

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency



Project Summary

6/4/2020

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| 1. Project | Empire Polymer Solutions, LLC | 2. Project Number | 3101-20-12a |
| 3. Location | Van Buren | 4. School District | Baldwinsville CSD |
| 5. Tax Parcel(s) | 031-11-01.01 | 6. Project Type | Acquisition, renovation of existing facility |
| | | Village | 0 |

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|---|----|------------------|----------------------|----|
| 7. Total Project Cost | \$ | 7,135,210 | 8. Total Jobs | 70 |
| Land | \$ | 560,000 | 8A. Job Retention | 0 |
| Site Work | \$ | 618,262 | 8B: Job Creation | 70 |
| Building | \$ | 5,271,948 | (Next 5 Years) | |
| Furniture & Fixtures | \$ | 50,000 | | |
| Equipment | \$ | 150,000 | | |
| Equipment Subject to NYS Production Exemption | \$ | 150,000 | | |
| Engineering/Architecture Fees | \$ | 135,000 | | |
| Financial Charges | \$ | 50,000 | | |
| Legal Fees | \$ | 50,000 | | |
| Other | \$ | - | | |

| <u>Cost Benefit Analysis</u> | <u>Empire Polymer Solutions, LLC</u> | <u>Project Description</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | Fiscal Impact (\$) | |
| Abatement Cost | \$2,442,999 | |
| Sales Tax | \$570,817 | |
| Mortgage Tax | \$42,264 | |
| Property Tax Relief (PILOT) | \$1,829,919 | |
| New Investment | \$32,813,654 | |
| PILOT Payments | \$1,048,740 | |
| Project Wages (10 years) | \$21,665,320 | |
| Construction Impact | \$725,500 | |
| Employee Benefits (10 years) | \$2,166,532 | |
| Project Capital Investment | \$7,135,210 | |
| New Sales Tax Generated | | |
| Agency Fees | \$72,352 | |
| Agency Legal Fees | \$17,838 | |
| Benefit:Cost Ratio | 13 :1 | This will be a post-industrial and post-consumer plastic processing plant that will eventually include five basic business units to be brought on line at the old Syroco building. |

Empire Polymer Solutions, LLC

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A) PILOTS Estimate Table Worksheet

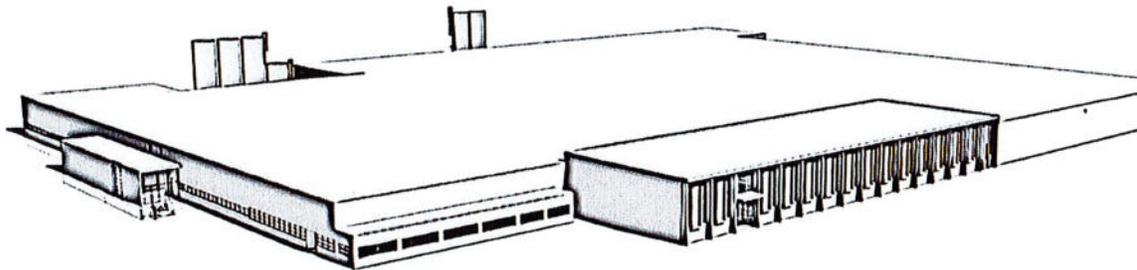
for 15 years

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| OCIDA estimate of current market value | | | | | \$ | 500,000 |
| Projected investment | | | | | \$ | 5,271,948 |
| OCIDA estimate of increase in value | | | | | \$ | 4,925,771 |
| OCIDA estimated value after project is completed | | | | | \$ | 5,425,771 |
| Taxes that would have been collected if the project did not occur | | | | | \$ | 292,204 |
| Scheduled PILOT payments | | | | | \$ | 1,340,944 |

