

AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

COPY

THIS AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Agent Agreement"), made as of September 30, 2015, by and between the **ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Agency"), and **HARBORCENTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC**, a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with offices at First Niagara Center, One Seymour H. Knox III Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 293 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project located at 75 Main Street, Buffalo, New York (the "Project") consisting of: (i) a 1.77+/- acre parcel of land (the "Land"), (ii) the construction and/or renovation, upgrading and equipping of a 649,500+/- SF mixed-use facility to include 8,000+/- SF of retail space, 12,000+/- SF of restaurant space, a 144,000+/- SF full service hotel with 200+/- beds, a 115,000+/- SF hockey facility with two (2) ice rinks, and a 370,500+/- SF five-level parking garage (the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition and installation by the Company of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment," and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted on February 19, 2013 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of undertaking the Project and pursuant to the Resolution and this Agent Agreement, the Company has the power to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses including but not limited to the individuals and entities described on Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, the "Subagent"). The Company shall have the right to amend Schedule A from time to time and shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution, the Agency has conferred on the Company in connection with the Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits on the acquiring, constructing and/or equipping of the Facility, mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and real property tax abatement benefits (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") on the terms herein set forth, and on March 21, 2015, the Agency issued a Sales Tax Exemption Letter to the Company, evidencing the appointment of the Company as the agent of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the Company to act as agent of the Agency expired on September 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, per the terms of that certain Leaseback Agreement, by and between the Agency and the Company and dated as of March 1, 2013, the Agency reserved the right to extend the Company's agent appointment if the activities and improvements related to the Project are not completed by the original September 30, 2015 agent termination date; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that its appointment as agent of the Agency be extended through March 16, 2016, as it has not completed its activities and improvements related to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that it will extend the appointment of agent status to the Company through the requested March 16, 2016 date; and

WHEREAS, effective on June 1, 2014, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (the "Department") requires that agents of an Industrial Development Agency use new FORM ST-123, *IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate*, to make purchases exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the Agency requires this Agent Agreement be executed, and the Agency and the Company have agreed to execute this Agent Agreement to reflect the aforementioned requirement from the Department.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. Scope of Agency. The Company hereby agrees to limit its activities as agent for the Agency under the authority of the Resolution to acts reasonably related to the acquisition and installation of certain machinery, equipment and building materials, all for incorporation and installation thereof in and around the Facility. The right of the Company to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on **March 16, 2016**, unless extended as contemplated by the Resolution. The aggregate amount of work performed as agent for the Agency shall not exceed the amounts identified in the Resolution and Section 2(h) of this Agreement. All contracts entered into as agent for the Agency shall include the following language:

"This contract is being entered into by [NAME OF COMPANY OR NAME OF SUBAGENT] (the "Agent"), as agent for and on behalf of the **ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency"), in connection with a certain project of the Agency for the benefit of **HARBORCENTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC**, consisting in part of the acquisition and installation of certain machinery, equipment and building materials, all for incorporation and installation in certain premises located at 75 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Premises"). The acquisition of the machinery, equipment and building materials to be incorporated and installed in the Premises and all services and rentals of equipment related to the acquisition, construction and equipping of

the Project shall be exempt from all New York State and local sales and use taxes if the acquisition thereof is effected in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached sales tax exemption information letter of the Agency; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement by and between HARBORCENTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC and the Agency dated as of September 30, 2015. This contract is non-recourse to the Agency, and the Agency shall not be directly, indirectly or contingently liable or obligated hereunder in any manner or to any extent whatsoever. By execution or acceptance of this contract, the vendor/contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this paragraph."

2. Representations and Covenants of the Company. The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Agency to proceed with the Project/Facility:

(a) The Company is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, has the authority to enter into this Agent Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Agent Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature upon any of the property of the Company under the terms of any such instrument or agreement.

(c) The Facility and the operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, and building laws and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Facility, and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any liability or expenses resulting from any failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection (c).

