APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency

584 Phoenix Drive Rome, New York 13441-1405 (315) 338-0393 telephone (315) 338-5694 fax

Shawna M. Papale, Executive Director

A non-refundable application fee of \$500.00 must be submitted at the time of application along with a \$1000 commitment fee that will submitted at the time of application; the \$1000 commitment fee will be applied at closing.

Please submit the original application, SEQR form and Cost/ Benefit and two (2) copies along an electronic copy of the application, SEQR form and Cost/ Benefit with the applicable fee.

All applications must be submitted 10 days prior to meeting.

Utica First Insurance Company

Name of Applicant

Number (to be provided by the agency)

Note to Applicant:

The information requested by this application is necessary to determine the eligibility of your project for Agency benefits. Please answer all questions, inserting "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. If you are providing an estimate, please indicate by inserting "est" after the figure. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed for a response than is provided.

Return the original application and two copies with a check in the amount of \$1500.00 made payable to: Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA), 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York 13441-1405, Attn.: Shawna M. Papale, Executive Director. \$1000 will be applied at closing against the IDA legal fees. In addition, an electronic version of the application (signed), SEQR form (signed), and Cost/benefit to spapale@mvedge.org.

Upon the submission of this application to the IDA, this applicant becomes a public document. Be advised that any action brought before the OCIDA is public information. All agenda's for the OCIDA are issued prior to full agency meetings and posted in public domain. If there is information that the applicant feels is proprietary please identity as such and that information will be treated confidentially to the extent permitted by law.

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 understand the legal fees you will be responsible for them and also acknowledge what the process is. Should you not close and legal services have been rendered by the OCIDA legal counsel, your company 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 questions how to calculate your companies IDA application fee please consult with the Memorandum to Companies Sale – Leaseback Transactions or please contact the IDA Executive Director.

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 entity which will receive the actual financial assistance from the Agency.

Applicant		_		
1(a) Applicant's Legal Name:	Utica 	Utica First Insurance Company		
1(b) Principal Address:		5981 Airport Rd		
		kany, NY 13424		
1(c) Telephone/Facsimile Numbers:		736-8211 ext. 3005		
	315-7	'36-4409 (Fax)		
1(d) Email Address:	ssha	traw@uticafirst.com		
1(e) Federal Identification Number:	15-0	476540		
1(f) Contact Person:	Scot	t A Shatraw, Sr VP & CFO		
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		
		DISC		
		Other(specify) Mutual Ins. Company		
1(h) State of Organization (if applicat	ole) New	York		

Applicant's Stockholders, Directors and Officers (or Partners)

2(a)	Provide the following information with holdings:	respect to parties with 15%	
	<u>Name</u>	Address	Percentage of Ownership
	N/A		
2(b)	Is the Applicant, or any of the individual to any other entity by more than 50% centity and the relationship.	s listed in 2(a) above, related ommon ownership? If so, ind	directly or indirectly licate name of such
	NO a		
2(c)	Is the Applicant affiliated with any other the response to 2(a) above? If yes, ple entity and the address thereof:	entity, directly or indirectly, ot ease indicate name and relatio	her than as listed in onship of such other
	NO		

Applicant's Counsel and Accountant

3(a). Applicant's Attorney

Name/Title:

Francis X. Matt III

Firm:

The Matt Law Firm, PLLC

Address:

1701 Genesee St

Utica, NY 13501

Telephone/Fax:

315-624-7362

315-624-7359

3(b) Applicant's Accountant

Name/Title:

Jack Whipple, Partner

Firm:

BWB

Address:

201 West Third St. Suite 300

Jamestown, NY 14701

Telephone/Fax:

716-664-5104

716-489-2037

Business Description

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

See Attached.

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.
See Attachment
Reasons for Project
6(a) Please explain in detail why you want to undertake this project.
See Attached
6(b) Why are you requesting the involvement of the Agency in your project?

See Attached

6(c)	How will the Applicant's plans be affected if Agency approval is not granted?
	see attached
6(d)	Is the proposed project reasonably necessary to discourage the Applicant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State of New York? [] Yes [] No [If yes, please explain briefly.
	Is the proposed project reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Applicant in its respective industry? Yes No If yes, please explain briefly.
	To add training spaces and additional room for employee growth and retention.
6(e)	Will financing by the Agency result in the removal or abandonment of a plant or other facility of the applicant or any related entity presently located in another area of New York State? Yes No If yes, please explain briefly the reason for the move.
	N/A.
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 Volume Volu
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 proje	oct;	
		Manufacturing		
	H	Industrial Assembly or Service		
	Research and Development			
		Warehousing		
	一	Commercial or Recreational		
		Pollution Control (specify)		
		Other (specify) Back Office Operations		
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		
	Construction of a new building			
		Acquisition of machinery and/or equipment		
		Installation of machinery and/or equipment		
		Other (specify)		
Please indicate the financial assistance you are requesting of the Agency, at the estimated value of said assistance. Attach a sheet labeled Annual PILOT, the annual utilization of the Real Property Tax Abatement by year and jurisdiction.		t labeled Annual PILOT. that shows		
		Assistance	Estimated Value	
		Real Property Tax Abatement	\$_190,000	
		Mortgage Tax Exemption	\$	
		Sales and Use Tax Exemption	\$_85,000	
		Issuance by the Agency of Tax Exempt Bonds	\$	

Part III: Facility Information (if project that you are applying for is a housing project please also complete questions 7(m) through

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

7(a)	Street Address of Facility:			
	5981 Airport Rd			
7(b)	City, Town and/or Village:			
7 (D)				
	Oriskany Town of Whitestown			
	(Note: It is important that you list all incorporated municipalities in which the facility lies. This information will be used in scheduling a public hearing as required by statute.)			
7(c)	School District:			
	Oriskany			
7(d)	Tax Account Number(s):			
. (-)				
Attac	th copies of the most recent real property tax bills. Include copies for all taxing			
juris	diction for the site/ facility that IDA assistance is being sought.			
7(e)	For what purpose was the facility site most recently used (i.e., light manufacturing, heavy manufacturing, assembly, etc.)?			
	Insurance Company headquarters			
7(f)	Zoning Classification of location of the project:			
7(g)	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. <i>Please be as specific as possible</i> .			