| PILOT YEAR | Exemption % | Onondaga County | Van Buren | Baldwinsville CSD | Village | Total PILOT | Full Tax Payment w/o PILOT | Net Exemption |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 100% | \$ 2,633 | \$ 2,011 | \$ 12,253 | \$ - | \$ 16,896.82 | \$ 183,357 | \$ 166,460 |
| 2 | 100% | \$ 2,685 | \$ 2,052 | \$ 12,498 | \$ - | \$ 17,234.76 | \$ 187,024 | \$ 169,789 |
| 3 | 100% | \$ 2,739 | \$ 2,093 | \$ 12,748 | \$ - | \$ 17,579.46 | \$ 190,764 | \$ 173,185 |
| 4 | 90% | \$ 5,546 | \$ 4,237 | \$ 25,812 | \$ - | \$ 35,595.89 | \$ 194,580 | \$ 158,984 |
| 5 | 90% | \$ 5,657 | \$ 4,322 | \$ 26,328 | \$ - | \$ 36,307.81 | \$ 198,471 | \$ 162,163 |
| 6 | 80% | \$ 8,634 | \$ 6,596 | \$ 40,182 | \$ - | \$ 55,412.47 | \$ 202,441 | \$ 147,028 |
| 7 | 80% | \$ 8,807 | \$ 6,728 | \$ 40,986 | \$ - | \$ 56,520.72 | \$ 206,489 | \$ 149,969 |
| 8 | 70% | \$ 11,962 | \$ 9,139 | \$ 55,671 | \$ - | \$ 76,772.13 | \$ 210,619 | \$ 133,847 |
| 9 | 70% | \$ 12,202 | \$ 9,321 | \$ 56,784 | \$ - | \$ 78,307.58 | \$ 214,832 | \$ 136,524 |
| 10 | 60% | \$ 15,545 | \$ 11,876 | \$ 72,346 | \$ - | \$ 99,767.22 | \$ 219,128 | \$ 119,361 |
| 11 | 50% | \$ 19,018 | \$ 14,529 | \$ 88,507 | \$ - | \$ 122,053.92 | \$ 223,511 | \$ 101,457 |
| 12 | 40% | \$ 22,624 | \$ 17,283 | \$ 105,286 | \$ - | \$ 145,192.18 | \$ 227,981 | \$ 82,789 |
| 13 | 30% | \$ 26,365 | \$ 20,142 | \$ 122,700 | \$ - | \$ 169,207.15 | \$ 232,541 | \$ 63,333 |
| 14 | 20% | \$ 30,248 | \$ 23,108 | \$ 140,769 | \$ - | \$ 194,124.64 | \$ 237,191 | \$ 43,067 |
| 15 | 10% | \$ 34,275 | \$ 26,185 | \$ 159,511 | \$ - | \$ 219,971.15 | \$ 241,935 | \$ 21,964 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 208,943 | \$ 159,621 | \$ 972,380 | \$ - | \$ 1,340,944 | \$ 3,170,862 | \$ 1,829,919 |

| | Year | | | | | |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 0 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Jobs | | | | | | |
| Current/Actuals | | | | | | |
| Creation Goals | | 6 | 12 | 15 | 19 | 18 |
| Total Employment Goals | 0 | 6 | 18 | 33 | 52 | 70 |

**Proposed Redevelopment
of
Former Syroco Site
7528 State Fair Blvd.
Syracuse, NY**



**Empire
Polymer *yj*
Solutions**

MAY 2020

www.EmpirePolymerSolutions.com

Attachment: Exhibit A
Empire Polymer Solutions LLC
Description of Project

Empire Polymer Solutions LLC (EPS) has a site on 7528 State fair Blvd. Baldwinsville, NY program. This site was previously a plastic injection molding company (Syroco), however over the years the building and property have fallen into disrepair. The building is 205,000 sq' and has a number of advantages, and challenges to be addressed.

After the building is prepared for use, we will be bringing in a great deal of plastic processing equipment, in phases, and making modifications and updates to the building to suit our needs.

We intend to utilize the space with the following breakdown:

- Warehousing incoming Wash Plastic: 26,000 sf
- Plastic wash processing: 43,000 sf
- Plastic Wash Shipping: 15,000 sf
- Plastic compounding / lumber: 10,000 sf
- plastic grinding / Shipping: 38,000 sf
- Broker / Warehouse: 37,000 sf
- Office / Maintenance / Engineering: 7,000 sf
- Future Office / Multi use: 30,000 sf
- Add 10,000 sf roof "Pop-up" for wash equipment
- Added Loading docks
- Upgrade silos and bulk material handling
- Refurbish rail spur for resin shipping

The Building is located on a 15.97 ac. Parcel, the area outside the building will be used for trailer parking, employee parking. No further buildings are planned on the lot. However, utilizing the rail spur and the silos are part of the business plan for finished goods storage and reduced shipping costs.



**ONONDAGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Fill in all blanks, using “none”, “not applicable”, or “not available” where the question is not appropriate to the project, which is the subject of this Application (the “Project”). If you have any questions about the way to respond, please call the Agency at 315-435-3770.
2. If an estimate is given as the answer to a question, put “(cst.)” after the figure or answer, which is estimated. If more space is needed to answer any specific question, attach a separate sheet.
3. If the OCIDA Board approves benefits, it is the company’s responsibility to obtain and submit all necessary forms and documents. (ST-60, PILOT Agreement)
4. When completed, return this Application by mail or fax to the Agency at the address indicated below. A signed application may also be submitted electronically in PDF format to Nate Stevens at nstevens@ongov.net. **An Application will not be considered by the Agency until the Application fee has been received.**
5. The Agency will not give final approval for this Application until the Agency receives a completed NYS Full Environmental Assessment Form concerning the Project, which is the subject of this Application. The form is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html>.
6. Please note the Public officers Law declares all records in the possession of the OCIDA (with certain limited exceptions) are open to public inspection and copying. If the Applicant feels that there are elements of the Project which are in the nature of trade secrets which, if disclosed to the public or otherwise widely disseminated, would cause substantial injury to the Applicant’s competitive position, this Applicant must identify such elements in writing and request that such elements be kept confidential. In accordance with Article 6 of the Public Officer’s Law, the OCIDA may also redact personal, private, and/or proprietary information from publicly disseminated documents.
7. The Applicant will be required to pay the Agency Application fee and, if accepted as a project of the agency, all administrative and legal fees as stated in Section VI of the Application.
8. A complete application consists of the following 9 items:
 - This Application
 - Local Access Agreement
 - Employment Plan
 - Conflict of Interest
 - A feasibility statement indicating the need for the requested benefits
 - Description of project, Site Plans/Sketches, and Maps
 - NYS Full Environmental Assessment Form
 - A check payable to the Agency in the amount of \$1,000
 - A check payable to Barclay Damon LLP in the amount of \$2,500

It is the policy of the Agency that any project receiving benefits from the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency will utilize 100% local contractors and local labor for the construction period of the project unless a waiver is granted in writing by the Agency.

Return to:

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency
Attn: Nate Stevens
333 W. Washington Street, Suite 130
Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone: 315-435-3770 | Fax: 315-435-3669
nstevens@ongov.net

Section I: Applicant Information

Please answer all questions. Use “None”, “Not Applicable” and “See Attached” where necessary.

A) Applicant information-company receiving benefits:

Applicant Name: Empire Polymer Solutions LLC

Applicant Address: 4185 Glass Factory Bay Rd., Geneva, NY 14456

Phone: (585) 797-3348 Fax: Not used

Website www.EmpirePolvmerSolutions.com E-mail: empireresource@aol.com

Federal ID#: 83-2935408 NAICS: 326199 - Other Plastics Product Manufacturing

State and Year of Incorporation/Organization: New York / 2019

Will a Real Estate Holding Company be utilized to own the Project property/ facility? Yes No

What is the name of the Real Estate Holding Company: Empire Polymer Holdings LLC

Federal ID#: 83-2935408

State and Year of Incorporation/Organization: New York / 2020

List of stockholders, members, or partners of Real Estate Holding Company: Principals of the members of the Applicant Empire Resource Recycling Inc.

B) Individual Completing Application:

Name: Frank Murphy

Title: Manager

Address: 9841 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878 & 4185 Glass Factory Bay Rd., Geneva, NY 14456

Phone: (585) 797-3348 Fax: Not Used

E-mail: empireresource@aol.com

C) Company Contact (if different from individual completing application):

Name: SAME

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

D) Company Counsel:

Name of Attorney: Vaughn Lang Esq.

Firm Name: Lang Law

Address: 6838 Genesse Street, Fayetteville, New York 13066

Phone: (315) 445 1831 Cell Phone: (315) 415 3942

E-mail: vaughnlang@langlaw.com

E) Business Organization (check appropriate category):

- Corporation Partnership
 Public Corporation Joint Venture
 Sole Proprietorship Limited Liability Company

Others (please specify): _____

Year Established: 2019

State in which Organization is established: New York

F) List all stockholders, members, or partners with % of ownership greater than 5% :

| Name | % of ownership |
|---|----------------|
| <u>Empire Resource Recycling (Frank Murphy)</u> | 50% |
| <u>Buchanan Empire LLC (BE)</u> | 50% |
| <u>BE ownership by:</u> | |
| <u>Hubert Areola Center LLC (Steven Hubert)</u> | 20% |
| <u>Benninghoff Family LLC (Brian Benninghoff)</u> | 20% |
| <u>Other Buchanan Affiliates less than 5%</u> | 10% |

G) Applicant Business Description:

Please attach a description of your company's background, products, customers, goods and services.
(See Attachment - EPS Business Summary)

Estimated % of sales within Onondaga County: 10 %

Estimated % of sales outside Onondaga County but within New York State: 25%

Estimated % of sales outside New York State but within the U.S.: 40%

Estimated % of sales outside the U.S.: 25%

(*Percentage to equal 100%)

H) What percentage of your total annual supplies, raw materials and vendor services are purchased from firms in Onondaga County. Include list of vendors, raw material suppliers and percentages for each. Provide supporting documentation including estimated percentages of local purchases. Please attach this information.