(d) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, to which the Company is a party, and in which an adverse result would in any way diminish or adversely impact on the Company's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Agent Agreement.

(e) The Company covenants that the Facility will comply in all respects with all environmental laws and regulations, and, except in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, (i) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Facility except in compliance with all material applicable laws, (ii) that the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Facility or onto any other property, (iii) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Facility,

(iv) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Facility, and (v) that no investigation, order, agreement, notice, demand or settlement with respect to any of the above is threatened, anticipated, or in existence. The Company upon receiving any information or notice contrary to the representations contained in this Section shall immediately notify the Agency in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (except the Company), representatives, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, orders, liabilities, penalties, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related in any way to any violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the representations contained in this Section. In the event the Agency in its reasonable discretion deems it necessary to perform due diligence with respect to any of the above, or to have an environmental audit performed with respect to the Facility, the Company agrees to pay the expenses of same to the Agency upon demand.

(f) Any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall be located in the City of Buffalo, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.

(g) In accordance with the Resolution the Company further covenants that the purchase of goods and services relating to the Project and subject to New York State and local sales and use taxes are estimated in an amount up to \$85,714,300.00, and, therefore, the value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized and approved by the Agency, subject to Section 2(g) of this Agent Agreement, cannot exceed \$7,500,000.00.

(h) The Company further covenants and agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (NYS Form ST-60), in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, for each Subagent, if any, and such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and forward said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment.

(i) The Company acknowledges and agrees that all purchases made in furtherance of the Project shall be made using "IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibits B-1 and B-2), and it shall be the responsibility of the Company (and not the Agency) to complete NYS Form ST-123. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it shall identify the Project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and further indicate on such bills or invoices that the Company is making purchases of tangible personal property or services for use in the Project as agent of the Agency. For purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the bill or invoice should state, "I, [NAME OF COMPANY OR SUBAGENT], certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the HARBORCENTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC Project located at 75 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203, IDA Project Number "1404-13-08A". For convenience purposes, in the instance where the vendor does not print on each invoice the acknowledgment as described in the prior sentence, an "Invoice Rider" (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B-3) can be utilized for record keeping purposes.

(j) The Company further covenants and agrees to file an annual statement with the State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (NYS Form ST-340, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions the Company and its Subagents, if any, have claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on the Company with respect to the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 874(8). The Company further covenants and agrees that it will, within thirty (30) days of each filing, provide a copy of same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February 15th of each year. The Company understands and agrees that the failure to file such annual statement will result in the removal of the Company's authority to act as agent for the Agency.

(k) The Company acknowledges and agrees that, except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder.

(l) The Company covenants and agrees that at all times it will (i) maintain its existence and not dissolve, (ii) continue to be a limited liability company subject to service of process in the State and either organized under the laws of the State, or organized under the laws of any other state of the United States and duly qualified to do business in the State, (iii) not liquidate, wind-up or dissolve or otherwise sell, assign, or dispose of all or substantially all of its property, business or assets except this Agreement may be assigned to a Related Person of the Company (as that term is defined in subparagraph (C) of paragraph three of subsection (b) of section four hundred sixty-five of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, hereinafter "Related Person") without the receipt of the Agency's prior written consent and provided such assignee/successor entity shall reaffirm the Company's obligation's hereunder, and (iv) not consolidate with or merge into another entity or permit one or more entities to consolidate with or merge into it except upon receipt of the Agency's prior written consent and unless such merged or combined entity shall reaffirm the Company's obligation's hereunder. Granting or withholding of the Agency's consent shall be in the sole discretion of the Agency. A transfer in excess of 50% of the equity voting interests of the Company, other than to a Related Person of the Company, shall be deemed an assignment and require the prior written consent of the Agency.

