

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION

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(7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 14th day of March, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Stephen Brady	Chairman
Mark A. Onesi	First Vice Chairman
Joan G. Aul	Second Vice Chairman
Kevin McCabe	Secretary
Jerald I. Wolfgang	Assistant Secretary
William L. Ross	Member
Arthur G. Pappas	Member
Daryl Bodewes	Member

ABSENT:

Willie C. Dunn	Member
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THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Susan C. Langdon	Director of Projects & Finance
Andrea Klyczek	Director of Regional & International Marketing
Michael Dudley	Finance Manager
Caroline Caruso	Accounting Associate
Barbara A. Gill	Administrative Coordinator
Mark Gabriele, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by **Ms. Aul**, seconded by **Mr. McCabe**, to wit:

Resolution No. 18-03-9.2.1

RESOLUTION OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS, LLC WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AGENCY FOR THE BENEFIT OF 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS, LLC OR AN ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED; (ii) AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (iv) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, **7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS, LLC**, and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 610 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 614 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 624 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 414 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 416 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 420 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 422 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 424 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 426 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 428 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY in the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "Land"), (B) the renovation of a 27,000 square foot mixed use facility, including commercial space and market rate housing (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements 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, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will hold public hearings and (i) negotiate an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, (ii) negotiate a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") and payment-in-lieu

of tax mortgage (the "PILOT Mortgage") with the Company, (iii) take or retain fee title to, leasehold or other interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility (once the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement and PILOT Mortgage have been negotiated), and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions related to the Project, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has scheduled public hearings and provided notice of the public hearings pursuant to Section 850-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agency must determine whether the undertaking of the Project and the providing of the contemplated financial assistance with respect to the same will be in conformance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (said law and regulations hereinafter collectively referred to as "SEQR").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in Niagara County and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

Section 2. For purposes of investigating the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review under SEQR with respect to the Project and determining whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such term is defined under SEQR), the Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to take the following actions:

(A) To obtain an Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF) with respect to the Project from the Company; and

(B) To review the EAF with counsel to the Agency and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with SEQR; and

(C) To contact all other "involved agencies" with respect to the Project for the purposes of ascertaining whether they are interested in undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project; and

(D) Upon completion of the foregoing, to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the environmental review process with respect to the Project.

Section 3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Executive Director and/or the Deputy Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to hold public hearings in compliance with the Act and negotiate (but not execute or deliver) the terms of (A) an Agent Agreement, whereby the Agency appoints the Company as its agent to undertake the Project and to immediately provide sales tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the renovation, construction and equipping of the project, (B) a Lease Agreement, whereby the Company leases the Facility to the Agency, (C) a related Leaseback Agreement, conveying the Facility back to the Company, (D) a PILOT Agreement, whereby the Company agrees to make certain payments-in-lieu-of real property taxes, (E) a PILOT Mortgage, securing the payment of the amounts due under the PILOT Agreement and (F) related documents; *provided*, (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

Section 4. The Agency is hereby authorized to conduct public hearings in compliance with the Act.

Section 5. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 6. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephen F. Brady	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mark Onesi	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Kevin McCabe	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Jerald I. Wolfgang	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Joan G. Aul	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Willie Dunn	[]	[]	[]	[X]
William L. Ross	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Arthur G. Pappas	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Daryl Bodewes	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

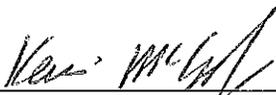
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF NIAGARA)

I, the undersigned Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on March 14, 2018 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of March, 2018.