We intend to use local contractors for most, or all, of the project development including environmental work, electrical, plumbing, roofing, windows, HVAC, security, sprinkler system, landscaping and equipment installation.

I) Applicant History: If the answer to any of the following is "Yes", please explain below. If necessary, attach additional information.

1. Is the company or management of the Company now a plaintiff or defendant in any civil or criminal litigation? Yes No
2. Has any person listed above ever been convicted of a criminal offense (other than a minor traffic violation)? Yes No
3. Has any person listed in Section I ever been in receivership or declared bankruptcy? Yes No

Please attach any explanations:

J) Has the Project Beneficiary received assistance from OCIDA, SIDA, New York State, or the Onondaga Civic Development Corporation in the past? If yes please attach an explanation and please

give year, project name, description of benefits, and address of project.

Yes No

Section II: Project Information

A) Project Location: Location where the investment will take place. If company is moving, the new location should be entered here and the current location should be in Section I.

Address: 7528 State Fair Blvd

Legal Address (if different): _____

City: Baldwinsville

Village/Town: Van Buren

Zip Code: 13027

School District: Baldwinsville

Tax Map Parcel ID(s): 031.-11-01.01

Current Assessed Value: \$500,000 Sq. Footage of Existing Building: 205,066

Census Tract: 118.00

B) Type (Check all that apply):

New construction

Purchase of machinery and/or equipment

Expansion/Addition to current facilities

Brownfield/Remediated Brownfield

Renovation of existing facility

LEED Certification

Acquisition of existing facility/property

Other: Re-install Power, Update Rail

Demolition

C) **Please attach a summary of how this project will help your business grow. Will it set the company up for revenue growth? Will it mitigate cost? Will it provide more flexibility?**

(See Attachment - EPS Business Summary)

D) Description of Project: Please provide a detailed narrative of the proposed Project. This narrative should include, but is not limited to:

(i) the size of the Project in square feet and a breakdown of square footage per each intended use;

(ii) the size of the lot upon which the Project sits or is to be constructed;

(iii) the current use of the site and the intended use of the site upon completion of the

Project;

- (iv) the principal products to be produced and/or the principal activities that will occur on the Project site; and
- (v) an indication as to why the Applicant is undertaking the Project and the need for the requested benefits. **Please separately attach the description and any copies of site plans, sketches, or maps.**

E) Select Project Type for all end users at Project site (you may check more than one):

**Please check any and all end users as identified below

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Existing Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment Purchase | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility for Aging |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-Tenant | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Facility (not for profit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

F) For the Agency to consider this Project, please provide the following information:

1. Does the project consist of new construction or expansion or substantial renovation of an existing facility?
 Yes No
2. Will the project create new employment opportunities or retain existing jobs that may otherwise be lost?
 Yes No
3. Does the project beneficiary serve a customer base primarily outside of Onondaga County?
 Yes No

G) Will the completion of the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the company 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 company located within the state? Please explain if you answer "Yes" by attaching a response.

Yes No

H) Please attach a description of any compelling circumstances the Agency should be aware of while reviewing this application. Plastic/Raw material will be brought in from many States and Canada, processed and Re-sold in and out of state. We will also be developing new technology to recover currently unusable plastics with our equipment. Our staff requirements will primarily be trained internally and will require little or no prior job experience or special

skills. The skilled labor needed will come from equipment maintenance, building management, and office staff typical to any manufacturing facility. Our unused space will be subdivided into multi-tenant use that will create additional job opportunities, and taxable income, for the community.

I) Environmental Information

1. Please attach the appropriate Environmental Impact Forms to your application. Here is a link to the SEQR forms:
 - a. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html>
2. Have any environmental issues been identified on the property?

Yes No

If yes please attach an explanation.