(m) The Company agrees that it will, throughout the term of this Agent Agreement, promptly comply in all material respects with all statutes, codes, laws, acts, ordinances, orders, judgments, decrees, injunctions, rules, regulations, permits, licenses, authorizations, directions and requirements of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governments, departments, commissions, boards, companies or associations insuring the premises, courts, authorities, officials and officers, foreseen or unforeseen, ordinary or extraordinary, which now or at any time hereafter may be applicable to the Facility or any part thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Facility or any part thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may in good faith contest the validity of the applicability of any requirement of the nature referred to this Section 2(p). In such event, the Company, with the prior written consent of the Agency (which shall not be unreasonably conditioned, delayed or withheld) may fail to comply

with the requirement or requirements so contested during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Agency shall notify the Company that it must comply with such requirement or requirements.

3. Hold Harmless Provision. The Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency and its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (except the Company), representatives, successors and assigns harmless from and against, any and all (i) liability for loss or damage to property or injury to or death of any and all persons that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Facility or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence on, in or about the Facility or breach by the Company of this Agent Agreement or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, renovating, equipping, owning and leasing of the Equipment or of the Facility, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the fault or negligence on the part of the Agency, or any of its respective executive director, directors, members, officers, agents or employees and irrespective of the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability, except that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Agency or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

4. Insurance Required. Effective as of the date hereof and until termination of this Agent Agreement and/or Lease Agreement entered into with the Agency, Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be provided *by the Company and/or Project owner* evidencing that the following insurance is currently maintained and in force with an insurance carrier approved to do business in the State of New York and maintaining an A.M. Best Rating of A- or better showing the Erie County Industrial Development Agency as Certificate Holder.

Acceptable Certificates of Insurance shall indicate the following minimal coverage, limits of insurance, policy numbers and policy effective and expiration dates or as otherwise provided and reviewed and accepted by the Agency and their insurance representatives in their sole discretion.

(a) Commercial General Liability:

i) **Accepted Form: ACORD 25 (2009/09 or later revisions)**

ii) The Company shall provide evidence of insurance for the named insured's premises and operations, products-completed operations, blanket contractual liability on an occurrence basis and when applicable to multiple locations, have attached Designated Location(s) General Aggregate Limit CG 25 04 endorsement. **Limits expressed shall be no less than:**

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Per Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000

Fire Damage Liability	\$ 100,000
Medical Payments (per person)	\$ 5,000

The Agency shall be named as Additional Insured per ISO Form CG 20 26-Additional Insured Designated Person or Organization or such Additional Insured endorsement specifically designed for the Named Insured's operations. Such coverage should apply on a Primary & Non Contributory Basis. All insurance required of the Company shall waive any right of subrogation of the insurers against any person insured under such policy, and waive any right of the insurers to any off-set or counterclaim or any other deduction, whether by attachment or otherwise, in respect of any liability of any person insured under such policy.

(b) Umbrella/Excess Liability:

i) **Accepted Form: ACORD 25 (2009/09 or later revisions)**

ii) The Company shall provide evidence of Commercial Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance for a limit of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence with a \$5,000,000 Aggregate. The Agency shall be named as an Additional Insured either by the attachment of an Additional Insured endorsement or carrier specific endorsement allowing for following form Additional Insured status.

(c) Property Insurance/Builders' Risk Insurance:

i) **Accepted Forms: ACORD 27 (2009/12 or later revisions) or ACORD 28 (2009/12 or later revisions)**

ii) The Company and/or the Project owner shall provide evidence of insurance against all direct physical loss, including mechanical breakdown.

(d) Workers Compensation/Disability Insurance:

i) The Company and/or Project Owner shall provide evidence of insurance and maintain Workers Compensation/Disability insurance as required by statute.

ii) **Accepted Forms:**

Workers Compensation Forms		DBL (Disability Benefits Law) Forms	
CE-200	Exemption	CE-200	Exemption
C-105.2	Commercial Insurer	DB-120.1	Insurers
SI-12	Self Insurer	DB-155	Self Insured
GSI-105.2	Group Self Insured		
U-26.3	New York State Insurance Fund		

If the Company and/or Project owner have no employees, the Company and/or Project owner shall provide a completed and signed Form CE-200 or later revision, which is found on the New York State Workers Compensation

Board website: www.wcb.ny.gov/. This form is to be completed on-line, printed, and signed.

