# **Industrial Development Agency**

**Lease/Leaseback Assistance Application** 

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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#### **Industrial Development Agency**

#### Introduction

The applicant is responsible for the submission of a complete financial assistance package, which includes:

- 1. Completed Lease/Leaseback Assistance Application and all supporting Documents.
- 2. Completed Full Environmental Assessment Form (see page 11)
- 3. Completed APPENDIX A: EMPLOYMENT IMPACT (page 12)

#### Please note

The Wyoming County Industrial Development Agency (WCIDA), in its discretion, may require an environmental audit with respect to the proposed site of this project. If such an audit is prepared for others, including the Company or a lender, such an audit shall be provided to the WCIDA.

ANY APPLICATION WHICH IS INCOMPLETE OR CONTAINS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT

AN ADMINISTRATION FEE IS PAYABLE TO THE WYOMING COUNTY IDA AT A LATER DATE. THE FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Sales Tax Exemption Only- If a project applicant receives sales tax exemption only incentive, the fee will be 1% on the value of the items that are subject to sales tax.

Sales and Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption- If a project applicant receives both sales and mortgage tax incentives the fee will be 1% of the highest value receiving an exemption.

Sales and mortgage tax exemption and real property tax abatement (PILOT)- If the applicant receives all three incentives the fee will be 1% of the total project cost.

## WYOMING COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

APPLICATION FOR LEASE/LEASEBACK ASSISTANCE

## **Applicant Information**

Company Name Indus 19 LLC
Address 950 Panorama Trail South, Rochester, NY, 14625
Phone number 585-248-2440
Fax number 585-248-3271
Contact Person_Jett Mehta
E-mail of contact mehta@indushg.com
Federal ID 83-2319119
Type of Business: Hospitality and Hotels
NAICS Code: 721110
Incentives Applying for: X Sales Tax X Mortgage Recording X Real Property (Check all that apply)
Corporate Structure
☐ Corporation
☐ Partnership: general ☐ limited ☐
Number of general partners and, if applicable,
Number of limited partners
Limited Liability Company /Partnership
Number of members/partners 4
☐ Sole Proprietorship
Date of establishment/incorporation_10/19/2018 Place of organization_NY
Is the applicant authorized to do business in the State of New York? Yes
Names and titles of principal officers and owners:  Jett Mehta - Managing Member
Hasit Mehta - Director Member
Bhoopinder Mehta Spousal & Family Trust
Kripal Mehta Spousal & Family Trust
Applicant's Counsel
Name Stephen E. Hall, Esq. Address 36 West Main Street, Suite 400
Address So West Main Street, Suite 400  Rochester, NY 14614
Phone number 585-546-3770 e-mail: stephenhall@stephen-hall.net

## **Project Information**

PROJECT TYPE
New building and/or equipment
□ Refinancing
□ Transfer
☐ Additional facility
☐ Amendment
☐ Second mortgage
□ Other
Describe the proposed acquisition, construction or reconstruction, purchase of equipment and other project items. Explain the reason for the project and the benefits for the applicant. Explain how the project will be used. (Attach an additional page if necessary.)  The project proposes a new 3-story Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham in the Village of Warsaw, which is considered to be an economically depressed area of New York State. A large investment in real estate development is not feasible with out financial assistance. Please see our Letter of Interest.
Project Address: 283-287 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY
Municipalities and school district: Village of Warsaw  Tax map number: 73.15-1-25 & 73.15-1-24.1
Principal use of project upon completion:  Size of building/addition:  67 room Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham and including furnishings  68 room Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham and including furnishings
Type of building: Wood Frame and Masonry
If project site is not presently owned, is it under purchase contract/option? Yes
Explain: Purchase agreement pending final due diligence
Will the project be subleased? No If so, please attach a copy of such sublease, if available.
Please explain, including relationship of sublesse to applicant:
Is there likelihood that the project would not be undertaken but for the financial assistance provided by the Agency? (YES) or NO

