF form is appropriate for the project, the applicant should consult with its engineer or legal counsel.
- It is the IDA's strong preference that the municipality that governs the jurisdiction where the project is located (e.g., a Planning Board, Zoning Board or other supervisory board) serve as lead agency for the SEQR review.
- In limited cases, the IDA will act as lead agency, but it may lead to additional cost to the applicant if a review is required to make a determination of environmental impact.
- If another public body is serving as lead agency for the SEQR review the applicant should provide the IDA with a signed Part 2 (and Part 3 if using the Long Form) and any minutes of meetings that detail the lead agency's determination.
- The IDA cannot grant any financial assistance until the SEQR review process is complete.

Agency Fee Schedule

Application Fee: \$500. Solar projects: \$5,000. Due at time of application submittal. Non-refundable if the applicant fails to close on the project with the Agency.

Commitment Fee: \$1,000. Due at time of application submittal; Upon closing with the IDA this amount is applied to the IDA Agency Fee.

Bond Fee: ½ of 1% of total bond amount

IDA Agency Fee: (PILOT, Mortgage Recording Exemption, Sales Tax Exemption)

- Up to a \$1.0 Million project - \$5,000
- Above \$1.0 Million project up to \$10.0 Million project – ½ of 1% of total project cost.
- Above \$10.0 Million project – ½ of 1% of total project cost up to \$10.0 Million plus incremental increase of ¼ of 1% of total project above \$10.0 Million.
- Any previously induced solar or renewable energy projects that have not yet proceeded to a final authorizing resolution, and are asking for an increase in benefits, will be subject to an Agency fee of one and one-half times the Agency's normal fee.

Transaction Counsel/Bond Counsel/Agency Counsel Fee:

Set by Bond/Transaction Counsel based upon the nature and complexity of the transaction. This applies to bond and straight lease transactions.

Bond Counsel/Agency Counsel fees for bond transactions will not exceed 2% of the bond amount or project costs. Transaction Counsel/Agency Counsel fees for straight lease transactions are typically \$13,000 to \$18,000 if no commercial financing is involved and \$18,000 to \$23,000 if commercial financing is involved. As fees can vary significantly depending on many variables, the applicant will receive an engagement letter with a fee quote based upon the scope of the project.

Annual Fee (Lease/Rent Fee):

For the term in which the property remains in the IDA's name, an annual lease payment is due in the amount of \$750 (Solar Projects: \$2,000). The first payment is due at closing and subsequent payments are due each January 1. For annual fees not paid and delinquent, a late charge of \$50 per month will be levied until such time the fee plus late charges are paid.

Other Fees:

If Applicant requests the IDA enter into subsequent transactions following closing (i.e., a facility refinance), the IDA will charge a closing fee equal to 1/8 of one percent of the total reissuance, redemption, new or revised mortgage, refinancing, spreading agreement or other transaction with a minimum payment due of \$500. The Applicant will also be responsible to pay any legal fees and any bank or financial institution fees the IDA incurs in connection with said transaction, throughout the term of the Agency's involvement with the facility. The applicant is obligated to reimburse the Agency for all fees and expenses incurred by the Agency, Agency Counsel, and Bond Counsel, regardless of whether the transaction closes or not.

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Insurance Requirements Under Leaseback Agreement

Section 3.4 Insurance Required.

At all times throughout the Lease Term, including, when indicated herein, during the Construction Period, the Company shall, at its sole cost and expense, maintain or cause to be maintained (and cause the Sublessees to maintain, where appropriate) insurance of the types of coverage and limits of liability deemed satisfactory by the Agency. Insurance coverages may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:

- 1) Property Insurance
- 2) Workers' Compensation & Employers Liability Insurance; and Disability Benefits Insurance
- 3) General Liability Insurance
- 4) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance
- 5) Umbrella Liability Insurance
- 6) Flood Insurance
- 7) Environmental/Pollution Liability Insurance. The Agency shall be named as additional insured as follows:

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency, ISAOA
584 Phoenix Drive
Rome, New York 13441

REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

The undersigned requests that this Application be submitted for review to the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") and its Board of Directors.

Approval of the Application can be granted solely by this Agency's Board of Directors. The undersigned acknowledges that Applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Agency and its counsel in connection with the attendant negotiations whether or not the transaction is carried to a successful conclusion.