See attached.

7(h)	Has construction or renovation co	ommenced? 🔲 Yes 🔽 No			
	If yes, please describe the work date of commencement.	in detail that has been undertaken to date, including the			
	If no, indicate the estimated date	If no, indicate the estimated dates of commencement and completion:			
	Construction commencement:	June 2015			
	Construction completion:	June 2017			
	,				
7(i)	require any local ordinance or	n of the facility or any activity which will occur at the site variance to be obtained or require a permit or prior I agency or body (other than normal occupancy and/or			
7(j)	Will the project have a significan Important: please attach Envi	t effect on the environment? Yes No ronmental Assessment Form to this Application.			
7(k)	What is the useful life of the faci	lity? 50 years			
7(I)	Is the site in an Empire Zone? If yes, which Empire Zone:Is project located in a former Emprovide detail.				

Complete the following questions if your project is a Housing Project. Please reference
the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency Uniform Tax Exemption and Agency
Benefits Policy Market Rate Rental Housing Development Initiatives. (Add additional
pages as needed).

7(m) Describe the housing project to be constructed or renovated in detail (type of housing, number of units, etc.):
7 (n) Describe how you will change the current use of the facility or property being utilized for the project. To assist the IDA in their determination of an eligible vacant urban infill site project please provide an extensive explanation as well as photos of what is being removed or replaced with the new construction.
7 (o) Will the project have any impact on the existing infrastructure or upgrades to the current infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical, gas, etc.)? If yes please provide detail and who you are working with at the applicable organization.
7 (p) If your project is a multi-use facility please provide details of the project, project square footage breakdown of non-housing to housing usage, detail the job creation and retention associated with the non-housing component.
7 (q) Does the project provide a community benefit? If yes provide detail substantiating (reference the IDA policy).

Facility (Legal Information)

8(a)	With respect to the present owner of the facility, please give the following information: (Note: the present owner is not necessarily the user of the facility, but that party which holds legal title to the facility.)		
	Legal Name:	Utica First Insurance Compa	
	Address:	5981 Airport Road	
		Oriskany, NY 13424	
	Telephone:	315-736-8211	
	Balance of Mortgage:	Zero	
	Holder of Mortgage:		
	If the Applicant is not agreements and contra equipment.	the present owner of the facility, please attach any written cts concerning the acquisition of the real property and/or	
8(b)	related persons, between	nip, directly or indirectly, by virtue of common control or through the Applicant and the present owner of the facility? yes, please explain.	
8(c)	ownership structure of the	holding company, partnership or other entity, be involved in the transaction? yes, please explain.	
8(d)		facility/ property also be the user of the facility? o, please explain.	
8(e)	Is the Applicant currently	a tenant in the facility?	
8(f)	Are you planning to use t	he 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:				
	Name of Tenant	Floors Occupied	Square Feet Occupied	Nature of Business	
8(g)	Are any of the tenants Yes No Tyes, please explain.	related to the owner	of the facility?		
١	We are the owner and te	enant of the facility			
8(h)	☐ Yes [✓ No	n. Provide detail of	f the contractual ar	A be utilizing the facility?	

Equipment

9(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.

Building materials, furniture, computers and audio/video equipment

9(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.

None at this time.

9(c)	What is the useful life of the equipment?	10-20	years
Part I	V: Employment Information		
10(a)	Estimate how many construction jobs will be project.	created or retain	ned as a result of this
	Construction Jobs		
10(b)	Estimate how many jobs will be created as a re-	sult of this project.	
	Permanent Jobs to be created by Project at App	olicant's facility	FTE
	Average Salary of th	ese jobs: <u>\$</u> 55,000)
10 (c) applic	What is the applicant entity's current level of enation. Please indicate in full time equivalents (F	nployment in Oneio TE).	da County at the time of
Perma benefi	anent Jobs to be retained by Project at locationits	n to be assisted and a second	with the requested IDA FTE
	Average Salary of these jobs: \$ 58,000	_	
Other	locations in Oneida County	0	FTE
	Average Salary of these jobs: \$	6	
Emplo	oyment in other NYS locations, list below Average Salary of these jobs: \$70,000	3	FTE
10(c)	Please list the NIC codes for the jobs affiliated v	with this project.	

Part V: Estimated Project Cost and Financing

11(a) List the costs necessary for the construction, acquisition or renovation of the facility.

Acquisition of Land		
Acquisition of Building(s)		
Renovation Costs		\$200,000
New Construction of Build	ings	\$1,637,100
Machinery and Equipment (other than furniture costs)	•	100,000
Fixtures		\$500,000
Installation Costs		
Fees (other than your own broker and legal fees)	1	
Legal Fees (IDA legal fees Applicant legal fees)	5,	8,500
Architectural/Engineering		
Interest on Interim Finance	ing	
Other (specify)		
	Subtotal	2,445,600
	Agency Fee ¹	12,228
	Total Project Cost	2,457,828

¹See Attached Fee Schedule (Page 19) for Agency Fee amount to be placed on this line

¹¹⁽b) What amount of the Total Project Cost is the Applicant requesting financing by the Agency? Zero

Real Estate Taxes

12(a) For each tax parcel which comprises the facility, please provide the following information, using figures from the most recent tax year:

Tax Acct#	Current Assessed Value (Land)	Current Assessed Value (Building)	Real Estate Taxes
		711,000	30,629.14

12(b)	Address of Receiver of Town and/or Village Taxes: 8539 Clark Mills Rd	,
	Whitesboro, NY 13492	
12(c)	Address of Receiver of School Taxes:	
	8539 Clark Mills Rd	
	Whitesboro, NY 13492	
12(d)	Will the completion of the proposed project result in the in any of the parcels named above? Yes No	crease of the assessment o
	If yes, please indicate which tax account numbers will be aff	ected.