Agency Address:

All evidence of insurance shall be sent to:

Erie County Industrial Development Agency
95 Perry Street, Suite 403
Buffalo, NY 14203

5. Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance. (a) Such insurance may be written with deductible amounts comparable to those on similar policies carried by other companies engaged in businesses similar in size, character and other respects to those in which the Company is engaged. All policies evidencing such insurance shall provide for payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interests may appear. The Company shall cause all contractors and agents of the Company undertaking the Project to carry and provide evidence of insurance as required within Section 4(a) and 4(b) of this Agreement, with the Agency named as an additional insured.

(b) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers indicating that such insurance is in force and effect, and all policies (if applicable), shall be deposited with the Agency on the date hereof. At least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Agent Agreement.

6. This Agent Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute a single instrument.

7. All notices, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid, or by a nationally-recognized overnight courier, addressed as follows:

To the Agency: Erie County Industrial Development Agency
95 Perry Street, Suite 403
Buffalo, NY 14203
Attn: Chief Executive Officer

With a copy to: Harris Beach PLLC
726 Exchange Street, Suite 1000
Buffalo, NY 14210
Attn: Robert G. Murray, Esq.

To the Company: HARBORcenter Development, LLC
First Niagara Center
One Seymour H. Knox III Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14203

Attn: Clifford G. Benson, President

With a copy to: Hodgson Russ LLP
The Guaranty Building
140 Pearl Street, Suite 100
Buffalo, NY 14202
Attn: Terrence Gilbride, Esq.

or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

8. This Agent Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Erie County, New York.

9. The warranties, representations, obligations and covenants of the Company under this Agent Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional and shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Agent Agreement, shall be deemed to have been relied upon by the Agency, and shall survive the delivery and termination of this Agent Agreement to the Agency, regardless of any investigation made by the Agency. This Agent Agreement shall survive any termination or expiration of the Leaseback Agreement or the PILOT Agreement.

10. The Company agrees not to take title to any real property as agent for the Agency. The Agency will provide the Company with a bill of sale (a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D) which sells, transfers and delivers unto the Company and its successors and assigns, all Equipment which were acquired and installed and/or are to be acquired and installed by the Company as agent for the Agency pursuant to this Agent Agreement which Equipment is located or intended to be located at 75 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.

11. By executing this Agent Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (a) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's general counsel or bond/transaction counsel, (b) other consultants retained by the Agency, if any, in connection with the Project; in accordance with the terms of the Administrative Fee Agreement between the Company and the Agency, and (c) with respect to enforcing this Agent Agreement (including reasonable attorney fees). The Agency counsel fees are based upon the Company's representations made in its application for Agency assistance and as established in accordance with the Agency counsel fee schedule. The Company further covenants and agrees to make a non-refundable payment upon execution of this Agent Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Agency Counsel Fee Agreement. The Company further covenants and agrees that the Company is liable for payment to the Agency of all charges referred to above, as well as all other actual costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in undertaking the Project notwithstanding the occurrence of any of (i) the Company's withdrawal, abandonment, cancellation or failure to pursue the Project; (ii) the inability of the Agency or the Company to procure the services of one or more financial institutions to provide

financing for the Project; or (iii) the Company's failure, for whatever reason, to undertake and/or successfully complete the Project.

(Remainder of page intentionally left blank)

[Signature Page to Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agent Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Dated: 12/29/15

By: Karen M. Fiala

Name: Karen M. Fiala

Its: Assistant Treasurer

HARBORCENTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Dated: 1/20/16

By: Clifford G. Benson

Name: Clifford G. Benson

Title: President

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS¹

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

¹ FOR EACH AGENT APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY, A NYS FORM ST-60 MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY THE COMPANY WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE IDA UNIT INDICATING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH AGENT OF THE COMPANY.