The Applicant further understands and agrees with the Agency as follows:

1. **Annual Sales Tax Filings.** In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any sales tax exemptions as part of the Financial Assistance from the Agency, in accordance with Section 874(8) of the General Municipal Law, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the annual form prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance, describing the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or subcontractors retained by the Applicant.
2. **Annual Employment, Tax Exemption & Bond Status Reports.** The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the Agency, on an annual basis, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site as well as tax exemption benefits received with the action of the Agency. For Applicants not responding to the Agency's request for reports by the stated due date, a \$500 late fee will be charged to the Applicant for each 30-day period the report is late beyond the due date, up until the time the report is submitted. Failure to provide such reports as provided in the transaction documents will be an Event of Default under the Lease (or Leaseback) Agreement between the Agency and Applicant. In addition, a Notice of Failure to provide the Agency with an Annual Employment, Tax Exemption & Bond Status Report may be reported to Agency board members, said report being an agenda item subject to the Open Meetings Law.
3. **Absence of Conflict of Interest.** The Applicant has consulted the Agency website of the list of the Agency members, officers and employees of the Agency. No member, officer, or employee of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction contemplated by this Application, except as herein after described (if none, state "none"):
4. **Hold Harmless.** Applicant hereby releases the Agency and its members, officers, servants, agents and employees from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by (A) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the attached Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the Project described therein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested therein are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction and/or installation of the Project described therein and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project; including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. If, for any reason, the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations, or fails, within a reasonable or specified period of time, to take reasonable, proper or requested action, or withdraws, abandons, cancels or neglects the Application, or if the Agency or the Applicant are unable to reach final

agreement with respect to the Project, then, and in the event, upon presentation of an invoice itemizing the same, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents or assigns, all costs incurred by the Agency in the processing of the Application, including attorneys' fees, if any.

5. The Applicant acknowledges that the Agency has disclosed that the actions and activities of the Agency are subject to the Public Authorities Accountability Act signed into law January 13, 2006 as Chapter 766 of the 2005 Laws of the State of New York.
6. The Applicant acknowledges that the Agency is subject to New York State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). **Applicant understands that all Project information and records related to this application are potentially subject to disclosure under FOIL subject to limited statutory exclusions.**
7. The Applicant acknowledges that it has been provided with a copy of the Agency's recapture policy (the "Recapture Policy"). The Applicant covenants and agrees that it fully understands that the Recapture Policy is applicable to the Project that is the subject of this Application, and that the Agency will implement the Recapture Policy if and when it is so required to do so. The Applicant further covenants and agrees that its Project is potentially subject to termination of Agency financial assistance and/or recapture of Agency financial assistance so provided and/or previously granted.
8. The Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if Financial Assistance is provided for the proposed Project:

§ 862. Restrictions on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.

9. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving Financial Assistance for the proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
10. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any Financial Assistance and the reimbursement of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement the Project.
11. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges that as of the date of this Application, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law.
12. The Applicant and the individual executing this Application on behalf of the Applicant acknowledge that the Agency will rely on the representations made herein when acting on this Application and hereby represent that the statements made herein do not contain any untrue statement of a material

fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein not misleading.

13. The Applicant acknowledges receipt of notice from the Agency pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(d) of the New York Labor Law that the estimated mortgage recording tax exemption benefit amount, the estimated sales and use tax exemption benefit amount, and the estimated real property tax abatement benefit amount as so identified within this Application are “public funds” and not otherwise excluded under Section 224-a(3) of the New York Labor Law. Applicant further acknowledges and understands that it has certain obligations as related thereto pursuant to Section 224-a(8)a) of the New York Labor Law.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONEIDA) ss.:

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That I am the _____ (Corporate Office) of _____ (Applicant) and that I am duly authorized on behalf of the Applicant to bind the Applicant.
2. That I have read the attached Application, I know the contents thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Application and the contents of this Application are true, accurate and complete.

(Signature of Officer)

Subscribed and affirmed to me under penalties of perjury
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(Notary Public)

If the application has been completed by or in part by other than the person signing this application for the applicant please indicate who and in what capacity:

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please submit the signed and notarized completed application along with payment of a non-refundable \$500 Application Fee and a \$1,000 Commitment Fee (will be applied to final closing costs) to the **Oneida County Industrial Development Agency**, 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome NY 13441-1405, **within 14 days prior to the OCIDA Board of Directors meeting at which you want the Application to be included on the Agenda**. Wire transfer and ACH payments are acceptable but all related fees incurred by the Agency are payable by the Applicant. It is advised that an electronic version of the application accompany the original application via hard copy or e-mail. An electronic version of the application must accompany the original application via physical media or e-mail.