Kevin McCabe, Secretary



**FINAL
RESOLUTION**

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A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 11th day of April, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Stephen Brady	Chairperson
Joan G. Aul	Second Vice Chairperson
Kevin McCabe	Secretary
Jerald I. Wolfgang	Assistant Secretary
William L. Ross	Member
Arthur G. Pappas	Member
Daryl Bodewes	Member

ABSENT:

Mark A. Onesi	First Vice Chairperson
Willie C. Dunn	Member

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Susan C. Langdon	Interim Executive Director
Andrea Klyczek	Director of Regional & International Marketing
Michael S. Dudley	Finance Manager
Caroline M. Caruso	Accounting Associate
Barbara A. Gill	Administrative Coordinator
Mark Gabriele, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by **Mr. Ross**, seconded by **Ms. Aul**, to wit:

Resolution No. 18-04-7.1.1

RESOLUTION OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC. AND/OR AN INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE, SUBSIDIARY, OR ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW); (ii) DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT; (iii) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT, PILOT MORTGAGE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND (iv) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF (A) A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT, (B) A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE FINANCING RELATED TO THE PROJECT; AND (C) A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE MORTGAGE RELATED TO THE PILOT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, **7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS, LLC.** and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 610 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 614 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 624 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 414 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 416 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 420 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 422 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 424 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 426 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 428 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY in the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "Land"), (B) the renovation of a 27,000 square foot mixed use facility, including commercial space and market rate housing (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); (D) the leasing of the Project back to the Company, and (E) the providing of financial assistance to the Company for qualifying portions of the Project in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage recording tax exemption, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Preliminary Resolution") accepting the Application and directing that a public hearing be held; and

WHEREAS, it was contemplated that the Agency would hold a public hearing and (i) negotiate an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, (ii) negotiate a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") and payment-in-lieu of tax mortgage (the "PILOT Mortgage") with the Company, (iii) take or retain fee title to, leasehold or other interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility (once the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement and PILOT Mortgage have been negotiated), and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage recording tax exemption for financing related to the Project, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of April, 2018, at 3:00p.m. at the Niagara Falls City Hall, 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14302, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency (the "Public Hearing") whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views. A copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing along with the Notice of Public Hearing published and forwarded to the affected taxing jurisdictions prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted to the Agency a Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") in compliance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, "SEQR") with respect to the Project, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities and retaining existing jobs in Niagara County and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

(E) The Project involves an "unlisted action" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA). The review is "uncoordinated" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA). Based upon the review by the Agency of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency and other representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that (i) the Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment; (ii) the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA) ; and (iii) no "environmental impact statement" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA) need be prepared for this action. This determination constitutes a "negative declaration" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA) for purposes of SEQRA. The Agency's findings are incorporated in Part II of the EAF.

Section 2. Subject to the Company executing an Agent Agreement by and between the Agency and the Company and the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency; (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on the date as indicated in the Agent Agreement (*unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency*).

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency may recover or recapture from the company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or (iv) the consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project. As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

Section 4. The Agency hereby confers on the Company in connection with the Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption benefit from all New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, (b) an exemption benefit from mortgage recording tax, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes benefit conferred through a certain Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. The Agency will provide the Company with Project incentives totaling \$171,500.00, comprised of sales and use tax exemption benefits of approximately \$152,000.00 and mortgage tax exemption benefits of \$19,500.00. To effectuate this Resolution, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate and execute (A) the Lease Agreement whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (B) the related Leaseback Agreement conveying the Project back to the Company, and (C) the PILOT Agreement with real property tax exemption benefits; provided (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

Section 5. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 6. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephen F. Brady	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Mark Onesi	[]	[]	[]	[X]
Kevin McCabe	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Jerald I. Wolfgang	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Joan G. Aul	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Willie C. Dunn	[]	[]	[]	[X]
William L. Ross	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Arthur G. Pappas	[X]	[]	[]	[]
David Bodewes	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

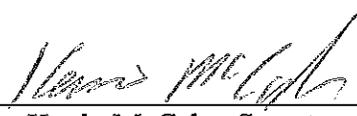
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF NIAGARA)

I, the undersigned Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 11, 2018 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 11th day of April, 2018.