EXHIBIT A

**FORM OF NYS FORM ST-60 TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPANY AND FILED WITH
THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT FOR EACH OF ITS SUBAGENTS WITHIN
THIRTY (30) DAYS OF APPOINTMENT**

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IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent

For Sales Tax Purposes

ST-60

(4/13)

The industrial development agency or authority (IDA) must submit this form within 30 days of the appointment of a project operator or agent, whether appointed directly by the IDA or indirectly by the operator or another agent.

For IDA use only

Name of IDA Erie County Industrial Development Agency		IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998) 1404-13-08A	
Street address 95 Perry Street, Suite 403		Telephone number (716) 856-6525	
City Buffalo		State NY	ZIP code 14203
Name of IDA project operator or agent X	Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: <input type="checkbox"/> No		Employer identification or social security number
Street address X	Telephone number ()	Primary operator or agent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
City X	State	ZIP code	
Name of project HARBORcenter Development, LLC		Purpose of project (see instructions) Other-Mixed Use	
Street address of project site 75 Main Street			
City Buffalo		State NY	ZIP code 14203
Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes Materials, equipment, services, rentals and other tangible personal property in connection with the construction and/or renovation, upgrading, and equipping of a Facility located at 75 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.			

Date project operator or agent appointed (mm/dd/yy) 02/19/13	Date project operator or agent status ends (mm/dd/yy) 03/31/16	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax: Approximately \$85,714,300.00 (all agents, all in)	Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided: Approximately \$7,500,000.00 (all agents, all in)	

Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully providing false or fraudulent information with this document may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and possible jail sentence. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of any information entered on this document.

Print name of officer or employee signing on behalf of the IDA Karen M. Fiala	Print title Assistant Treasurer
Signature <i>Karen M. Fiala</i>	Date 09/30/2015
	Telephone number (716) 856-6525

Instructions

Filing requirements

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date the IDA appoints any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and compensating use tax exemptions.

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the primary project operator or agent. If the IDA authorizes a project operator or agent to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA need not file this form if the IDA does not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

If an IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, the IDA must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

If an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an agent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA must, within 30 days, send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no longer valid, and the effective date of the change. It should attach to the letter a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA need not send a letter for a form that is not valid merely because the "Completion date of project" has passed.

Purpose of project

For Purpose of project, enter one of the following:

- Services
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing
- Finance, insurance, real estate
- Transportation, communication, electric, gas, sanitary services
- Construction
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Manufacturing
- Other (specify)

Mailing instructions

Mail completed form to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
IDA UNIT
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227**

Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information is maintained by the Manager of Document Management, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone (518) 457-5181.

Need help?



Internet access: www.tax.ny.gov
(for information, forms, and publications)



Sales Tax Information Center: (518) 485-2889

To order forms and publications: (518) 457-5431



Text Telephone (TTY) Hotline
(for persons with hearing and speech disabilities using a TTY): (518) 485-5082

EXHIBIT B-1

**NYS FORM ST-123
FOR
COMPANY**

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New York State Sales and Use Tax IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014

This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. See TSB-M-14(1.1)S, Sales Tax Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities, for more information.

Table with seller and agent information including name, address, city, state, ZIP code, and sales tax ID number.

Mark an X in one: [] Single-purchase certificate [] Blanket-purchase certificate (valid only for the project listed below)

To the seller:

You must identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser.

Project information

I certify that I am a duly appointed agent or project operator of the named IDA and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the following IDA project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes under my agreement with the IDA.

Table with project details including IDA name, project name, address, date of appointment, and IDA project number.

Exempt purchases

(Mark an X in boxes that apply)

- Options A, B, and C for exempt purchases: A. Tangible personal property... B. Certain utility services... C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property...

Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements and issue this exemption certificate with the knowledge that this document provides evidence that state and local sales or use taxes do not apply to a transaction or transactions for which I tendered this document...

Signature and Date fields for the purchaser or representative.

Instructions

To the purchaser

You may use Form ST-123 if you:

- have been appointed as an agent or project operator by an industrial development agency (IDA) and
- the purchases qualify for exemption from sales and use tax as described in the IDA contract.