1. **Job Creation and Retention Obligations.**

After the expiration of the Employment Obligation Term, the Company shall have no further obligation with respect to the Employment Obligation and shall not be liable for any of the payments described below.

The failure of the Company to satisfy the Employment Obligation can subject the Company to payments to the Agency. The Company shall be required to make payments if it fails to attain the Minimum Standard.

If the Company falls below the Minimum Standard, the Agency will notify the Company in writing of the Agency's intention to recapture Financial Assistance. The Company will have thirty (30) days to respond to the letter and may include a request to appear before the Agency. The Agency will determine, in its sole discretion, if a valid exemption exists and potentially reduce the remedies described below.

2. **Projects with less than Ten Years Employment Obligation Term.**

(a) **Shortfall Payments.**

- (1) If, during the first three (3) years of the Employment Obligation Term a Company fails to achieve the Minimum Standard, then the Company shall pay to the Agency an amount equal to (a) the Per Employee Amount multiplied by (b) the Shortfall and then multiplied by (c) 1.5.
- (2) If, after the first (3) years, of the Employment Obligation Term a Company fails to achieve the Minimum Standard, then the Company shall pay to the Agency an amount equal to (a) the Per Employee Amount multiplied by (b) the Shortfall.

(b) **Major Shortfall Payment.**

- (1) If a Company shall incur a Major Shortfall; then, the Company shall pay to the Agency as an additional one-time payment an amount as set forth in the schedule below (such payment shall be referred to as the "Major Shortfall Payment").

<u>Major Shortfall Occurs:</u>	<u>Percentage of Initial Benefit</u>
Year 1	100%
Year 2	80%
Year 3	60%
Year 4	40%
Any Subsequent Year	20%

- (2) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Company shall not be liable for a Major Shortfall Payment unless the number of FTEs remains at less than 65% of the Employment Obligation at the expiration of a Cure Period. The Company shall have the opportunity at any time before the expiration of a Cure Period to provide additional information to the Agency regarding the Major Shortfall, and to request a waiver or amendment of this provision.

- (3) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, a Major Shortfall shall not apply where the Shortfall is a result of a major casualty to or condemnation of the facility. In the event of such major casualty or condemnation, the Company shall have no obligation to pay the Major Shortfall Payment.
- (4) Qualification for a waiver of either (2) or (3) above shall be at the sole discretion of the Agency.

3. **Projects with Ten Years or Longer Employment Obligation Term.**

(a) **Shortfall Payments.**

- (1) If, during the first five (5) years of the Employment Obligation Term a Company fails to achieve the Minimum Standard, then the Company shall pay to the Agency an amount equal to (a) the Per Employee Amount multiplied by (b) the Shortfall and then multiplied by (c) 1.5.
- (2) If, after the first five (5) years of the Employment Obligation Term a Company fails to achieve the Minimum Standard, then the Company shall pay to the Agency an amount equal to (a) the Per Employee Amount multiplied by (b) the Shortfall.

(b) **Major Shortfall Payment.**

- (1) If a Company shall incur a Major Shortfall, then the Company shall pay to the Agency as an additional one-time payment an amount as set forth in the schedule below.

<u>Major Shortfall Occurs:</u>	<u>Percentage of Initial Benefit</u>
Year 1	100%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	80%
Year 4	70%
Year 5	60%
Year 6	50%
Year 7	45%
Year 8	40%
Year 9	35%
Year 10	30%

- (2) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Company shall not be liable for a Major Shortfall Payment unless the number of FTEs remains at less than 65% of the Employment Obligation at the expiration of a Cure Period. The Company shall have the opportunity at any time before the expiration of a Cure Period to provide additional information to the Agency regarding the Major Shortfall, and to request a waiver or amendment of this provision.
- (3) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, a Major Shortfall shall not apply where the Shortfall is as a result of a major casualty to or condemnation of the facility. In the event of such major casualty or condemnation, the Company shall have no obligation to pay the Major Shortfall Payment.

- (4) Qualification for a waiver of either (2) or (3) above shall be at the sole discretion of the Agency.

4. **Shift of Employment.** If the Shortfall or Major Shortfall is as a result of the Company shifting employment away from Oneida County, then the Agency will require the value of the Benefit and the Initial Benefit utilized to date to be repaid, with interest (determined as the New York State legal interest rate).