and project could be undertaken without financial assistance provided by the Agency a statement indicating why the project should be undertaken by the Agency
e project result in the removal of a plant or facility of the applicant's or another proposed at of the project from one area of New York to another area of the state? NO
e project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the applicant or ecupant of the project located in New York State? NO
nswer to either of the proceeding two questions was "yes", please answer the following two as:
Has the applicant or another proposed occupant of the project considered removing such other plant or facility to a location outside of New York State?  If yes, please explain in detail:  N/A
Is the project reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the applicant or another proposed occupant of the project in its respective industry?
ne project include facilities or property which will be primarily used in making the following customers who personally visit such facilities: (i) sales of personal property which are to sales tax or (ii) sales of services?  Yes; Services  nswer is "yes", is the cost of the facilities or property more than one-third (1/3) of the total
cost? Yes
Is the project a "tourism destination" which is likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the region? The project enables tourism with Wyoming County as the destination If yes, please explain in detail:  Please see our Letter of Interest
Is the predominate purpose of the project to make available goods or services which would not otherwise be reasonably accessible to residents of the municipality in which the project is located? Yes  If yes, please explain in detail:  There are no other branded hotels in Wyoming County. Please see our Letter of Interest

## **Employment Information**

Estimate the number of jobs to be created by this project, and the annual payroll, over the next three years.

	Jobs	Annual Payroll
A.) Current in County:	0	\$ 0
Project: Year 1 in County	13	\$ 348,000
Year 2 in County	14	\$ 371,000
Year 3 in County	15	\$ 394,000

B.) Projected Employment: Applicant or principal user(s) must complete Appendix A: (attached)

## Project Costs and Financing and Estimated Exemptions Sought

A. Estimate the costs necessary for the construction. Acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and/or equipping of the project by the applicant:

#### **Estimated Costs Eligible for Sales Tax Exemption Benefits**

\$ 4,300,000
\$ 300,000
\$ N/A
\$ 560,000
\$ N/A
\$ 5,160,000

#### **Estimated Costs Not Subject to Sales Tax**

Land and/or building purchase	\$ 263,000
Manufacturing Equipment	\$ 0
Soft costs:	
Engineering	\$ 150,000
Architect	\$ 50,000
Fees/permits	\$ 277,000
Other: Specify Working Capital/Franchise Fees	\$ 100,000
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TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 6,000,000

<sup>\*</sup> Total Cost does not include WCIDA Administrative and/or Legal Fees.

#### B. Indicate how the project will be financed

Bank Financing (Name of Ba	nk) TBD	\$ 4,800,000
Equity	/	\$ 1,200,000
Public Financing		\$ 0
Tax Exempt Bond		\$ 0
,	TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 6,000,000

Expected mortgage, if any, necessary to finance this project: \$ 4,800,000

#### C. Estimated Value of Exemptions Sought

Sales and Use Tax	\$ 240,000	
Real Property Tax (to be provided by the Agency)	\$	
Mortgage Tax	\$ 60,000	

#### REPRESENTATIONS BY THE APPLICANT

The Applicant understands and agrees with the Agency as follows:

- A) Job Listings. 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 financial assistance from the Agency, then 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 Community Services Division (the "DOL") and the administrative entity (collectively with the DOL, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the Federal Job Training Partnership Act (Public Law 97-300) (or any successor legislation) in which the project is located.
- B) First Consideration for Employment. In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York State General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any financial assistance from the Agency, then except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the Applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in Workforce Investment Board (WIB) programs who shall be referred by the WIB entities for new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project.
- C) Annual Sales Tax Filings. In accordance with Section 874(8) of the New York State 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 will 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 the sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or sub contractors retained by the Applicant. In addition, the Applicant shall be required to report to the Agency, at such times as the Agency may require (or as otherwise prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance), the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants and subcontractors retained by the Applicant. If the Applicant claims an exemption from sales taxes for property or services not approved by the Agency, or for Project Costs in excess of the costs approved by the Agency, or fails to comply with the terms of any agreements entered into with the Agency, the Applicant will be required to pay the Agency the New York State portion of any sales tax for which an exemption was improperly claimed.
- D) New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Form ST-60. In accordance with Section 874(9) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands that the Applicant and each agent, subagent, contractor and/or sub contractor appointed by the Applicant and claiming a sales tax exemption in connection with the Project must complete a New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Form ST-60. Original copies of each completed Form St-60 must be delivered to the Agency within five (5) days of the appointment of the Applicant or any such agent, subagent, contractor and/or subcontractor as agent of the Agency for purposes of completing the Project. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of sales tax exemptions for the Project.