Financial Information

13(a) Has the Applicant contacted any bank, financial/lending institution or private investor with respect to the financing of the proposed project? Yes No	1
If yes, please provide details.	
We don't need financing.	
13(b) Has the Applicant received a commitment letter for said financing? Yes [No	
If yes, please submit a copy of said commitment letter along with this Application.	
13(c) please complete the Cost/Benefit Analysis form and attach to this Application. As yo complete and have questions please call.	u

REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

The undersigned requests that this Application be submitted for review to the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency's 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 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 benefits received with the action of the OCIDA.
- 3. Absence of Conflict of Interest. The Applicant has consulted the OCIDA 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:
- 4. Hold Harmless. Applicant hereby releases Oneida County Industrial Development Agency and the members, officers, servants, agents and employees thereof (the "Agency") 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.

 The applicant acknowledges that the OCIDA has disclosed that the actions and activities of the OCIDA 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.

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.

Utica First Insurance Comp	
(Applicant)	
By: Server	
Name: Scott A. SHATRIAN	
Title: Sr. VP & CFO	
Date: 5/4/,5	
If the application has been completed by or in part by other than the persigning this application for the applicant please indicate who and in what capacit	son ity:
By:	
Name:	
Title:	
Date:	

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Agency Fee Schedule

<u>Commitment Fee:</u> \$1,000 – due following the initial inducement but prior to scheduling of the public hearing; this amount is non-refundable if the applicant fails to close on the project before the IDA. Upon closing with the IDA this amount is applied to the legal closing fees.

Bond Fees:

½ of 1% of total bond amount

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

- o 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.
- o 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.

Agency Counsel fee:

Set by Bond/Transaction Counsel based upon the nature and complexity of the transaction. This applies to bond and non-bond transactions (leasebacks, sale-leasebacks, etc).

Agency Counsel fees in Bond and non bond transactions will not normally exceed the greater of (a) 2% of the Bond amount or project costs or (b) a minimum is in customary transactions \$8.500 to \$10,000.

Annual Fee:

For the term in which the property remains in the IDA's name, an annual lease payment is due in the amount of \$500. The first payment is due at closing. This amount is due on the anniversary date of the first date of the month in which the IDA documents we executed. 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:

For an IDA property which requires follow up action – a 1/8 of one percent of the total reissuance, redemption, new or revised mortgage, refinancing, spreading agreement or other transaction requiring action of the IDA shall be 1/8 of one percent of total project amount for a minimum payment to the IDA of \$500.

Revised 3-30-15

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS Required by §859-a(3) of the New York General Municipal Law

TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF APPLICATION TO THE OCIDA

OCID	Α
NAME OF APPLICANT: Utica First I	nsurance Compa
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Building	Additions & Renova
NAME OF ALL SUBLESSEES OR OTHER OCCUPANTS OF FACILITY:	,
PRINCIPALS OR PARENT OF APPLIC	CANT:
PRINCIPALS OF ANY SUBLESSEE OR OCCUPANT:	
PRODUCT/SERVICES:	Insurance
ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION	OF PROJECT :
TYPE OF FINANCING/STRUCTURE:	Tax-Exempt Financing Taxable Financing Sale/Leaseback Other

TYPES OF BENEFITS RECEIVE	<u>'ED</u> :	
Taxable Financing		
Tax-Exempt Bonds		
Sales Tax Until Completio	n Date	
Mortgage Tax Abatement		8
Real Property Tax Abaten	nent	
PROJECT COSTS – CAPITAL	INVESTMENT	
PROJECT COSTS - CALITAL	INVEGTIMENT	
Land		_ Cost per Acre
Existing Building Rehab of Existing Building	200,000	
Construction of New Building	2,137,100	Cost per Sq Ft.
Addition or Expansion	-	Cost per Sq Ft
Engineering and Architectural F Equipment	100,000	Cost per Sq Ft
Legal Fees	3	
Bank, Bond, Transaction, Co	mnany	
	8,500	
Credit Provider, Trustee	8,500	
Credit Provider, Trustee Finance Charges Title Insurance, Environment	8,500 tal	
Credit Provider, Trustee Finance Charges Title Insurance, Environment Review, Bank Commitment F	8,500 tal	
Credit Provider, Trustee Finance Charges Title Insurance, Environment	8,500 tal	
Credit Provider, Trustee Finance Charges Title Insurance, Environment Review, Bank Commitment F Appraisals, etc.	8,500 tal Fee,	
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COMPANY INFOR	MATION	EAR	NINGS INFORMATIO	<u>NC</u>
Existing Jobs	80	County Spe	c Average Direct Jobs	_{\$} 55,000
Created Jobs (Year 3)	5	County Spe	c Average Indirect Jobs	\$25,000
Retained Jobs	85	County Spe	c Average Construction J	obs \$ <u>32,000</u>
MULTIPLIER INFO	RMATION			
Indirect Job Rate 2.5				
Sales Tax Rate (8.5%)			
Mortgage Tax Rate (1	%)			
located:	_		I for Municipality where ere IDA assistance is bei	
Assumed NYS Income	e Tax rate on ea	rnings 4.25%:	**	
Note: \$1,000,000 in employment CALCULATION O			generates 15 person – PERIOD)	- years of
NYS PERSONAL	INCOME TAX	RECEIVED		
	Total Earn	<u>ings</u>	Revenues	
Direct Jobs Created Existing		_		
Indirect Jobs Created Existing		_		
Construction Person Years			:	
TOTALS				

