

## **WCIDA Project Application Summary**

### **Applicant Information:**

August 11, 2022

Park Warner, LLC  
Empire Distributing, Inc  
7420 Route 98  
Arcade, New York 14009

### **Request:**

The Company requests abatement of sales tax on construction materials and non-production equipment, and a 10-year PILOT agreement for temporary abatement of property tax using the standard UTEP project schedule. Approximate value of these incentives is expected to be more than \$100,000; therefore, a public hearing was held on August 3, 2022. A copy of the public hearing minutes is attached.

### **Company History:**

Empire Distributing, Inc. began as a small regional hearth distributor in the 1980's supplying a handful of independent hearth dealers with one appliance product line. Now they have become a Northeast premier distributor of both hearth and outdoor living products. In 2007 they built and moved their location to the business park on Route 98 in Arcade.

### **Project Description:**

Park Warner has plans for the construction of a 19,980 sq. ft. warehouse and distribution building at its facility. The expansion will allow the company to accommodate overflow from increased demand and expand office area. The capital investment for this is \$1,495,000.

### **Employment Impact:**

Empire Distributing currently employs 41 people and expects to create 7 new jobs over the next 3 years.

### **IDA Matrix Criteria:**

The project meets the criteria as a Qualified UTEP Project. The project will be funded by private sector investment, create new jobs and employ local labor during the construction phase. The expansion to the facility is critical in allowing the business to stay competitive and meet continuing industry growth.

Attached Information:

Application and project costs provided by the project applicant to back up its request for WCIDA assistance.