receives any financial assistance from the Agency, the Applicant will file, or cause to be file with the Agency, on an annual basis, reports regarding the number of people employed at Project site, including job categories and average annual salaries with benefits.	
F) Absence of Conflicts of Interest. The Applicant has received from the Agency a list of members, officers and employees of the Agency. No members, officers or employee of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction completed by the Applicant, except as hereinafter described:  None	

E) Annual Employment Reports. The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project

G) State Environmental Quality Review Act Compliance. The Agency, in granting financial assistance to the Applicant, is required to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and must complete necessary determinations required thereunder. Consequently, the Applicant has completed and attached hereto appropriate Environmental Assessment Forms, with respect to the Project. The Applicant understands that, at its sole expense, it is required to take all necessary action in order for the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQR, and including through a lead agency other than the Agency in the case of a coordinated review.

The Applicant and, if applicable, the individual executing this Application on behalf of the Applicant, acknowledges 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 material fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein not misleading. The Applicant 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 any part of any tax exemptions claimed by reason of involvement of the Agency in the Project.

The Applicant certifies that the Applicant and any proposed occupant of the Project or other party receiving financial assistance in connection with the Project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental law, rules and regulations.

This Application is subscribed and affirmed by the Applicant under penalties of perjury.

By: Indus 19 LLC
(Applicant) Name: Jett Mehta
Title: Managing Member

This application should be submitted to the Wyoming County Industrial Development Agency, 36 Center Street, Suite D, Warsaw, New York 14569.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SIGN THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION UNTIL THE WCIDA STAFF HAS VERIFIED THAT THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE.

#### Certification

Jett Mehta	(name of represe	ntative of entity su	bmitting application, or	
	itting application) deposes	and says that she		
one of the following two	options) (i) is a/the Managing			
Indus 19 LLC			y named in the attached	
	individual named in the atta d knows the contents there			ie
Deponent further says the her/himself or on behalf deponent's belief relative personal knowledge are subject matter of this ap information acquired by and from the books and As (i) the representative applicant hereinafter refithe Applicant shall be an Industrial Development. Applicant in connection assistance to which this conclude or consummate	nat s/he is duly authorized to of the entity named in the act to all matters in said application as well as, if depondent in the course of leading papers of said entity.  of said entity, or (ii) the incomplete to as the "Applicant") and is responsible for all cost Agency (hereinafter referred with this application and all application relates. If, for a se necessary negotiations casonable, proper or requesting the total cost and the same application of a sonable, proper or requesting the total cost and the same applications of a sonable, proper or requesting the same and the same application and all application relates.	attached application which are report has caused to prent is not an individual applicant (and the incurred by the ed to as the "Agence I matters relating to any reason whatso or fails to act within	on. The grounds of not stated upon his/her to be made concerning to vidual applicant, onnection with said entities and agrees that Wyoming County or the provision of finance ever, the Applicant fails a reasonable or specif	the ty I the cial s to fied
or neglects the applicati Agency, its agents or as date and time, including for the Agency. Upon th Applicant shall pay to th	on, then upon presentation signs, all actual costs incur fees to transaction counse e successful conclusion of e Agency an administrative the date of the foregoing a	of an invoice, the rred with respect to el for the Agency a the transaction co e fee set by the Ag	Applicant shall pay to to the application up to to the application up to to the fees of general courn templated herein, the ency in accordance with	he hat isel
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Title: Managing Member		$\alpha$	2	
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Vy Commission Expires 05-23-2020

### **Industrial Development Agency**

#### **Environmental Assessment Form**

#### Internet link address:

This form is immediately available as either a printable version via the Internet or filled out entirely online via the Internet.

#### PRINTABLE VERSION

To download a PDF (Portable Document Format) to your computer go to:

New York State Website: <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html</a>
Be certain to select the Full Environmental Assessment Form and download to your computer.

#### ONLINE VERSION

To fill out this form online:

- · Go to the New York State website
- http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html
   Be certain to select the Full Environmental Assessment Form and download to your computer
- · Read and follow the instructions on how to fill out this form online
- NOTE: This form contains many questions. Even though many are comprised of simple check boxes, be advised that this form may take an hour or more to complete online.