You may use Form ST-123 as a single-purchase certificate or as a blanket certificate covering the first and subsequent purchases qualifying for the project listed.

Agent or project operator sales tax ID number — If you are registered with the Tax Department for sales tax purposes, you must enter your sales tax identification number on this certificate. If you are not required to be registered, enter *N/A*.

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A contractor or subcontractor not appointed as agent or project operator of an IDA must present suppliers with Form ST-120.1, *Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate*, when making purchases that are ordinarily exempt from tax in accordance with Tax Law sections 1115(a)(15) and 1115(a)(16). For more information, see Form ST-120.1.

Exempt purchases

To qualify, the purchases must be made within the authority granted by the IDA and used to complete the project (not to operate the completed project).

- Mark box A to indicate you are purchasing tangible personal property and services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) exempt from tax.
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Misuse of this certificate

Misuse of this exemption certificate may subject you to serious civil and criminal sanctions in addition to the payment of any tax and interest due. These include:

- A penalty equal to 100% of the tax due;
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To the seller

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As a New York State registered vendor, you may accept an exemption certificate in lieu of collecting tax and be protected from liability for the tax if the certificate is valid. The certificate will be considered valid if it is:

- accepted in good faith;
- in your possession within 90 days of the transaction; and
- properly completed (all required entries were made).

An exemption certificate is accepted in good faith when you have no knowledge that the exemption certificate is false or is fraudulently given, and you exercise reasonable ordinary due care. If you do not receive a properly completed certificate within 90 days after the delivery of the property or service, you will share with the purchaser the burden of proving the sale was exempt.

You must also maintain a method of associating an invoice (or other source document) for an exempt sale with the exemption certificate you have on file from the purchaser. You must keep this certificate at least three years after the due date of your sales tax return to which it relates, or the date the return was filed, if later.

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The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

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EXHIBIT B-2

**NYS FORM ST-123
FOR
SUBAGENTS OF COMPANY**

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New York State Sales and Use Tax

IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate

Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014

This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. See TSB-M-14(1.1)S, Sales Tax Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities, for more information.

Table with 2 columns: Seller information and Agent/Operator information. Includes fields for Name, Street address, City, State, ZIP code, and Sales tax ID number.

Mark an X in one: [] Single-purchase certificate [] Blanket-purchase certificate (valid only for the project listed below)

To the seller:

You must identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser.

Project information

I certify that I am a duly appointed agent or project operator of the named IDA and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the following IDA project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes under my agreement with the IDA.

Form for Project Information with fields for Name of IDA (Erie County Industrial Development Agency), Name of project (HARBORcenter Development, LLC), IDA project number (1404-13-08A), Street address (75 Main Street), City (Buffalo), State (NY), ZIP code (14203), and dates of appointment and status ending.

Exempt purchases

(Mark an X in boxes that apply)

- Three checkbox options: A. Tangible personal property or services... B. Certain utility services... C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property...

Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements and issue this exemption certificate with the knowledge that this document provides evidence that state and local sales or use taxes do not apply to a transaction or transactions for which I tendered this document and that willfully issuing this document with the intent to evade any such tax may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence.

Signature and Date fields for the purchaser or their representative.

Instructions

To the purchaser

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EXHIBIT B-3

INVOICE RIDER FORM

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INVOICE RIDER
(Complete and Attach to Invoice)

I, _____, the
_____ of _____

certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency ("Agency") and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the following Agency Project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes under the Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2015, by and between the Agency and HARBORcenter Development, LLC.

Name of the Project: HARBORcenter Development, LLC Project

Street address of the Project Site: 75 Main Street
City of Buffalo
Erie County, New York

IDA OSC project number: 1404-13-08A

EXHIBIT C

**NYS FORM ST-340 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMPANY AND FILED
ANNUALLY WITH THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 15TH OF EACH YEAR**

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Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Claimed by Agent/Project Operator of Industrial Development Agency/Authority (IDA)

For Period Ending December 31, _____ (enter year)

Project information

Name of IDA agent/project operator: HARBORcenter Development, LLC; Federal employer identification number (FEIN): 35-2455226; Street address: First Niagara Center, One Seymour H. Knox III Plaza; Telephone number: (716) 856-4428; City: Buffalo; State: NY; ZIP code: 14203.