Section III: Construction

A) Project Costs and Finances

| Description of Costs | Total Budget Amount | % of Total Budget to be Procured in Onondaga County | Total Private Expenditure (should be less than or equal to total budget amount) |
|---|---------------------|---|---|
| Land Acquisition | \$ 560,000 | 100% | \$ 560,000 |
| Site Work/Demo | \$ 618,262 | 90% | \$ 519,622 |
| Building Construction & Renovation | \$ 5,271,948 | 85% | \$ 4,073,958 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | \$ 50,000 | 85% | \$ 40,000 |
| Equipment | \$ 150,000 | 0% | \$ 120,000 |
| Equipment Subject to NYS Production Sales Tax Exemption | \$ 150,000 | 0% | \$ 120,000 |
| Engineering/Architects | \$ 135,000 | 90% | \$ 130,000 |
| Financial Charges | \$ 50,000 | 100% | \$ 40,000 |
| Legal | \$ 50,000 | 100% | \$ 40,000 |
| Other | | | |

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| Estimate the number of FTE jobs to be retained as a result of this Project: | 0 |
| Estimate the number of construction jobs to be created by this Project: | 20 |
| Estimate the average length of construction jobs to be created (months): | 10 |
| Current annual payroll at facility: | |
| Average annual growth rate of wages: | 5% |
| Please list, if any, benefits that will be available to either full and/or part time employees: | PTO, 401 K |
| Average annual benefit paid by the company (\$ or % salary) per FTE job: | 10 % |
| Average growth rate of benefit cost: | 5% |
| Amount or percent of wage employees pay for benefits: | 4% to get 4% 401k match |
| Provide an estimate of the number of residents in the Economic Development Region (Onondaga, Madison, Cayuga, Oneida, Oswego, and Cortland Counties) to fill new FTE jobs: | over 5-year period |

D) New Employment Benefits

- i. Complete the following chart indicating the number of FTE jobs presently employed at the Project and the number of FTE jobs that will be created at the Project site at the end of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth years after the Project is completed. Jobs should be listed by title of category (see below), including FTE independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the Project location. Do not include construction workers.
- ii. Feel free to include additional information or a substitute chart if you think additional material would add clarity.

| Current & Planned Full Time Occupations (Job Titles) | Salary (Annual) | Current Number of FTEs | Estimated Number of FTE Jobs added each year after project completion | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| Management | 85,000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Office / Administration | 38,000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Sales / Project Management | 65,000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Maintenance | 40,000 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Inventory/shipping/Material | 35,000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Quality Control | 40,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Production Supervisor | 32,000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Operator | 27,000 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Job Creation Subtotal | | | 6 | 12 | 15 | 19 | 18 |
| Job Creation Cumulative | | | 6 | 18 | 33 | 52 | 70 |

For purposes of completing the chart, please list the job titles that will be increasing in number. If possible, please attach a brief description that outlines what each job entails.

If you prefer, you may attach a job chart of your own that outlines the job growth projections regarding the project.

E) Financial Assistance sought (estimated values):

- Real Property Tax Abatement (PILOT): See PILOT Summary Sheet
- Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption (.75% of amount mortgaged): \$42,264
- Sales and Use Tax Exemption (4% Local, 4% State): \$570,817

Tax Exempt Bond Financing (Amount Requested): NA

Taxable Bond Financing (Amount Requested): NA

F) Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit Calculator: Amount of mortgage that would be subject to mortgage recording tax:

Mortgage Amount (include sum total of construction/permanent/bridge financing): \$ 5,635,210

Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit (product of mortgage amount as indicated above multiplied by .0075): \$ 42,264

G) Sales and Use Tax Benefit Calculator: Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to State and local Sales and US tax – said amount to benefit from the Agency’s Sales and Use Tax exemption benefit:

\$ 7,135,210

Estimated State and local Sales and Use Tax Benefit (product of 8% multiplied by the figure, above) (This should match the amount in section “E” on this page, this calculation only exists to help you with your estimate):

\$ 570,817

Section IV: Estimate of Real Property Tax Abatement Benefits* and Percentage of Project Costs Financed from Public Sector Sources**

** Section IV of this Application will be: (i) completed by IDA Staff based upon information contained within the Application, and (ii) provided to the Applicant for ultimate inclusion as part of this completed Application.

A) PILOTS Estimate Table Worksheet

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| OCIDA estimate of current value | |
| New construction and renovation costs | |
| OCIDA estimate of increase in value | |
| OCIDA estimated value of completed project | |
| OCIDA estimate of taxes that would have been collected if the project did not occur | |
| Scheduled PILOT payments | |

| PILOT Year | Exemption % | County PILOT Amount | Local PILOT Amount | School PILOT Amount | Total PILOT | Full Tax Payment w/o PILOT | Net Exemption |
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| TOTAL | | | | | | | |

*** Estimates provided are based on current property tax rates and assessment value (current as of date of application submission) and have been calculated by IDA staff

Section V: Local Access Policy Agreement

In absence of a waiver permitting otherwise, every project seeking the assistance of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (Agency) must use local general contractors, sub-contractors, and labor for one-hundred percent (100%) of the construction of new, expanded, or renovated facilities. The project's construction or project manager need not be a local company.