Kevin McCabe, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

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March 15, 2018

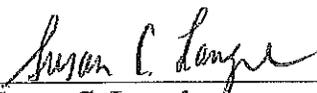
Re: 7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On **Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 3 p.m.** at the Niagara Falls City Hall, 745 Main Street, Room #117, Niagara Falls, New York 14302, the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the *Niagara Gazette* for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. The public hearing is being conducted in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Code and subdivision 2 of Section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a, as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 
Susan C. Langdon
Interim Executive Director

**NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 3rd day of April, 2018 at 3 p.m. local time, at Niagara Falls City Hall, Room #117, 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14302, in connection with the following matter:

7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC., and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 610 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 614 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 624 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 414 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 416 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 420 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 422 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 424 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 426 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 428 7th Street, Niagara Falls, NY in the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "Land"), (B) the renovation of a 27,000 square foot mixed use facility, including commercial space and market rate housing (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility").

The Agency will acquire title to, or a leasehold interest in, the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the Company will purchase the Facility from the Agency, or if the Agency holds a leasehold interest, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage tax exemption consistent with the policies of the Agency, and a partial real property tax abatement.

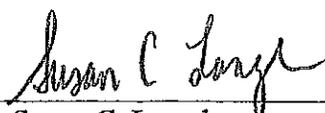
A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project application and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with Subdivision 2 of Section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law.

DATED: March 15, 2018

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: _____


Susan C. Langdon

Interim Executive Director

EXHIBIT B

Project : 610-624 Niagara St

Date : 10/6/2017

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

See attached resolution for full explanation of any and all potential impacts.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
City of Niagara Falls Planning Board as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.d).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: 7th and Niagara Project

Name of Lead Agency: City of Niagara Falls Planning Board

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Alan B. Nusbaum

Title of Responsible Officer: Environmental Planning / GIS Coordinator

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date: 11/15/2017

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Alan B. Nusbaum, Environmental Planning / GIS Coordinator

Address: 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069

Telephone Number: 716-286-4462

E-mail: Alan.Nusbaum@niagarafallsny.gov

For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT ACTION TO ISSUE SITE PLAN APPROVAL RELATIVE TO A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Name: 7th and Niagara Project

Location: 610, 614, 616 and 624 Niagara Street, as well as 414-428 7th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14301 (SBL #s 159.30-1-24, 159.30-1-25, 159.30-1-26, 159.30-1-27, 159.30-1-28, 159.30-1-29, 159.30-1-30, 159.30-1-32, 159.30-1-33, 159.30-1-34, and 159.30-1-36) ("Site")

SEQR Status: Type I XX Unlisted

Determination of Significance: Negative Declaration XX Positive Declaration

WHEREAS, the project consists of adaptive reuse of approximately 26,500 sq. ft. of building footprint including three, 3 story buildings to be redeveloped into one mixed-use building. The first phase of the proposed action includes commercial and retail on the ground floor with approximately 18 residential units above, and secure surface parking behind. This phase will be pursuing historic tax credits. The second phase includes new construction of a 3 story mixed-use approximately 45,000 sq. ft. building on currently vacant land along 7th Street ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC ("Applicant") has applied for site plan approval for the first phase of the Project from the City of Niagara Falls Planning Board ("Planning Board");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, et. seq., as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Planning Board must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to issuance of any site plan approval related to the Project; and

WHEREAS, while the pending site plan application only relates to Phase 1, the Planning Board must consider the potential environmental impacts of the entire Project to avoid any impermissible segmentation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, to aid the Planning Board in determining whether the full Project may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, the Planning Board has completed, received and/or reviewed (1) Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form, dated October 6, 2017; (2) Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment

Form; (3) correspondence from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“SHPO”), and correspondence from Empire State Development (“ESD”) and (4) other relevant environmental information as it relates to nearby potential concerns (collectively, 1, 2, 3, and 4, shall be referred to as the “Environmental Information”); and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2017, the Planning Board, via the City of Niagara Falls Office of Environmental Services, circulated notice of its intent to be Lead Agency for the Project with a copy of the Project Application and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form to all potentially Interested and Involved Agencies including SHPO, Empire State Development Corporation, The Niagara County Planning Board, the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency and the City of Niagara Falls City Council; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 days have passed since the circulation of the Lead Agency packages and no Interested or Involved Agency has contested the Planning Board’s intent to act as Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Planning Board, as Lead Agency, must conduct a review of the Project to determine whether the Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and whether an Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon a thorough review and examination of the Environmental Information and upon the Planning Board’s knowledge of the area surrounding the Site and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Planning Board has deemed appropriate, the Planning Board makes the following findings with respect to the Project:

(1) The Planning Board, acting as Lead Agency, is undertaking a Coordinated review of the Project in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA;

(2) Prior to making a determination about the potential environmental significance of the Project, the Planning Board has consulted several information sources, and has considered the list of activities which are Type I Actions outlined in Section 617.4 of the Regulations, the list of activities that are Type II Actions outlined in Section 617.5 of the Regulations, and the criteria for determining significance outlined in Section 617.7 of the Regulations; and

(3) In doing so, the Planning Board has determined that the Project shall be classified as a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA as a result of the proposed use of historic tax credits for the first

Phase of the Project which will require that the existing buildings on the Site be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(4) No potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted in the EAF and none are known to the Planning Board.

Section 2. Based upon the foregoing investigations of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and considering both the magnitude and importance of each environmental impact indicated, the Planning Board has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. The reasons supporting this determination are as follows:

1. Impact on Land. The Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use. The Project consists of the adaptive reuse of approximately 26,500 sq. ft. of building footprint including three, 3 story buildings to be redeveloped into one mixed-use building and the new construction of a 3 story mixed-use approximately 45,000 sq. ft. building on currently vacant land along 7th Street. The Project is consistent with the surrounding area and historical use at the Site, which is commercial and multi-residential in nature. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use.
2. Impact on Water. There are no wetlands on site, nor is the Project located within the one-hundred foot buffer area of any wetland. The Project will not create a new water body. The Project is not located in a designated 100 or 500 year floodplain. Stormwater will be handled via the City of Niagara Falls sewer system. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to water.
3. Impact on Air. The Project will not be a significant source of air emissions. The Project does not entail the types of activities or operations that require the Applicant to acquire an Air Facility Permit or that are associated with a significant potential for air emissions. Any potential impact on air as a result of construction activities will be minor, and temporary in nature. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to air resources.
4. Impact on Plants and Animals. The Land in the area of the Project does not possess significant ecological value as it is within a well-developed urban area in Downtown Niagara Falls. While the NYSDEC Mapper indicates that the Site contains a designated significant natural community, the Site has been previously developed and there is no evidence that a significant natural community exists at the Site. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to plants, animals or natural communities, wildlife habitat or wetlands.

5. Impact on Agricultural Land Resources. The Project is located in a well-developed urban area currently used for commercial and residential purposes. The Project will not involve the conversion or loss of agricultural land resources. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to agricultural land resources.
6. Impact on Aesthetic Resources. The Project is located in a well-developed urban area and is consistent with surrounding uses which are commercial and residential in nature. Moreover, the Project will result in the rehabilitation of long-abandoned vacant buildings thus resulting in aesthetic improvements to the Site. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to aesthetic resources. While the NYSDEC Mapper does identify a state park (Niagara Falls State Park) within five (5) miles of the Site, the Project will not be visible from any officially designated federal, state or local scenic or aesthetic resource as the closest park is approximately one – half (1/2) mile away. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to aesthetic resources.
7. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources. The Project, as inclusive of historic building stock, is eligible, and is being proposed to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, the Project consists of the renovation and preservation of certain structures on the land and any impacts to the buildings will be positive in nature and ensure the long-term preservation of these buildings. The Applicant is working with state and federal agencies and is in the process of obtaining historic tax credits in connection with the Project. This will ensure that the Project will not have an adverse impact upon historic resources. In terms of the new construction associated with the second phase of the Project, SHPO has recommended that any new construction be compatible with the scale, massing and materials of the surrounding neighborhood and the Applicant has indicated to the Planning Board that Applicant's intent is that any new construction proposed as part of the Project will be compatible with the scale, massing and materials of the surrounding neighborhood. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to historical or archaeological resources and, in fact, will result in rehabilitation and preservation of the existing historic structures on the Site.
8. Impact on Open Space and Recreation. The Project does not comprise public open space nor is the land or surrounding area currently used for public recreation. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to open space or recreational resources.
9. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas. The Land is not located in or substantially contiguous to any Critical Environmental Area ("CEAs"). Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to CEAs.