TAXABLE GOODS AND SERVICES

Sp	ending Rate	Expenditures	State and Local Sales Tax Revenues (Expenditure Column x . 0825)
Direct Jobs			, ,
Created (total earnings for direct jobs created x .36)	36.0%	8	
Existing (total earnings for direct jobs existing x .36)	36.0%	-	
Indirect Jobs			
Created (total earnings for indirect jobs created x ,36)	36.0%		
Existing (total earnings for indirect jobs existing x .36)	36.0%		
Construction			
Person yrs. (total earnings for construction person yrs.	x ;36) 36.0%		
Totals			
Local (3 year) real property tax be own a residence) with an averag jobs existing created pay real assessment per apartment of \$_	property tax	ces through	o of jobs existing and created and the remainder of rent based on an average
Real Property Taxes Paid	\$		
<u>COSTS</u>			3
Real Property Taxes Abated on I Only (3-year period)	mprovements	S	\$
Mortgage Tax Abated			\$
Estimated Sales Tax Abated Dur	ing Construct	tion Period	\$

NOTE: If there is a tax-exempt financing of all or a portion of the project cost, there is a neutral cost/benefit because of lower interest rates by reason of exclusion of interest from gross income of bondholders for purposes of Federal and State income taxes. Taxable financing carries the same cost/benefit for State Income Tax purposes. Such cost/benefits cannot be quantified.

617.20 Appendix B Short Environmental Assessment Form

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information				
Charles A. Gaetano Construction Corp.				
Name of Action or Project:				
Utica First Insurance Building Addition				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
5981 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Construct a 6,600 SF Building Addition to the existing Office Building				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor.	Telephone	315-733-4611		
		313-733-4011		
Anthony Obernesser	L-waii. a	obernesser@gaetan	oconst.co	m
Address:				
258 Genesee Street	Tou	1.	Tin Cada	
City/PO:		ite:	Zip Code: 13502	
Utica			NO	YES
 Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, I administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to 	the environ			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any	other gover	nmental Agency?	NO	YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:				X
Town of Whitestown Building Permit				
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	.75 a	cres cres		
	n. nercial III (specify):	Residential (suburba	n)	

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		X	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		X	
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural		NO	YES
landscape?			X
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Au	rea?	NO	YES
If Yes, identify:		X	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
		X	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?		X	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed ac	tion?	X	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			X
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:			
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11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			X
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12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic		NO	YES
Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?		X	
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13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain	n	NO	YES
wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		X	4
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:		X	Ш
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check a ☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successi	dl that onal	apply:	
☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban		I NO	VES
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?		NO	YES
		X	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?		NO	YES
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	200	NO	YES
If Yes,			X
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?			
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drain	15)?		
If Yes, briefly describe:			
Use existing swale via sheet flow			
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	8. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundmen water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?	tof	NO	YES
Ii	Yes, explain purpose and size:		X	
1	9. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or clo	osed	NO	YES
If	solid waste management facility? Yes, describe:		X	
). Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (on completed) for hazardous waste? Yes, describe:	going or	NO IV	YES
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	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3. For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

that the proposed action may result in one or more pote	rmation and analysis above, and any supporting documentation,
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Business Description

Question 4(a)

Utica First is a Property & Casualty Insurance Company. We offer both homeowner insurance and small business policies. We currently write insurance in 8 states with New York comprising of 60% (primarily in metro New York city and Long Island) of the total. Less than 1% of our premiums are derived from Oneida County. We do not write insurance directly to the policyholder but sell through independent agents. All the back office operations are in Oneida County.

Part II Project Information

Question 5(a)

The Project will consist of building a 6,600 sf addition to the current building. The addition will be an additional training room and a cafeteria/small gathering area for collaborative discussions. Once this is built we will renovate the existing work facility with new cubes and furniture to expand the number of people that can work to accommodate our future expansion. We will also renovate existing space for a new mail center and convert the current mail center into two small conference rooms for meetings or temporary quarters for outside auditors or business partners. We will also expand the parking lot to include spaces for future expansion.

Reasons for Project

6(a)

The current facility was built in 1973 and has not had any major additions or changes to the design. Over these years we have gone from a company writing approximately \$10 million in Written Premium to over \$130 million last year. In our current location we do not have any space that can hold all the employees or a majority of them for meetings, training or gatherings. We are also running out of current space to add additional cubicles for new employees. Being in a unique industry in the Mohawk Valley we have a unique work force that is not readily available in the area. When we do hire we are hiring young professionals out of college that need training. We hold in-house training classes and at any one time we will have 23 employees taking these classes. Currently we do not have sufficient room for these weekly classes. At times we may have two classes going concurrently which is a logistic nightmare in accommodating these classes.

6(b)

We have been looking at options for the future growth of the Company from building new, leasing existing office space or upgrading our existing facility to meet our future plans of growth in Direct Written Premium. After careful review we would like to stay in our current location and not disrupt our

employees with a new location. 14% of our employees commute on a daily basis from Vernon west to Syracuse and another 16% commute from the Rome area. With a relocation of the facilities away from the current location we could see a major disruption in our workforce. To stay in our current location we would like consideration for sales tax emption on the purchases associated with the project along with consideration on Property Taxes.

6(c)

If our approval is not granted we would re-visit our options of relocating the Company to another part of New York State especially due to the fact a large portion of our New York State business is located in the downstate area.