Name of IDA: Erie County Industrial Development Agency; Name of project: HARBORcenter Development, LLC; Street address of project site: 75 Main Street; City: Buffalo; State: NY; ZIP code: 14203.

1 Project purpose (mark an X in the appropriate box): [] Services [] Construction [] Agriculture, forestry, fishing [] Wholesale trade [] Retail trade [] Finance, insurance or real estate [] Transportation, communication, electric, gas, or sanitary services [] Manufacturing [X] Other (specify) Mixed Use

2 Date project began (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____

3 Beginning date of construction or installation (mm/dd/yy; see instructions): ____/____/____; [] actual [] expected

4 Completion date of construction phase of project (mm/dd/yy; see instructions): ____/____/____; [] actual [] expected

5 Completion date of project (mm/dd/yy; see instructions): ____/____/____; [] actual [] expected

6 Duration of project (actual or expected; years/months): ____/____

7 Total sales and use tax exemptions (actual tax savings; NOT total purchases) 7 \$

Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully providing false or fraudulent information with this document may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and possible jail sentence. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of any information entered on this document.

Print name of officer, employee, or authorized representative signing for the IDA agent/project operator; Title of person signing; Signature; Date

Failure to annually file a complete report may result in the removal of authority to act as an IDA agent/project operator.

Mail completed report to: NYS Tax Department, IDA Unit, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.

General information

Who must file?

The General Municipal Law (GML) and the Public Authorities Law require the agent/project operator (also known as the *project occupant*) of an Industrial Development Agency or Authority (IDA) to file an annual report with the Tax Department. The agent/project operator required to file this report is the person **directly** appointed by the IDA to act for and to represent the IDA for the project. The agent/project operator is ordinarily the one for whom the IDA project was created.

There is usually only one agent/project operator directly appointed by the IDA for an IDA project. However, if the IDA directly appoints multiple agents/project operators, each agent/project operator must file this form (unless they are related corporations).

Only the agent/project operator(s) directly appointed by the IDA must file Form ST-340. Contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents appointed by the agent/project operator(s) should **not** themselves file Form ST-340. However, the agent/project operator(s) must include on Form ST-340 information obtained from such contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as described below.

What must be reported?

The report must show the **total value of all state and local sales and use taxes exempted** during the calendar year, as a result of the project's designation as an IDA project. This includes:

- the value of the exemptions obtained by the agent/project operator; and
- the value of the exemptions obtained by your contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others, whether or not appointed as agents of the IDA.

The report requires only the **total combined** exemptions obtained by the above people. A break down of the total is not required. However, since the report must include the value of the exemptions they obtained, the agent/project operator must keep records of the amounts others report to the agent/project operator.

It is important that the agent/project operator make it clear to the contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others that they must keep accurate tax information and have it available so that the agent/project operator can comply with the annual reporting requirements.

Do not include in this report the amount of any sales and use tax exemptions arising out of other provisions of the Tax Law (for example, manufacturer's production equipment exemption, research and development exemption, or contractor's exemption for tangible personal property incorporated into a project of an exempt organization).

See instructions below for additional information required.

When is the report due?

You must file Form ST-340 on a calendar-year basis. It is due by the last day of February of the following year. The reporting requirement applies to IDA projects started on or after July 21, 1993.

Project information

At the top of the form, identify the reporting period by entering the year in the space provided. If an address is required, always include the ZIP code.

Name of IDA agent/project operator

Enter the name, address, federal employer identification number (FEIN), and telephone number of the IDA agent/project operator.