Please complete and sign the State form and submit it, along with your finished application to the Wyoming County IDA office.

#### APPENDIX A: EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Full Time

Part Time

Total

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT** Number of employees within Wyoming $_{+} 0 = 0$ $_{\$} 0$ County at the date of application PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT ADD: Number of jobs created 11 + 2 = 13 within Wyoming County during first year after completion Total end of First Year

ADD: Number of jobs created within Wyoming County during second year after completion  Total end of Second Year	1	+ 0	_ = <u>1</u> _ = <u>14</u>	371,000
ADD: Number of jobs created	1	0	1	

ADD: Number of jobs created within Wyoming County during	1	+ 0	_ 1	
third year after completion  Total end of Third Year		+	= 15	\$ 394,000

## Current Job Categories: Positions within Wyoming County at the date of application

# Management jobs 0	Average annual salary	<u>\$</u> 0
# Non- management jobs 0	Including benefits  Average annual salary	0 2
# Non- management jobs	Including benefits	•
# Other category	Average annual salary Including benefits	\$ <u></u>

## Job Categories to be Created: Positions created after Agency involvement

# Management jobs 1	Estimated Average annual salary 5_ Including benefits	\$\frac{48,000/person}{23,000/person}
# Other category 1(2pt)	Including benefits Estimated Average annual salary Including benefits	\$
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Expected High Salary of NEW jobs created: \$45k/annual Expected Low Salary of NEW jobs created: \$11.10

Please indicate the expected percentage of positions to be filled by residents within a 50 mile radius of your project location: 100

Applicant or Principal user(s)	1. 1.1.1	- 1 - 1 -
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Total Payroll

## SCHEDULE "A"

## WCIDA

**Uniform Tax Exemption Policy** 

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#### UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY

The purpose of the Wyoming County Industrial Development Agency (The "Agency") is to promote economic development, prevent economic deterioration, and advance job opportunities and the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Wyoming County through the creation or retention of jobs and the expansion and diversification of the County's tax base.

It is the policy of the Agency to grant exemptions from sales taxes, mortgage recording taxes and provide real property tax abatement for qualified projects which create or retain private sector jobs and provide economic benefits. The Agency may also consider other factors as appropriate in fulfilling its purposes under the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Act").

For projects reviewed and approved by the Agency's Board of Directors the following tax exemptions will apply.

#### 1. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions.

- a.) The Agency's policy is to permit project applicants, as agents of the Agency, full exemption from sales and use taxes on the construction and equipping of a project to the full extent permitted by New York State Law.
- b.) All project applicants must agree in writing to file with the NYS Department of Taxation an annual statement of the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed in connection with the project in full compliance with Section 874 (8) of the New York General Municipal Law, in the form and at the times required, and to comply with such other reporting requirements as may be imposed under the Act or by policies of the Agency adopted from time to time.
- c.) Sales and use tax exemptions are not available for Small Alternate Energy Facility Projects.

#### 2. Mortgage Recording Tax Exemptions.

- a.) The Agency's policy is to permit full exemption from mortgage recording tax on all project related financings to the full extent permitted by New York State Law.
- b.) The Agency may, in its sole discretion, permit mortgage recording tax exemptions on non-project related financing, (e.g. second mortgages on the project to secure subordinated indebtedness of the project applicant). In determining whether to permit such exemptions on non-project related financing, the Agency shall consider such factors as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to the use of the property, the degree of investment, the degree and nature of the employment and the economic condition of the areas in which the facility is located.
- c.) Mortgage recording tax exemptions are not available for Small Alternate Energy Facility Projects.