7(g)

The additions and renovations to the Utica First Insurance Company on Airport Road in Oriskany, NY consist of the following:

- 1. Selective demolition/removals of existing structures to accommodate the new additions
- 2. New construction of a 6,600 sf single story addition to the south side of the building. The interior uses of the building are a new cafeteria and kitchenette area, a new training room, new ADA accessible toilet rooms and a new employee entrance.
- 3. The existing 2nd floor cafeteria will be renovated into a private dining area, an office and a new egress stair from the 2nd floor to the exterior.
- 4. The building frame will be structural steel framed construction and fully sprinkled.
- 5. The exterior of the building will be brick veneer with large windows to match the existing style.
- 6. The parking lot will be expanded.
- 7. An exterior eating area/patio will be added to the west side of the new building addition
- 8. The Mail Room/Support Suite will be renovated to provide more efficient use of space and additional conferencing areas.
- 9. Please see the attached floor plans and elevations for additional information.
- 10. In addition to the renovation work, the new spaces will be completely furnished with new desks, chairs, tables and audio/video equipment for use in the new training center
- 11. The upgrades will require new office equipment from cubicles, computers, etc.

89% OF CO. BUDGET DUE TO STATE & FED. MANDATES 2015 TOWN & ONEIDA CO. TAX BILL / WHITESTOWN

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Bill No.

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* For Fiscal Year 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015

* Warrant Date 12/31/2014

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN,

8539 CLARK MILLS ROAD

WHITESBORO, NY 13492

RECEIVER OF TAXES

(315) 736-9061

TO PAY IN PERSON

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN RECEIVER OF TAXES 8539 CLARK MILLS ROAD

WHITESBORO, NY 13492

(315) 736-9061

Utica First Insurance PO Box 851 Utica, NY 13503

SWIS S/B/L ADDRESS & LEGAL DESCRIPTION & CK DIGIT

290.000-2-16 307089

5981 Airport Rd Address:

Whitestown Town of:

Oriskany School Dist School: NYS Tax & Finance School District Code:

Roll Sect. 1

464 - Office bldg.

Parcel Acreage: 5.74 065020 Account No.

Bank Code

Estimated State Aid:

CNTY 69,947,172

TOWN 407,000

PROPERTY TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

The Total Assessed Value of this property is:

The Uniform Percentage of Value used to establish assessments in your municipality was: The assessor estimates the Full Market Value of this property as of July 1, 2013 was:

711,000 69.50

1,023,022

If you feel your assessment is too high, you have the right to seek a reduction in the future. A publication entitled "Contesting Your Assessment in New York State" is available at the assessor's office and on-line; www.tax.ny.gov. Please note that the period for filing complaints on the above assessment has passed.

Exemption

Value Tax Purpose

Full Value Estimate

Exemption

Value Tax Purpose

Full Value Estimate

PROPERTY TAXES Taxing Purpose	Total Tax Warrant	% Change From Prior Year	Taxable Assessed Value or Units	Rates per \$1000 or per Unit	Tex Amount
County Town General Highway Townwide Oriskany Fd TOTAL Sutliff #25 UNITS	72,514,919 1,550,470 725,813 78,143	0.4 1.1 12.5 2.3	711,000.00 711,000.00 711,000.00 711,000.00 3.05	10.000779 2.295797 1.074719 1.002595 143.217399	7,110.55 1,632.31 764.13 712.85 436.81

UTICA FIRST INS. CO

PENALTY SCHEDULE Due By: 01/31/2015

Penalty/Interest

Amount

10,656.65

Total Due 10,656.65 TOTAL TAXES DUE

\$10,656.65

Apply For Third Party Notification By: 07/15/2015 Taxes paid by_

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RETURN THE ENTIRE BILL WITH PAYMENT AND PLACE A CHECK MARK IN THIS BOX ☑ IF YOU WANT A RECEIPT OF PAYMENT. THE RECEIVER'S STUB MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT.

2015 TOWN & ONEIDA CO. TAX BILL / WHITESTOWN

Bill No.

004223

Town of: School:

Whitestown Oriskany School Dist RECEIVER'S STUB

290,000-2-16 307089

Bank Code

10.656.65

Utica First Insurance PO Box 851 Utica, NY 13503

Property Address: 5981 Airport Rd

10,656.65 Pay By: 01/31/2015

> TOTAL TAXES DUE \$10,656.65

ORISKANY CENTRAL SCHOOL

* For Fiscal Year 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

* Warrant Date 08/25/2014

Bill No.

001309

Sequence No.

1337

Page No.

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN RECEIVER OF TAXES 8539 CLARK MILLS RD. WHITESBORO, NY 13492 (315) 736-9061

> Utica First Insurance PO Box 851 Utica, NY 13503

PROPERTY TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS The Total Assessed Value of this property is:

TO PAY IN PERSON

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN RECEIVER OF TAXES

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Äddress:

5981 Airport Rd

Town of:

Whitestown

School:

Oriskany School Dist

NYS Tax & Finance School District Code: 469

464 - Office bldg.

Roll Sect.

Parcel Acreage:

5.74

Account No.

065020

Bank Code

Estimated State Aid:

SCHL 6,318,593

711,000

69.50

1.023.022

The Uniform Percentage of Value used to establish assessments in your municipality was:

The assessor estimates the Full Market Value of this property as of July 1, 2013 was:

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Exemption

Value Tax Purpose

Full Value Estimate

Exemption

Full Value Estimate

PROPERTY TAXES Taxing Purpose	Total Tax Levy	% Change From Prior Year	Taxable Assessed Value o	r Units Rates per \$1000 or per Unit	Tax Amount
Town Of	18			3 8	
Whitestown	W E			1.00 mg	
School Tax	5,614,9 5 0	5.1	711,000.00	.27.962619	19,881.42
Library Fee	25,000	25.0	711,000,00=	124501	88.52
Collection Fee					2.55
PARTIAL PAYMENTS:	IST PAYMENT MUST BE AT LEA	ST 50% OF TOTAL		1 - L-1	11
DUE 9/2-10/1, BALANC	E DUE PLUS 5% PENALTY BY 10	/31. AFTER	$\nu_{\rm L}$		H
10/31 PAY TO COMM O	F FINANCE 800 PARK AVE., UTIO	CA, NY 13501	'W -	SEP 2.5 2014	11