Noncompliance may result in the revocation and/or recapture of all benefits extended to the project by the Agency. Local Labor is defined as laborers permanently residing in the State of New York counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins, and Wayne. Local (General/Sub) Contractor is defined as a contractor operating a permanent office in the State of New York counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins and Wayne. The Agency may determine on a case-by-case basis to waive the Local Access Policy for a project or for a portion of a project where consideration of warranty issues, necessity of specialized skills, significant cost differentials between local and non-local services or other compelling circumstances exist. The procedure to address a local labor waiver can be found in the OCIDA handbook, which is available upon request.

Prior to issuance of any NYS Tax & Finance ST-60 forms, the Applicant must submit a **Contractor Status Report to the Agency.**

In consideration of the extension of financial assistance by the Agency Empire Polymer Solutions, LLC (the Company) understands the Local Access Policy and agrees to complete Appendix C of the Agency's application at the time of the application to the Agency and as part of a request to extend the valid date of the Agency's tax-exempt certificate for the Project. The Company understands an Agency tax-exempt certificate is valid for 12 months from the effective date of the project inducement and extended thereafter upon request by the Company. The Company further understands any request for a waiver to this policy must be submitted in writing and approved by the Agency before a tax exempt certificate is issued or extended.

I agree to the conditions of this agreement and certify all information provided regarding the construction and employment activities for the project as of _____ (date).

Company: Empire Polymer Solutions, LLC Representative for Contract Steven Hubert Address: 9841 Washingtonian Blvd., Ste 300 City: Gaithersburg State Maryland Zip 20878 Phone: 301 674 5855 Email: s.hubert@buchananpartners.com Project Address: 7528 State Fair Boulevard City: Baldwinsville State: New York Zip: 13027

General Contractor: TBD
Contact Person: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Authorized Representative: _____ Title: _____
Signature: _____

Section VI: Agency Fee Schedule

Payment Terms:

| | |
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| Application & Processing Fee (payable at the time of application): | \$1,000 |
| Legal Deposit (payable at the time of application): | \$2,500 |
| Agency Fee for Bond Projects: | Payable at Closing |
| Agency and Legal Fees for all other projects: | Due and Payable at Inducement |

* **A sales tax certificate (ST-60) will not be issued until the Agency Fee is Paid in Full**

* **Agency Fees:** The project cost is the Total Project Cost from section III A

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| Fee for Manufacturing Projects under \$10 million: | 0.0075 of the project cost |
| Fee for Agency Projects except those with PILOT agreements: | 0.01 of the project cost |
| Additional Fee for PILOT Agreement Projects: | 0.0025 of the project cost |
| Fee for bond refinancing & refunding: | 0.0025 of the refinancing or refunding amount. |

Agency Legal Fees: The project cost is the total project cost from section III A

| | |
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| Fee for first \$20 million: | 0.0025 of the project cost |
| Fee for expenses above \$20 million: | 0.00125 of the project cost |

In addition to the foregoing, Applicants are responsible for payment of all costs and expenses incurred by OCIDA in connection with application or Project including without limitation publication, copying costs, SEQRA compliance and fees and costs to OCIDA's attorneys, engineers, and consultants. OCIDA reserves the right to require a deposit to cover anticipated costs. Application fees are payable at time application/request is submitted. All fees are non-refundable. Applicants for bond transactions are responsible for payment of a Bond Issuance Charge payable to the State of New York. Applicants are also responsible for payment of post-closing fees and costs associated with the appointment of additional agents.

OCIDA reserves the right to modify this schedule at any time and assess fees and charges in connection with other transactions such as grants of easement or lease of OCIDA-owned property.

Section VII: Recapture of Tax Abatement/Exemptions

Information to be Provided by Companies: The Companies that receive benefits from OCIDA agree, whenever requested by the agency, to provide and certify or cause to be certified such information concerning the Company, its finances and other topics as the Agency from time to time reasonably considers necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to, such information as to enable the Agency to make any reports required by law or governmental regulation. The Company also agrees to provide and certify information concerning its finances and other topics as the agency considers appropriate. This is primarily done through an annual survey.

Recapture of Benefits: It is the policy of the Agency to recapture the value of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), State and County Sales Tax, and Mortgage Recording Tax Exemptions in accordance with the provisions contained herein and the Laws of the State of New York. Before receiving benefits, projects of the Agency must attest in writing to their understanding of an agreement to the Recapture Provisions of the Agency Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. The recapture provision contained herein may be modified from time to time by the Board at its sole discretion.