5. **Mandatory Recapture.** The Agency is mandated to recapture New York State sales tax benefits where:

- a. The Project is not entitled to receive those benefits.
- b. The exemptions exceed the amount authorized, or are claimed for unauthorized property or services.
- c. The Company fails to use property or services in the manner required by the Leaseback Agreement.

6. **Return of Recaptured Funds.** If the Agency recaptures Initial Benefits or Benefits from a Company, the Agency shall return the recaptured funds promptly to the affected taxing jurisdiction, unless otherwise agreed to by the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the General Municipal Law.

The Agency shall have the right to reduce any payment required under this Policy, in extraordinary circumstances, in its sole discretion.

**Oneida County Industrial Development Agency
Uniform Evaluation Criteria
(Adopted July 17, 2016 and amended January 17, 2025)**

The Agency considers the following general factors in determining whether a project is eligible for financial assistance:

- The nature of the proposed project (e.g., manufacturing, commercial, civic).
- The nature of the property before the project begins (e.g., vacant land, vacant buildings).
- The economic condition of the area at the time of the application.
- The extent to which a project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs.
- The estimated value of tax exemptions to be provided.
- The impact of the project and the proposed tax exemptions on affected tax jurisdictions.
- The impact of the proposed project on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the County.
- The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the proposed project.
- The likelihood of accomplishing the proposed project in a timely fashion.
- The effect of the proposed project upon the environment.
- The extent to which the proposed project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts in which the project is located.
- The extent to which the proposed project will provide onsite child care for its employees
- The extent to which the proposed project will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the County of Oneida.

Furthermore, the Agency shall consider the following “Material Factors” to determine if a company which is receiving IDA financial assistance is meeting the obligations required and stated in the IDA approval and project agreements:

(a) For the following project types, the Agency will consider as a Material Factor the creation and/or retention of permanent, private sector jobs:

- Industrial/Manufacturing
- Back Office
- Research/Development
- Technology/Cybersecurity
- Commercial/Multi-Tenant
- Retail

(b) For the following project types, the Agency will consider as a Material Factor the project being completed in substantially the manner as represented in the Application (e.g., the number and type of units, whether existing infrastructure is utilized):

- Housing
- Mixed Use
- Adaptive Reuse
- Brownfield
- Pollution

(c) The Agency may also identify other Material Factors, on a project by project basis, as it deems appropriate to evaluate whether a project is meeting its stated goals, including but not limited to the following:

- Amount of private sector investment
- Regional wealth creation (% of sales to customers outside the area)
- Providing a financial benefit to other businesses

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ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY

**Adopted by the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency on
January 28, 1994, amended on December 21, 1998 and April 30, 2009**

The Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has adopted the following uniform tax exemption policies. These policies will be used for all projects for which the Agency may provide financial assistance, including bond (taxable and/or tax exempt) issuances and straight lease transactions. Final determinations regarding the extent to which financial assistance, if any, will be granted are solely within the discretion of the Agency.

I. Project Eligibility Criteria

(a) General Requirements

The Agency considers the following general factors in determining whether a project is eligible for financial assistance:

- The nature of the proposed project (e.g., manufacturing, commercial, civic).
- The nature of the property before the project begins (e.g., vacant land, vacant buildings).
- The economic condition of the area at the time of the application.
- The extent to which a project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs.
- The estimated value of tax exemptions to be provided.
- The impact of the project and the proposed tax exemptions on affected tax jurisdictions.
- The impact of the proposed project on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the County.
- The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the proposed project.
- The likelihood of accomplishing the proposed project in a timely fashion.
- The effect of the proposed project upon the environment.

- The extent to which the proposed project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts in which the project is located.
- The extent to which the proposed project will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the County of Oneida.

(b) Industrial and Manufacturing Projects

(1) Industrial and manufacturing projects generally qualify for financial assistance, subject to the eligibility criteria set forth in Part I (a) of this Policy.

(2) Due to the nature of the work, companies performing back-office operations that are regional or national in nature and a majority of which operations support activities outside of Oneida County will qualify as industrial and manufacturing. Research and development facilities and distribution centers that locate in Oneida County may also qualify as industrial and manufacturing.

(c) Retail Projects

The Agency will provide financial assistance to retail facilities only in accordance with the restrictions contained in New York State General Municipal Law Section 862(2), and subject to the eligibility criteria set forth in Part I (a) of this Policy. The Agency will also consider the competitive impact of the project.