PENALT	Y SCHEDULE
Due By:	10/01/2014

0.00 10/31/2014 998.50

Penalty/Interest

WITH 5% PENALTY BY 12/5 OR U.S. POSTMARK BY 12/2. UNPAIDS ADDED TO 2015 TOWN & COUNTY BILL PLUS 7% PENALTY

> Amount 19,972,49 19,972,49

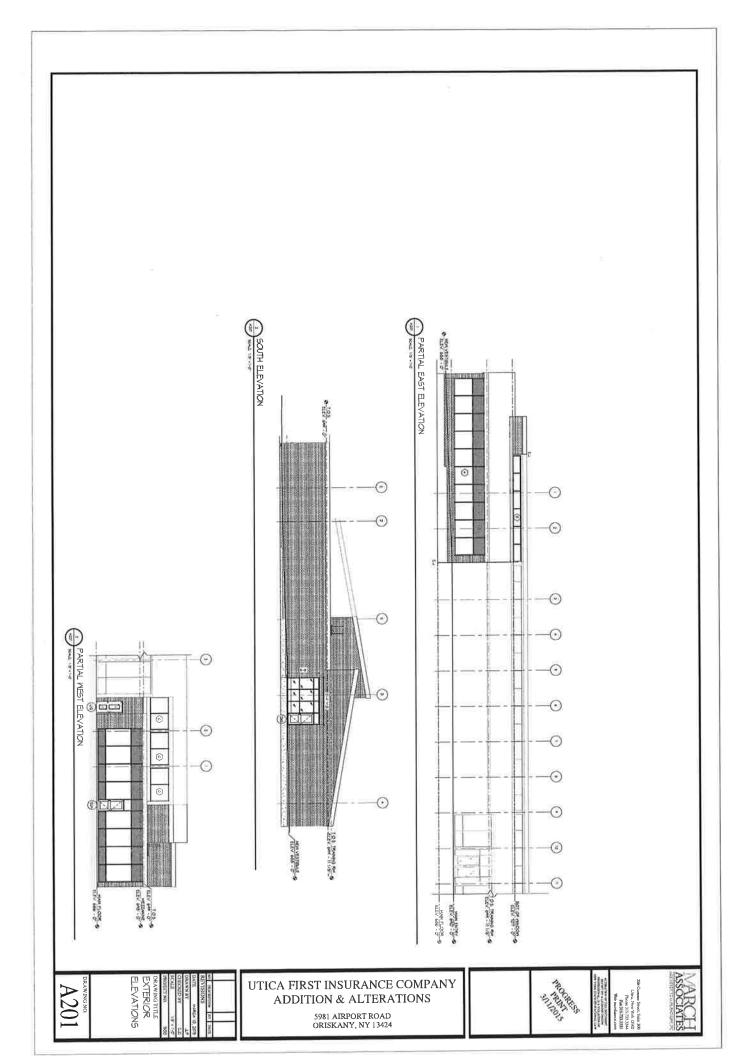