#### 3. Real Property Tax Abatements.

- a.) The Agency maintains a policy for the provision of real property tax abatements for qualified projects. The abatement provided applies to value added by construction, renovations or other improvements which constitute a part of the project, and the existing parcel involved; provided, however, in no event will the involvement by the Agency result in revenue to the affected tax jurisdictions in any tax year, to be less than the revenues received with respect to the tax parcel which is subject to the abatement in the tax year preceding involvement by the Agency.
- b.) The standard period of abatement will be ten (10) years for qualified projects and fifteen (15) years for qualified projects that are also Adaptive Re-Use Projects, Tourism Destination Projects, Small Alternate Energy Facility Projects and Commercial Wind Energy or Energy Storage Projects.
- c.) The abatement will be applicable to County, Municipal and School taxes for the period of abatement. Special district taxes and user fees are not abated. Unless a deviation is approved in accordance with Section 5 of this Policy, a payment-in-lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement entered into with respect to a qualified project shall provide for payments in accordance with the standard schedules set forth below.

#### Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Tax (PILOT) Policy

In an effort to be competitive with other areas for business investments that create/retain jobs and provide tax revenues, the Agency has adopted the following PILOT schedules.

The Schedule of Abatement for Qualified Projects not included in any category set forth below:

	Real Property
Year_	Tax Exemption
1-5	100 %
6	80 %
7	60 %
8	40 %
9	20 %
10	10 %
11 and thereafter	0 % (Full Taxes Paid)

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The Schedule of Abatement for Adaptive Reuse Projects:

<u>Year</u>	Real Property
	Tax Exemption
1 - 5	100%

6 - 10	50%
11 - 15	25%
16 and thereafter	0% (Full Taxes Paid)

The Schedule of Abatement for qualified Tourism Destination Projects:

<u>Year</u>	Real Property
	Tax Exemption
1 - 5	100%
6 - 10	75%
11 -15	50%
16 and thereafter	0% (Full Taxes Paid)

The Schedule of Abatement for Small Alternate Energy Facility Projects:

<u>Year</u>	Real Property
	Tax Exemption
1 - 15	100%
16 and thereafter	0% (Full Taxes Paid)

The Schedule for Commercial Wind Energy or Energy Storage Projects:

The Agency has determined that its regular PILOT schedule is unsuitable for wind energy projects through research of other wind projects in New York State. Therefore, the Agency has added the following provisions to its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy.

- a.) The payment-in-lieu-of-tax amount will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis. The payment will be based on the production capacity of the wind turbines as measured in megawatts and then be calculated as dollars per megawatt.
- b.) When determining the PILOT amount per megawatt, the Agency will consider any payments made through host community agreements or any other methods in which payments are made to taxing jurisdictions. However, the PILOT payment should be at least 20% of any monies paid to local governments in order assure an equitable distribution to all affected taxing jurisdictions.
- c.) The Agency will not become involved in a wind power project if a Town Board chooses to exercise its right to negotiate a PILOT agreement under Section 487 of NYS Real Property Tax Law or any other means provided by NYS Law.
- d.) The Agency will not take any action to promote or discourage any wind energy project. The IDA believes that developers of such projects must obtain the support of residents and the local governing body prior to PILOT approval.

#### 4. Definitions

"Qualified projects" include projects which are eligible for financial assistance (as defined in Section 854 (14) of the New York General Municipal) in accordance with the Act, and shall include industrial projects (i.e. manufacturing, re-manufacturing, assembly, processing, product research and development, etc.) and non-industrial projects (i.e. warehouse, wholesale/distribution, qualified retail, office, hotel, housing, etc.)

"Adaptive Re-Use Projects" are qualified projects that involve adapting old sites or structures for new purposes, including potentially a mix of business, commercial and qualified retail uses, or market-rate housing. Adaptive Re-Use Projects are those that will benefit Wyoming County by redeveloping a blighted site or structure, promoting development using existing infrastructure, and creating new economic activity at troubled sites or structures to assist in eliminating neighborhood blight. In contemplating whether a qualified project is an Adaptive Re-Use Project, the Agency may consider such things as:
(i) the age of the building or structure and the challenges involved with its redevelopment, (ii) the time period during which the structure has been vacant, (iii) whether the site or structure presents a public safety hazard in its existing state, (iv) whether redevelopment of the site or structure would involve significant environmental remediation costs, including brownfield sites and (v) the proximity of the site or structure to a distressed census tract or an area of extensive redevelopment.

"Tourism Destination Projects" are qualified projects in Wyoming County that are likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region, as established by Section 230 of the New York Economic Development Law, in which the project is located. In addition, for the purposes of this Policy, qualified projects which do not constitute Tourism Destination Projects but which are significantly linked to, or provide support for, a Tourism Destination Project, shall be eligible for the Tourism Destination abatement schedule.