Retail projects are generally not eligible for Agency assistance, with the following exceptions:

(i) Retail businesses that primarily serve customers located in Oneida County are generally not eligible for financial assistance unless located in a "highly distressed area" as defined in General Municipal Law §854(18), which includes projects located in an economic development zone or Empire Zone (as defined in New York State statute or regulation), or the project meets one of the other requirements of this paragraph (c);

(ii) Retail projects operated by not-for-profit corporations may be eligible for financial assistance;

(iii) Retail projects may be eligible for financial assistance provided an appropriate market analysis demonstrates that a majority of the project's customers are expected to come from outside of Oneida County and the project will not directly compete with existing businesses located in Oneida County; and

(iv) Retail businesses that primarily provide a product or a service that is otherwise not reasonably available in Oneida County may be eligible for financial assistance.

(d) Other Non-Industrial/Commercial Projects

Non-industrial/commercial projects may qualify for financial assistance at the discretion of the Agency, based upon its evaluation of the eligibility requirements set forth in Part I (a) of this Policy. The Agency confirms the following specific policies:

(i) Mixed or Multiple-Use Projects qualify for financial assistance, only with respect to that portion of the project that is used for purposes that qualify for financial assistance under this Policy.

(ii) Housing projects are generally not eligible for benefits, unless they

(a) service the elderly, low-income, assisted living or other groups with special needs; *or*

(b) promote employment opportunities and prevent economic deterioration, as confirmed by an appropriate market analysis, and such a determination is made by the Agency based upon all of the relevant facts.

II. **Real Property Tax Abatements**

If the Agency determines that a project will receive real property tax abatements, a Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Tax Agreement (the "PILOT") will be negotiated with each project owner (the "Company") and will substantially follow the following guidelines with final determinations to be made by the Agency.

(i) Real Property Acquired by Company as part of Project. If the Company is acquiring real property as part of the Agency project, then the Agency's real property tax exemption will be available with respect to all real property acquired by the Company as part of the project and improvements thereto.

(ii) Substantial Improvements to Existing Real Property Owned by Company. If the Company is making "Substantial Improvements" (as defined below) to existing real property owned by the Company, then the Agency's real property tax exemption will apply to both the existing real property and the improvements.

(iii) Non-Substantial Improvements to Existing Real Property. If the improvements to existing real property owned by the Company are not Substantial Improvements, then the Agency's tax exemption shall apply only to the increase in assessment resulting from improvements constructed or installed as part of the project and the Company shall pay PILOT payments equal to the full amount of taxes on the existing real property.

The term "Substantial Improvements" means the value of the improvements constructed or installed as part of the project equals at least 50% of the value of the real property prior to construction or installation of the improvements, as determined by an independent valuation acceptable to the Agency.

(a) **Industrial and Manufacturing Projects**

The Company shall pay a percentage of the taxes that would otherwise be payable if the project was not tax exempt, to each taxing jurisdiction in which the project is located, as follows:

1. 33 1/3% of such taxes through the fifth (5th) year of the exemption;

2. 66 2/3% of such taxes from the sixth (6th) through tenth (10th) year of the exemption;
3. 100% of such taxes after the tenth (10th) year of the exemption.

(b) Retail Projects

The Company shall pay a percentage of the taxes that would otherwise be payable if the project was not tax exempt, to each taxing jurisdiction in which the project is located, as follows:

1. 50% of such taxes through the second (2nd) year of the exemption;
2. 75% of such taxes from the third (3rd) through the fifth (5th) year of the exemption;
3. 100% of such taxes after the fifth (5th) year of the exemption.

(c) OtherNon-Industrial/Commercial Projects

The Company shall pay a percentage of the taxes that would otherwise be payable if the project was not tax exempt, to each taxing jurisdiction in which the project is located, as follows:

1. 50% of such taxes through the second (2nd) year of the exemption.
2. 75% of such taxes from the third (3rd) through fifth (5th) year of the exemption.
3. 100% of such taxes after the fifth (5th) year of the exemption.

The Agency reserves the right to deviate from the real property tax abatement policy on a case by case basis at its sole discretion.

III. Sales Tax Exemptions

If, based on the eligibility criteria described in Part I of this Policy, the Agency determines a project is eligible for financial assistance, the Agency's financial assistance will include exemption from sales and use tax for costs of constructing, renovating and equipping the project.

Sales and use tax exemption, when available, will be authorized for the duration of the acquisition, construction and equipping of the project as described in the application for financial assistance. The Agency shall deliver a sales tax exemption letter which will expire one (1) year from the date of the project inducement. If construction, renovation or equipping is not complete at the expiration of the original sales tax exemption letter, upon request by the Company, the sales tax exemption letter may be extended at the discretion of the Agency.