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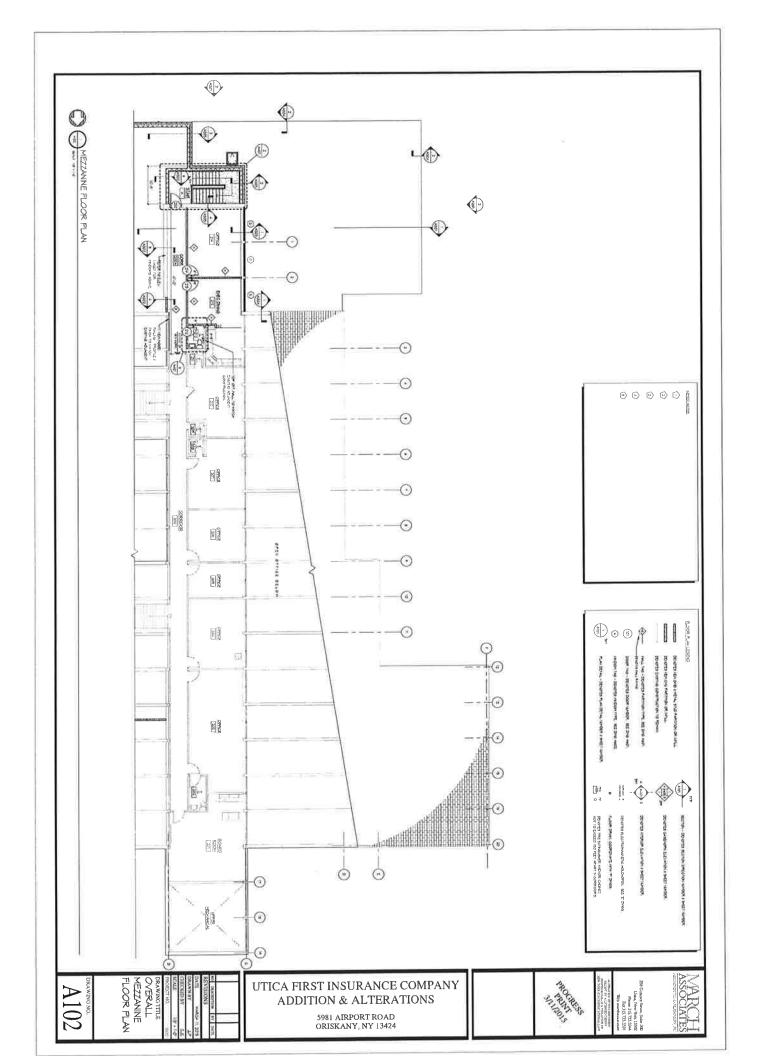
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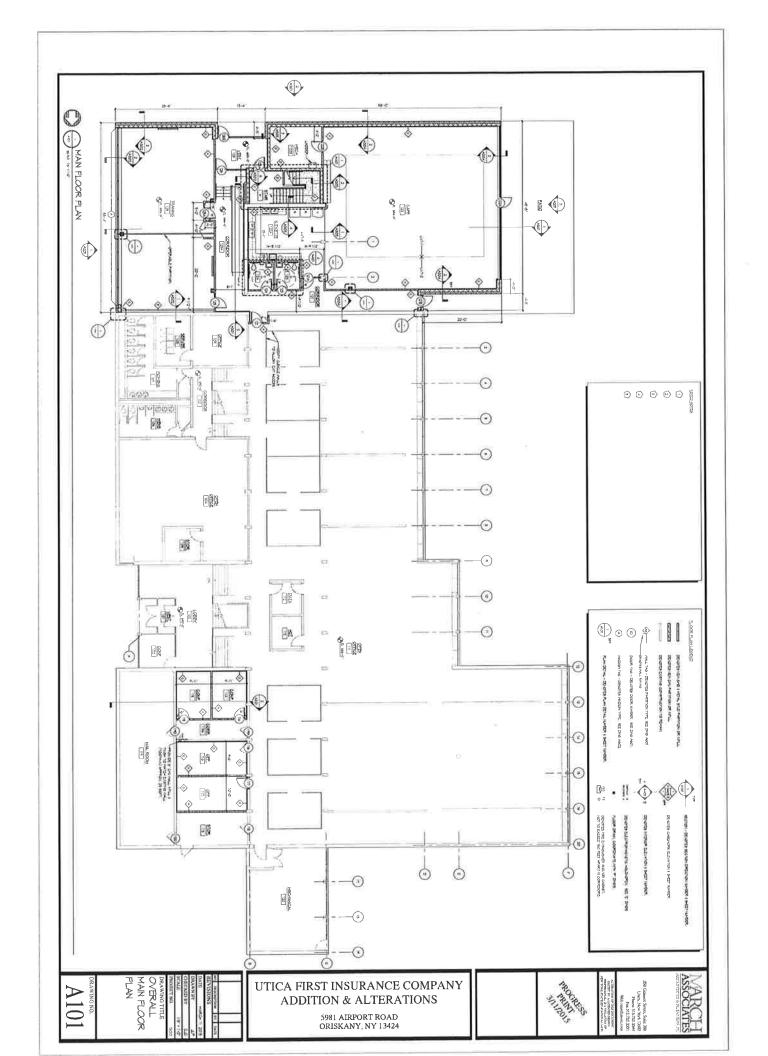
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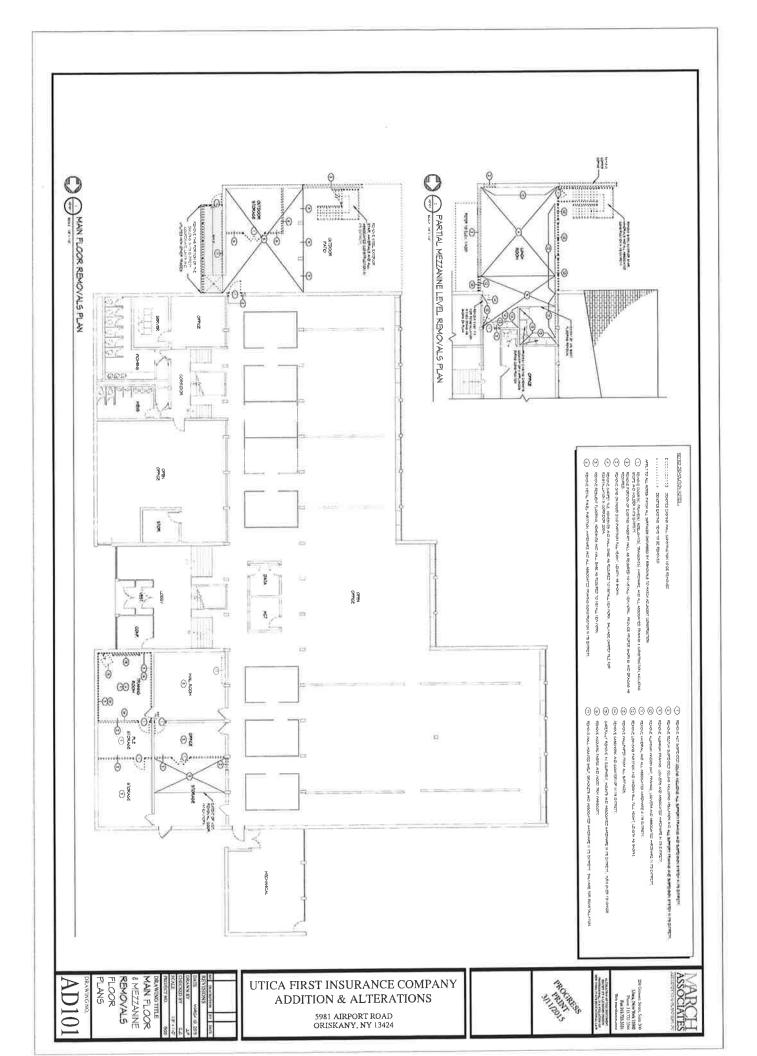
Apply For Third Party Notification By: 07/15/2015