Recapture of a PILOT, Sales Tax and the Mortgage Recording Tax Exemptions: In the event the facility is sold or closed, or the number of jobs is below 75% of the number projected to be employed at time of application to the Agency, or there are material violations of the project agreements and no substantial future economic benefit is likely to accrue to the community, then the value of the Property Tax, Sales Tax and the Mortgage Recording Tax benefits extended to the project by the Agency shall be subject to recapture.

Recapture Payment: The Recapture payment paid by the Project to the Agency shall be determined (1) by the difference between any PILOT payments made by the Project and the property taxes that would be paid by the Project, if the property were not in the ownership or control of the Agency, (2) the value of any Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption, if awarded to the Project and (3) the amount of sales tax that would have been paid if an exemption was not granted.

Recapture of the PILOT, Sales Tax or Mortgage Recording Tax: The Recapture Schedule for a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, Sales Tax or the Mortgage Recording Tax is as follows:

| Time from Project Completion | Tax Savings Recaptured |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Years | 80% |
| 2 Years | 60% |
| 3 Years | 40% |
| 4 Years | 20% |
| 5 Years | 10% |

Distribution of the Recapture Payment: Any funds recaptured as the result of an Agreement with the Agency shall be distributed to the affected taxing jurisdictions in the same proportion as if the payments were paid or owed by the Project on the date of recapture.

Additional Conditions for the Recapture of Sales and Use Tax: As of April 1, 2013, New York State law requires Industrial Development Agencies to recapture sales tax benefits where:

- A project is not entitled to receive the benefits;
 - Exemptions received exceed the amount authorized by the Agency;
 - Exemptions are claimed by the Project for unauthorized property or services; or
 - A project fails to use property in the manner required by its IDA agreements.
1. Distribution of Sales Tax. Project operators must cooperate with the Agency in its effort to recapture all sales tax benefits received by the company by promptly paying the recapture amount as determined by the Agency. The amount to be recaptured will be dictated by NYS Law or IDA Policy which ever may be applicable. The Agency must remit the recaptured sales tax benefits to the State of New York within 30 days of receipt.
 2. Compliance Report. Annually, the Agency will file an annual compliance report with the State of New York detailing its recapture terms and its activities to recapture benefits, including the any attempt to recapture benefits from an Agency project.

I have read the foregoing and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions contained therein as well as policies of the Onondaga County Industrial Agency.

Name of Applicant Company: _____ Empire Polymer Solution  _____

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative: _____  _____

Name & Title of Officer or Authorized Representative: Frank Murphy, Manager _____

Date: June 2, 2020

Section VIII: Employment Plan

Jobs Listings: In accordance with §858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Business Services and with the administrative entity of the service delivery area created by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 in which the Project is located. In Onondaga County, please contact CNY Works. Additionally, the applicant is encouraged to review the services provided by JOBS Plus! for candidate matching services.

Are the employees of your company currently covered by a collective bargaining agreement?

Yes No

If yes, name and location: _____

Is the labor pool in Onondaga County and/or the CNY Economic Development Region adequate to fill new positions?

Yes No

Enter Company Name in three (3) places below and sign by an authorized company officer:

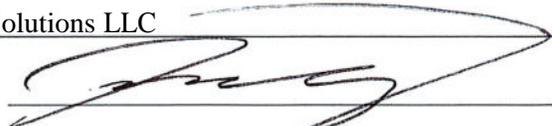
In consideration of the benefits provided by the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) Empire Polymer Solutions LLC, project beneficiary, also agrees to report to OCIDA on the number of new employment opportunities created in connection with industrial or commercial projects financed by the proceeds of such benefits to be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Business Services and CNY Works.

Empire Polymer Solutions LLC, project beneficiary, also agrees to report to OCIDA on or before March 1 of each year of status of employment opportunities filed with the New York State Department of Labor Business Services, including the number of new employment opportunities created, the number listed, and the number filled for the year ending the prior December 31.