All Companies receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits will be required to supply the Agency with a list of all contractors and sub-contractors that have been authorized to use the sales tax exemption letter. This list will be appended to the sales tax exemption letter by the Agency.

The Company must keep a record of the usage of the sales tax exemption letter, and must supply the Agency with the total amount of sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the project for each calendar year. The Company must submit this report to the Agency by February 1st of each year, until the exempt period comes to a conclusion. The company shall also file all reports as may be required by applicable law, including Form ST-340 which shall be filed with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

The Agency reserves the right to deviate from the sales tax exemption policy on a case by case basis at its sole discretion.

IV. Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption

If, based on the project eligibility criteria described in Part I of this Policy, the Agency determines a project is eligible for financial assistance, the Agency will provide an exemption from New York State mortgage recording tax for the financing of project costs.

The Agency reserves the right to deviate from the mortgage recording tax exemption policy on a case by case basis at its sole discretion.

V. Recapture

Agency financial assistance is granted based upon the Company's representation that the project will create and/or maintain the employment levels described in its application for financial assistance (the "Employment Obligation"). If a Company fails to achieve and/or maintain its Employment Obligation, it could result in recapture of all or a portion of tax benefits granted by the Agency.

VI. Deviations

Deviations from this Policy shall be infrequent. The Agency reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to deviate from this Policy on a case by case basis. The Agency will provide written notice to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction of any deviation from this Policy and will comply with the deviation requirements of the General Municipal Law.

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA)
Uniform Tax Exemption and Agency Benefits Policy
Housing Development Initiatives for Rental and Owner-Occupied Projects
5/8/2026

Overview

In furtherance of Oneida County's 2024 "Housing Market Inventory, Assessment, and Strategy," the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency ("OCIDA") has created the following Uniform Tax Exemption and Agency Benefits Policy (the "Policy") to encourage development of all segments of the County's housing market. The expansion of OCIDA's policy to support eligible housing projects reflects the County's housing study, which identifies a critical need for additional units, particularly for workforce and senior housing in both apartments and owner-occupied homes. This need has arisen from an aging housing stock and limited new development, coupled with economic growth that has created job opportunities across several innovative industries, attracting new residents.

The purpose of this Policy is to assist OCIDA in determining whether a housing project promotes employment opportunities, creates workforce or senior housing, prevents economic deterioration in the area served by OCIDA, and is consistent with New York State Controller's Opinion No. 85-51 and the New York State General Municipal Law. This Policy is intended to be annexed to and made a part of OCIDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy adopted on January 28, 1994, amended on December 21, 1998, and April 30, 2009 (the "UTEP"). OCIDA reserves the right to deviate from this Policy at its discretion and in accordance with the General Municipal Law.

Eligible Housing Projects:

The types of housing eligible for OCIDA consideration include:

- Rental Housing: Defined as non-owner-occupied dwelling units produced for rent.
 - Multifamily structures
 - Townhomes
 - Condominiums
 - Mixed-Use Projects (Must be over 50% Housing by area)
 - Workforce Housing (60%-120% of Area Median Income)
 - Senior Living: 55 and over.
- Owner-Occupied Housing: Defined as dwelling units produced to be sold to owner-occupants.
 - Single-Family Homes
 - Innovative housing products such as:
 - Modular/prefabricated homes
 - "Tiny homes"
 - Duplex- or triplex-family homes (minimum 3 new duplex buildings, or 6 total new units)

Additional Eligibility Criteria

- Rental Housing projects must have a minimum of five (5) units in a renovation or conversion of a building, or twenty-four (24) units for new construction.
- Owner-Occupied projects must create a minimum of five (5) new units and achieve 50 points to qualify for incentives in accordance with this Policy.
- All projects shall be subject to and in compliance with the New York State General Municipal Law and the UTEP. OCIDA's UTEP requires all applicants to file a Cost/Benefit Analysis that is deemed acceptable to OCIDA.

- As a condition of financial assistance, applicants must submit independent data/information that supports the finding that the project will prevent economic deterioration by promoting employment opportunities.

Eligible Areas:

Projects are situated within Oneida County.