Name of IDA agent/project operator's authorized representative

Enter the name, address, title (for example, attorney or accountant), and telephone number of the individual authorized by the IDA agent/project operator to submit this report.

Name of IDA

Enter the name and address of the IDA. If more than one IDA is involved in a particular project, the IDA agent/project operator must file a separate report for the tax exemptions attributable to each IDA.

Name of project

Enter the name of the project and the address of the project site. If the IDA agent is involved in more than one project, a separate report must be filed by the IDA agent/project operator for each project, even if authorized by the same IDA.

Line instructions

Line 1 — Project purpose — Mark an **X** in the box that identifies the purpose of the project. If you mark *Other*, please be specific in identifying its purpose.

Line 2 — Enter the date the project started (this means the earliest of the date of any bond or inducement resolution, the execution of any lease, or any bond issuance). Include month, day, and year.

Line 3 — Enter the date you, or your general contractor or subcontractor, actually began, or expect to begin, construction or installation on the project. Mark an **X** in the appropriate box to indicate if the date entered is actual or expected. If the project does not involve any construction, enter **Does not apply**.

Line 4 — Enter the date the construction phase of the project was completed or is expected to be completed. Mark an **X** in the appropriate box to indicate if the date entered is actual or expected.

Line 5 — Enter the date installation, lease, or rental of property (for example, machinery or computers) on the project ended or the date the project is expected to be completed. Mark an **X** in the appropriate box to indicate if the date entered is actual or expected.

Line 6 — Enter the total number of years and months from the project's inception to its completion or expected completion.

Line 7 — Enter the total amount of New York State and local sales and use taxes exempted during the reporting period (if none, enter **0**) as a result of the project's receipt of IDA financial assistance. This includes exemptions obtained at the time of purchase as well as through a refund or credit of tax paid. Include the sales and use taxes exempted on purchases of property or services incorporated into or used on the exempt project. This includes the taxes exempted on purchases made by or on behalf of the agent/project operator, the general contractor for the project, and any subcontractors, consultants, or others. Do **not** enter total purchases on line 7.

Signature area

Enter the name and title of the person signing on behalf of the IDA agent/project operator (for example, the IDA agent/project operator's officer, employee, or other authorized representative). The IDA agent/project operator's officer, employee, or authorized representative must sign the report. Enter the date signed.

Mail completed report to: **NYS Tax Department, IDA Unit, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.**

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EXHIBIT D

BILL OF SALE

ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York with offices at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Grantor"), for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration received by the Grantor from **HARBORCENTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC**, a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware with offices at First Niagara Center, One Seymour H. Knox III Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Grantee"), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Grantor, hereby sells, transfers and delivers unto the Grantee and its successors and assigns, the Equipment [as defined in the Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement dated September 30, 2015 (the "Agent Agreement")], which were acquired and installed and/or are to be acquired and installed by the Grantee as agent for the Grantor pursuant to the Agent Agreement, which Equipment is located or intended to be located at the Grantee's Facility located at 75 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the Grantee and its successors and assigns, forever.

THE GRANTOR MAKES NO WARRANTY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION, TITLE, DESIGN, OPERATION, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS OF THE EQUIPMENT OR ANY PART THEREOF OR AS TO THE SUITABILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT OR ANY PART THEREOF FOR THE GRANTEE'S PURPOSES OR NEEDS. THE GRANTEE SHALL ACCEPT TITLE TO THE EQUIPMENT "AS IS," WITHOUT RECOURSE OF ANY NATURE AGAINST THE GRANTOR FOR ANY CONDITION NOW OR HEREAFTER EXISTING. NO WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR MERCHANTABILITY IS MADE. IN THE EVENT OF ANY DEFECT OF DEFICIENCY OF ANY NATURE, WHETHER PATENT OR LATENT, THE GRANTOR SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT THERETO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this bill of sale to be executed in its name by the officer described below on the date indicated beneath the signature of such officer and dated as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

**ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Form Only - Do Not Sign

By: _____

Name: Karen M. Fiala

Title: Assistant Treasurer