Empire Polymer Solutions LLC, project beneficiary, further agrees that, to the extent practicable and feasible, and subject to the requirements of any existing collective bargaining agreement, shall fill at least 10% of new employment opportunities with persons eligible for service under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

Name of Applicant Company: Empire Polymer Solutions LLC

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative: _____



Name & Title of Officer or Authorized Representative: Frank Murphy, Manager

Date: May, 2020

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Section IX: Conflict of Interest

Agency Board Members

- 1. Patrick Hogan
- 2. Steve Morgan
- 3. Victor Ianno
- 4. Sue Stanczyk
- 5. Kevin Ryan
- 6. Janice Herzog
- 7. Fanny Villarreal

Agency Officers/Staff

- 1. Robert M. Petrovich
- 2. Nathaniel Stevens
- 3. Nancy Lowery
- 4. Karen Doster
- 5. Chris Cox

Agency Legal Counsel & Auditor

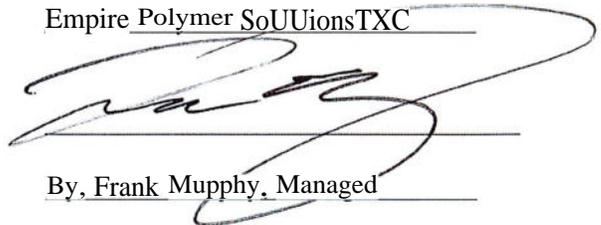
- 1. Jeffrey Davis, Esq., Barclay Damon LLP
- 2. Amanda Mirabito, Esq., Barclay Damon LLP
- 3. Michael G. Lisson, CPA, Grossman St. Amour Certified Public Accountants PLLC

The Applicant has received from the Agency a list of members, officers and staff of the Agency. To the best of my knowledge, no member, officer or employee of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction contemplated by this Application, except as hereinafter described:

Name of Applicant Company

Empire Polymer SolutionsTXC

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative:



Name & Title of Officer or Authorized Representative:

By, Frank Muppy, Manager

Date: 06/13 May, 2020

Section X: Representations, Certifications, and Indemnification

Frank Murphy, (Name of CEO or other authorized representative of Applicant) confirms and says that he is the Manager (title) of Empire Polymer Solutions LLC (name of corporation or other entity) named in the attached Application (the “Applicant”), that he/she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof, and hereby represents, understands, and otherwise agrees with the Agency and as follows:

- A. First Consideration for Employment:** In accordance with §858-b (2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the Applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in WIA programs who shall be referred by the CNY Works for new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project.
- B. Other NYS Facilities:** In accordance with §862 (1) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that projects which will 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 within the state is ineligible for Agency Financial Assistance, unless otherwise approved by the Agency as reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project in its respective industry or is reasonably necessary.
- C. Annual Sales Tax Filings:** In accordance with §874(8) 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, 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.
- D. Outstanding Bonds:** The Applicant understands and agrees to provide on an annual basis any information regarding bonds, if any, issued by the Agency for the project that is requested by the Comptroller of the State of New York.
- E. Employment Reports:** The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any financial assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file with the Agency, at least annually or as otherwise required by the Agency, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site, salary levels, contractor utilization and such other information (collectively, “Employment Reports”) that may be required from time to time on such appropriate forms as designated by the Agency. Failure to provide Employment Reports within 30 days of an Agency request shall be an Event of Default under the PILOT Agreement between the Agency and Applicant and, if applicable, and Event of Default under the Agent Agreement between the Agency and Applicant. In addition, a Notice of Failure to provide the Agency with an Employment Report may be reported to Agency board members, said report being an agenda item subject to the open meetings law.

F. Absence of Conflicts of Interest: The Applicant has received from the Agency a list of the 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 hereinafter described in Section X.

G. Compliance: The Applicant understands and agrees that it is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state, and federal tax, worker protection, and environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

H. 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 of 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.

I. 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.

J. 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 in the Project.

K. 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.

L. The Applicant and the individual executing this Application on behalf of Applicant acknowledge that the Agency and its counsel will rely on the representations and covenants made in this Application when acting hereon and hereby represents 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 statement contained herein not misleading.

ML The OCIDA has the right to request and inspect supporting documentation regarding attestations made on this application.

N. Hold Harmless Agreement: Applicant hereby releases Onondaga 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 cause of action and attorney's fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or action 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 process of the Application, including attorney's fees, if any

Name of Applicant Company

Empire Polymer Solutions LLC

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative:



Name & Title of Officer or Authorized Representative:

By, Frank Murphy, Manager

Date: CC, 2
May, 2020

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF ONONDAGA)ss.;

Frank Murphy, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That I am the Manager (Corporate Office) of Empire Polymer Solutions LLC (Applicant) and that I am duly authorized on behalf of the Applicant to bind the Applicant.
2. That I have read and 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 3 day of June, 2020.

NATHANIEL JAMES STEVENS
Notary Public, State of New York
Registration No. 01ST6349681
Qualified In Onondaga County
Commission Expires Oct 24, 2020



(Notary Public)

End of Application