Scoring Criteria:

Rental Housing & Owner-Occupied Projects:

Criteria	Description of Criteria	Points
Rehabilitation or Adaptive Reuse Projects	Projects that rehabilitate structures that are at least 20 years of age, are not currently generating significant rental income, and can demonstrate functional challenges to their redevelopment.	25
Utilizes Existing Infrastructure	Projects that use existing infrastructure, defined as relying on both existing water and sewer services and not requiring system expansions. <i>(Modernizations, such as the replacement of existing pipes where service is already provided, are viewed favorably.)</i>	25
Compact Development Projects	Projects that involve the construction of housing types other than detached single-family homes. Projects could include multifamily housing types such as townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, or other housing forms that are not detached single-family living spaces, built for rental or owner-occupation. Project sites can include single parcels (condo associations, or co-ops), or each homeownership unit can be situated on its own parcel.	25
Micro-Unit Projects	Projects with units approximately 400SF-800SF, including small homes, efficiency or studio flats, or other configurations, either for rent or owner-occupied, that address workforce housing or senior living needs. Units should be designed for a single occupant or a pair of occupants.	25
Community Benefits	Projects that provide benefits to the community, which may include any of the following: -Rebuilding community infrastructure. -Creating or contributing to an existing community amenity.	10

	-Dedicating land to the municipality for a public improvement that benefits public health or safety. -Removing a blighting influence (e.g., Demolition of a deteriorated structure or supporting infill development). -Providing an environmental enhancement (e.g., wetlands creation/restoration). -Brownfield development/remediation, utilizing federal/state historic or low-income housing tax credits, which provide mixed-income rental units to support affordable workforce housing. -Creating childcare options for residents or providing other benefits deemed necessary and relevant by OCIDA.	
Green Projects	Projects that provide a benefit or improvement to the environment or the energy grid, which may include any of the following: -Building on a New York State or federally defined Brownfield; a participant in the State Voluntary Cleanup Program; or within a Brownfield Opportunity Area. -Building a development which qualifies for a LEED Certification from the US Green Building Council (final certification required before commencement of the PILOT Agreement). -Incorporating geothermal or other renewable energy technologies are projected to make a significant impact on the stability, reliability, and resilience of the grid. The renewable energy generated for the Project must be located within Oneida County, turned on and connected to the grid, and provide at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the project's energy needs.	10
Innovative Housing Projects	Housing projects that utilize innovative construction technologies, which can include but are not limited to modular homes, prefabricated homes, 3D printed homes, or other innovative construction methods deemed relevant by OCIDA.	20
Senior Housing	Housing projects reserved for owner-occupancy or rental by seniors (those 55+ in age).	25
Owner-Occupied Dwelling Projects	Housing projects reserved for single-family dwelling projects • 10 units - 25 points • 20 units - 50 points • 50 units - 80 points	25-80
Maximum Points Available		245

Benefits available to eligible projects:

Rental Housing:

OCIDA shall use this scoring system to determine the level of Agency benefits:

Tier 1 Benefits: projects that score at least 70 points may receive abatement of real property taxes, exemptions from sales taxes, and exemptions from mortgage recording taxes

Tier 2 Benefits: projects that score between 50-69 points may receive abatement of real property taxes, exemptions from sales taxes, and exemptions from mortgage recording taxes

Tier 3 Benefits: projects that score 40-49 points may receive exemptions from sales taxes and exemptions from mortgage recording taxes (not eligible for abatement of real property taxes)

Table 1: Schedule of Real Property Tax Abatements

Term of PILOT Exemption Schedule	Tier 1- PILOT Exemption Schedule	Tier 2 - PILOT Exemption Schedule
1	75%	75%
2	75%	75%
3	75%	75%
4	67%	50%
5	67%	50%
6	50%	25%
7	50%	
8	25%	
9	10%	
10	10%	

Applicants will pay 100% of all taxes due and owed until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for a project. The first exemption year in the schedule will begin, effective the first taxable status date after issuance.

Owner-Occupied Housing:

OCIDA shall require that owner-occupied/single-family housing projects create at least five (5) new units and achieve 50 points to qualify for Agency benefits. There shall be no tiered benefit structure. If a project achieves 50 or more points, it is eligible for sales tax exemption on building materials and property tax abatement

on the undeveloped land on which the housing will be constructed. OCIDA shall use this developer benefit policy to encourage the construction of new owner-occupied housing with the property tax exemption, as illustrated in the example below.

- In Year 1, the developer will pay a PILOT equal to the full taxes on the assessed value of the unimproved land.
- Beginning in Year 2, and for a period of up to two years, there will be a 50% tax exemption on the original land value. If during this period $\frac{3}{4}$ of the units are sold, the tax exemption will increase to 75%.
- In Year 4, there will be a 75% tax exemption on the original land value.
- After Year 4, the PILOT will expire, and the remaining lands owned by the developer will return to the normal valuation process as determined by the Assessor in the municipality in which the project resides.
- Once individual housing units are sold, those new parcels are placed on the tax roll.