Taxes paid by____









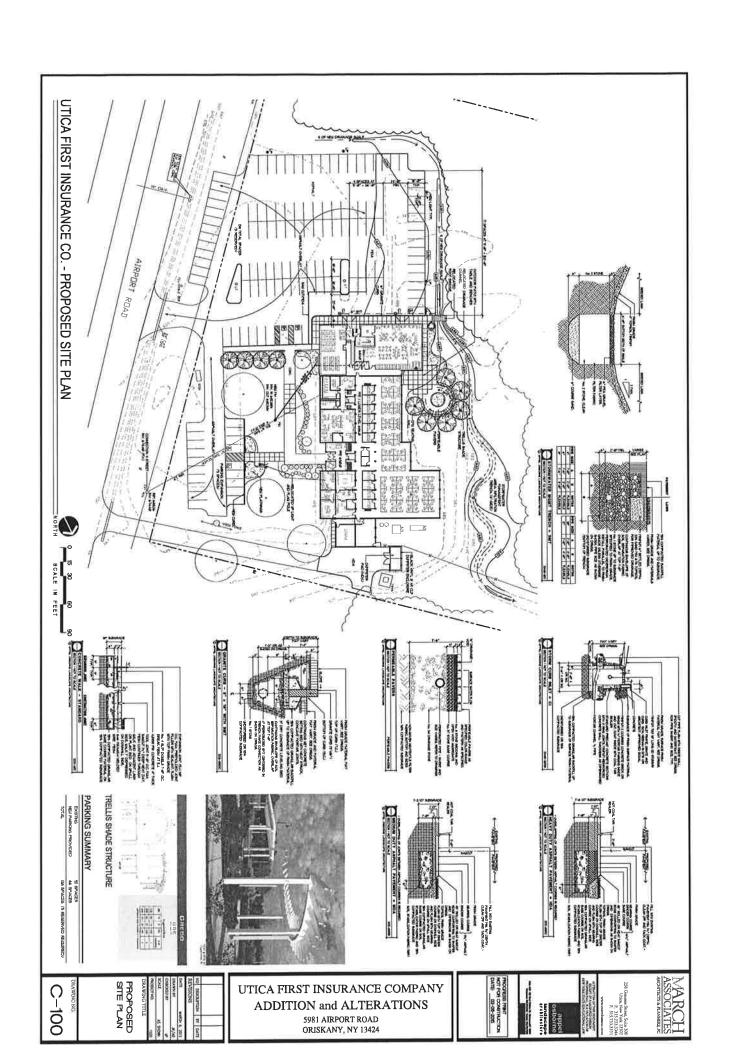




Table 1: Basic Information

Project Name	Facility Addition / Renovation
Project Applicant	Utica First Insurance Co
Project Description	the project will involve construction of a 6,600 square foot addition to the existing facility for uses in training and conferencing as well as to house a cafeteria. Once constructed, Utica First will renovate exited and existing space to accommodate more office cubicles, mailing capacity and conference rooms for their expanding workforce. Parking lot space will also be expanded to accommodate more employees.
Project Industry	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
Municipality	Whitestown Town
School District	Whitesboro
Type of Transaction	Lease
Project Cost	\$2,445,600
Direct Employment Expected to Result from Project (Annual FTEs)	85 (5 created and 80 retained)

Figure 1: Estimated State & Regional Benefits / Estimated Project Incentives (Discounted Present Value*)

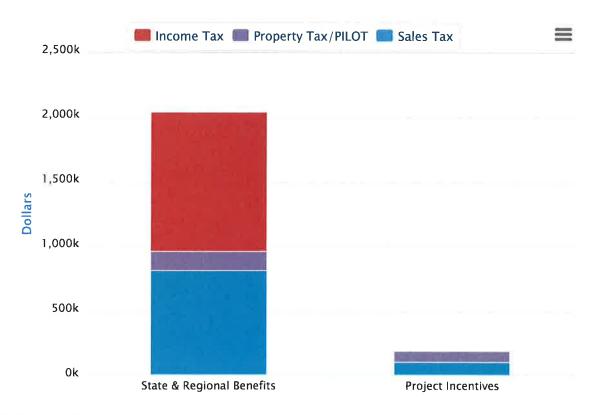


Table 2: Estimated State & Regional Benefits / Estimated Project Incentives Analysis (Discounted Present Value*)

Total State and Regional Benefits		\$2,039,409
Total Project Incentives		\$175,070
Projected Employment	State	Region
Total Employment	153	153
Direct**	85 (5 created and 80 retained)	85 (5 created and 80 retained)
Indirect***	19	19
Induced****	33	33
Temporary Construction (Direct and Indirect)	16	16

Table 3: Estimated State & Regional Benefits (Discounted Present Value*)

Total State and Regional Benefits	\$2,039,409
Income Tax Revenue	\$1,084,417
Property Tax/PILOT Revenue	\$143,881
Sales Tax Revenue	\$811,111

Table 4: Estimated Project Incentives (Discounted Present Value*)

Total Project Incentives	\$175,070
Property Tax	\$79,250
Sales Tax	\$108,049
Less IDA Fee	-\$12,228

^{*} Figures over 5 years and discounted by 3.49%

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Investments that result in displacing existing jobs (e.g., most retail and many service sector industries) do not fall under this definition.

*** Indirect - The recipient of IDA assistance makes purchases from regional firms, which stimulates suppliers to add jobs and payroll that are new to the regional economy or are saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.

^{****} Induced - The recipient of IDA assistance by adding to and/or retaining payroll stimulates household spending that is new to the regional economy and/or saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.

Total Local Client Incentives	\$125,677
Total Anticipated Local Revenue (Property Tax plus Local Sales Tax)	\$584,198
Net Local Revenue	\$458,521

Table 6: Property Tax Revenue (Discounted Present Value*)

Total Property Tax	\$282,291
County Property Tax	\$64,662
Property Tax on Existing Property	\$31,703
Property Tax on Improvement to Property	\$32,959
Town Property Tax	\$21,406
Property Tax on Existing Property	\$10,501
Property Tax on Improvement to Property	\$10,905
School District Property Tax	\$196,223
Property Tax on Existing Property	\$96,206
Property Tax on Improvement to Property	\$100,017

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