"Small Alternate Energy Facility Projects" are qualified projects in Wyoming County that involve the construction and operation of a facility (1) that is determined by the Agency to be a facility described in Section 487(1) of the Real Property Tax Law (including solar wind energy equipment, a solar or wind energy system, farm waste electric generating equipment, and a farm waste energy system), and (2) that is installed or to be installed in a residence, a farm or small business located within Wyoming County.

"Commercial Wind Energy or Energy Storage Projects" are qualified projects in Wyoming County that involve the construction and operation of a facility that is determined by the Agency be a facility described in Section 487(1) of the Real Property Tax Law (including commercial wind energy equipment, commercial wind energy systems or commercial wind energy storage systems) and is installed within Wyoming County.

The Agency will have the right, in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable provisions of the New York State General Municipal Law, to determine whether a project is a qualified project and, if so, whether it is also a Tourism Destination Project, an Adaptive Re-Use Project, a Small Alternate Energy Facility Project or a Commercial Wind Energy or Energy Storage Project.

Any deviations from the Agency's standard policy will be made only with the specific approval of the Agency's members based on the factors listed in section 5, and those, if any, described in the New York State General Municipal Law Section 874. Additionally, the Agency will notify the affected tax jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from such policy and the reasons therefor.

The Agency will use existing tax data, or building values as established by the assessor of the municipal jurisdiction within which the project is located, or by the Agency, as the basis to negotiate the payment in lieu of tax agreement. Therefore, appraisals will not normally be required.

#### 5. Deviations.

- a.) In addition to or in lieu of the foregoing the Agency may determine, on a case-by-case basis, to deviate from the guidelines described above or provide enhanced benefits for a project expected, in the Agency's judgment, to have significant impact in the locality where the project will be located. Any deviations from the guidelines set forth above requires the written notification by the Agency to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction and their input will be sought in advance of adoption of any deviation, and any sales tax exemption policy deviation will be noted in a required Public Hearing.
- b.) In determining whether a project is expected to have a significant impact in the locality where the project is located, the Agency may consider any or all of the following factors in making such determination, no single one of which is determinative:
  - 1) The nature of the proposed project (e.g. manufacturing, commercial, etc.).
  - 2) The nature of the property before the project begins (e.g. vacant land, vacant building, Brownfield site, etc.).
  - 3) The economic condition of the area at the time of the application and the economic multiplying effect the project will have on the area.
  - 4) The extent to which the project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs, the number of jobs to be created/retained and/or the salary ranges of such jobs.
  - 5) The estimated value of tax exemptions to be provided.
  - 6) The economic impact of the project and the proposed tax exemptions on affected tax jurisdictions.
  - 7) The impact of the proposed project on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity.

- 8) The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the proposed project.
- 9) The likelihood of accomplishing the proposed project in a timely fashion.
- 10) The effect of the proposed project upon the environment and surrounding property.
- 11) The extent to which the proposed project will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited, educational, transportation, emergency medical or police and fire services.
- 12) The extent to which the proposed project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts in which the project is located.
- 13) The extent to which the proposed project will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the project is located.

#### 6. Recapture of Benefits.

- a.) The Agency, at its sole discretion and on a case-by-case basis, may determine, (but shall not be required to do so) with respect to a particular project, that a project has failed to meet its intended goals and to require the recapture by the Agency of the value of any or all exemptions from taxation granted with respect to the project by virtue of the Agency's involvement, or to modify the terms of the Project Agreement or "PILOT". Events that the Agency may determine will trigger recapture may include, but are not limited to:
  - 1) Sale or closure of facility within the time period the applicant receives Agency benefits;
  - 2) Material shortfalls in the stated job creation or retention;
  - 3) Significant change in use in facility;
  - 4) Significant change in business activities of project applicant or operator; or
  - 5) Material noncompliance with the Project Agreement or breach of terms of Agency transaction documents, or of zoning or land use laws of regulations, or federal, state or local environmental laws or regulations.
  - 6) Circumstances in which the benefits were received based on fraud or intentional misrepresentations as to material facts regarding the project.
- b.) If the Agency determines to provide for the recapture with respect to a particular project, the Agency also shall, in its sole discretion and on a case-by-case basis, determine the timing and percentage of recapture.