Sunset Provision:

The effective date of this policy will commence on the first day of the month following the date on which this Policy is formally approved in accordance with requirements set forth under Article 18A of the General Municipal Law and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2033, unless OCIDA elects to extend further or modify the Policy.

All applicants approved during this period will have twenty-four (24) months to complete their project, as evidenced by the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the applicable local code officer for the political subdivision where the project is situated. Receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy is required to receive all tax benefits granted in the final authorizing resolution approved by OCIDA.

Agency Fees:

The applicant will be required to remit to OCIDA all applicable fees (see fee schedule), including payment of all OCIDA legal costs associated with the project and an annual rent payment of \$750, as required under the lease agreement with OCIDA. A copy of the applicable fee schedule is included with the application package. When the application is submitted, the applicant shall submit a check for \$1,500, which consists of a non-refundable application fee of \$500 and a commitment fee of \$1,000 that will be applied at closing; if the project does not close, \$1,000 is applied to legal fees incurred in connection with the application. Other than the application fee and the annual rent payment, all other fees shall be due and paid at closing.

Housing Recapture Policy
Adopted May 15, 2026

1. **Project Obligation.** The financial assistance granted by the Agency is conditioned upon the Applicant constructing its Project as represented in its Application, within two years from the date the Project is induced (the "Project Obligation"). Each Project receives financial assistance based upon how the Project scored using the criteria described in the Housing Policy (the "Initial Score"). If, after two years or upon completion of the Project, the Final Project is not completed in accordance with the Project Obligation, it may subject the Applicant to recapture of financial assistance.
2. **Reporting to the IDA.** An Applicant will be required to submit one Final Project Report within ten days of receiving a Certificate of Occupancy for all units, or at least ten days before the end of the lease term, whichever is soonest, but in no case longer than five years from the date induced. The Final Project Report will certify completion of the facility in compliance with the Project Obligation, and will provide copies of all Certificates of Occupancy.
3. **Final Project Review.** Upon receipt of the Final Project Report, the Agency will score the Project again using the same criteria contained in the Housing Policy as when the Project was induced (the "Final Score"). In the event the Applicant fails to meet the criteria upon which the project received its Initial Score and the Final Score would have resulted in less financial assistance, the Applicant may be subject to recapture and/or a reduction of financial assistance. If the scoring results in a higher score, the Applicant will not be entitled to additional financial assistance.
4. **PILOT Amendments.**
 - a. If a Project's Initial Score is for Tier 1 Benefits and the Final Score is for Tier 2 Benefits, the PILOT Agreement will be revised to reflect the PILOT Exemption Schedule for Tier 2 Benefits.
 - b. If a Project's Initial Score is for Tier 1 Benefits or Tier 2 Benefits and the Final Score is for Tier 3 Benefits or lower, the PILOT Agreement will be terminated.
5. **Major Shortfall.** If a Project's Final Score is lower than Tier 3 Benefits, the Agency will notify the Company in writing of its intention to recapture benefits and the Company will have thirty (30) days to respond to the letter citing the reason or reasons the Company failed to achieve its Project Obligation, including any request to appear before the Agency. Then the Agency, in its sole discretion, may:
 - a. Take no action if it is determined that the reason or reasons for failing to achieve the Project Obligation are temporary or, in the sole opinion of the Agency, it is in the best interest of economic development of Oneida County;
 - b. Reduce the benefits granted to the Company in an amount proportionate to the percentage of the Project Obligation that was achieved (i.e., if the Company meets 75% of its projections, 25% of benefits are recaptured); or
 - c. Terminate the Leaseback Agreement and the PILOT Agreement and require the Company to repay 100% of the benefits received to date.
6. **Mandatory Recapture.** The Agency is mandated to recapture New York State sales tax benefits where:

- a. The Project is not entitled to receive those benefits.
- b. The exemptions exceed the amount authorized, or are claimed for unauthorized property or services.
- c. The Company fails to use property or services in the manner required by the Leaseback Agreement.

7. **Miscellaneous.**

- a. The Agency in granting benefits retains all rights to impose, delay or waive penalties and the right to deviate from these recapture provisions.
- b. No violation of these provisions will, in and of itself, constitute a default of any financing debt instrument.