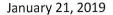
c) Any recapture pursuant to this Section 6 shall be in addition to any recapture required pursuant to the Act or other statutory provisions, including Section 875 of the General Municipal Law.

### 7. Effective Date.

This Uniform Tax Exemption Policy shall apply to all projects for which the Agency has adopted or adopts an Inducement Resolution on or after November 12, 2015.

#### 8. Amendments.

The Agency, by resolution of its members, and upon notice to all affected tax jurisdictions as may be required by law, may amend or modify the foregoing policy as it may, from time to time, in its sole discretion determine.





Jim Pierce, Executive Director Wyoming County IDA 36 Center Street, Suite D Warsaw, NY 14568

# Application for Lease/Leaseback Assistance 283-287 North Main Street

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for participation in the Lease/Leaseback Assistance Program in Wyoming County.

As you are aware, our company was founded 30 years ago in Rochester and we currently own and operate 50+ properties, primarily hotels and restaurants, in western NY and the Finger Lakes region. What you may not know is that we frequently cluster our businesses in certain communities where we see the opportunity for economic success. For example, we have multiple facilities in Olean, Springville, Penn Yan, Wellsville, Victor, Bath, Dansville, Hornell, Geneva, Penn Yan, Brockport and Farmington, to name a few. Warsaw and Wyoming County have been on our radar for years and we would like to join your community with several locations as well. We have businesses north and south of Warsaw on Rte. 19 in Brockport, Bergen, and Wellsville. In our opinion, and based on our local market knowledge, a new hotel between our existing locations and in an area underserved by lodging choices makes sense to us.

However, new investment in an unfamiliar community is perceived as even riskier when the State describes the areas as economically challenged and specifically offers financial assistance to attract investment that would otherwise pass by the community. The Lease/Leaseback Assistance Program provides an added layer of comfort for us and our financial institutions by reducing the overall financial investment risk.

This hotel project includes the purchase of a deteriorated institutional building that the community recognizes as an unwanted eye-sore, replacing it with a new hotel that architecturally fits much better into the surrounding residential neighborhood. Engineering and architectural design simulation show that the 3-story clapboard building with dormers and a shingle roof blends into the neighborhood, which has similar height and style homes. The hotel will be furnished and equipped with all new items necessary to operate a nationally branded, business class hotel with high-quality service and amenities. The property will accommodate tourists, business travelers, families of those in care at the hospital and friends / family of area residents. We understand that the new facility has been a goal of the community for several years.

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The benefit to Indus 19 LLC, the applicant and future owner/operator, is that the financial assistance provides fiscal support during the ramp up period of the operation when the business is building and growing. This period is a difficult time for any new business. Tax incentives help us finance the purchase at closing, lower construction costs by eliminating sales tax, and help us grow the business as property taxes ramp up over a period of time.

Warsaw and Wyoming County attract a significant number of visitors from outside the region. It is our understanding that there is a large demand already present for accommodations. The Village of Warsaw is the Wyoming County Seat. It is a great tourist location in addition to being home to many businesses and residents that have ongoing needs for lodging. Whether we host tourists visiting Silver Lake and Letchworth State Park, business people, in-laws, doctors and professionals, or families of those being treated at the County Hospital, Indus will provide a much-needed service.

The new Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham will provide services not reasonably accessible to residents of the Village, Wyoming County, or the thousands of business travelers and tourists that come to the area every year. Currently, regional information indicates that no hotels exist in the Village/Town of Warsaw. And, there are no major national brand hotels in Wyoming County. Reportedly, the closest name brand hotels are in Mt. Morris or Batavia some 20 to 30 minutes away, which takes people away from Warsaw and local amenities. Simply said, the lack of a major brand hotel is effectively forcing people away from the area and its inherent attractions.

Please receive this application and call me at 585-766-4615 if you have any questions. You may also send me an email at <a href="mailto:JMehta@indushg.com">JMehta@indushg.com</a>. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**Indus Hospitality Group** 

Jett Mehta

President & CEO