10. Impact on Transportation. The Project will not result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services. Any impacts to transportation from construction activities associated with the Project will be minor, and temporary in nature. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to transportation.
11. Impact on Energy. The Project may result in a slight increase in energy usage, however, existing utility lines serve the Project and no significant improvements are necessary to accommodate the Project. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to energy.
12. Impact on Noise and Odor. The Project is not expected to appreciably increase ambient noise levels or to create odors. The Project does not involve the types of activities that create significant noise or odors. Any impacts to noise and/or odor from construction activities will be minor, and temporary in nature. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to noise or odors.
13. Impact on Public Health. The Project does not entail the types of activities or operations that are associated with a significant potential for affecting public health, such as storing large amounts of hazardous or toxic materials. In fact, the rehabilitation of the existing vacant structures should have a beneficial impact on public health and safety and the general welfare of the community. While Part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form indicates that that property located across 7th Street at 710 Niagara (gas station) was once in the BCP program, any threat to public health from this site was addressed by the NYSDEC Spills Program. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to public health.
14. Impact on Growth and Character of the Community and Neighborhood. The Project will not result in significant population growth, and is in character with adjacent development and surrounding uses. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to the growth or character of the community.
15. Considering all of the above, the Project will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment and a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA is hereby issued.

Section 3. This Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

Section 4. The Planning Board hereby authorizes and directs appropriate personnel to distribute appropriate notice of this Resolution to all Interested and Involved Agencies

and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 6. For further information on this Determination of Significance/Negative Declaration contact:

Alan B. Nusbaum
Environmental Planning / GIS Coordinator
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069
716-286-4462
Alan.Nusbaum@niagarafallsny.gov

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

[LIST NAMES OF MEMBERS PRESENT]	[AYE OR NAY]
Mr Kazeangin	Aye
Mr Murphy	Aye
Mr Polka	Aye
Mr Smeal	Aye
Ms Williams	Aye
Mr Smith	Aye
Mr Palmer	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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City of Niagara Falls, New York

P.O. Box 69, Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069

November 15th, 2017

NIAGARA FALLS PLANNING BOARD

APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN

Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Office on the 15th day of November 2017 your request is hereby APPROVED.

NAME OF OWNER: 7th & Niagara Holdings LLC

ADDRESS OF ACTION: 414,416,420,422,424,426 and 428 7th Street and
610,614,616 and 624 Niagara Street

PURPOSE: Proposal to revitalize site into a mixed use
development that includes 18 market rate
apartments, 9,600 sq ft ground floor
commercial space and gated parking lot.

This application is hereby APPROVED with attached conditions.

DATE: November 15th, 2017


Tony M. Palmer, Chairman
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes

ST-60

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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 Niagara County Industrial Development Agency		IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998) 2903 18-02	
Street address 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive - Suite One		Telephone number (716) 278-8760	
City Sanborn		State NY	ZIP code 14132-9099
Name of IDA project operator or agent 7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC	Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employer identification or social security number 36-4878314	
Street address 2760 Kenmore Avenue		Telephone number (716) 876-8899	Primary operator or agent? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City Tonawanda		State NY	ZIP code 14150
Name of project 7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC Project		Purpose of project (see instructions) renovation of existing building(s)	
Street address of project site 616 Niagara Street		State NY	ZIP code 14303
City Niagara Falls			
Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes Renovate approximately 27,000 sq ft of existing building for commercial space and market rate housing.			

Date project operator or agent appointed (mm/dd/yy) 04/11/18	Date project operator or agent status ends (mm/dd/yy) 12/31/20	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project: <input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax: \$1,900,000.00 (ALL AGENTS, ALL IN)	Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided: \$152,000.00 (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 Susan C. Langdon	Print title Executive Director
Signature <i>Susan C. Langdon</i>	Date 1/18/19
	Telephone number (716) 278-8760

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
WA 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, 1036, 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

**SALES TAX
EXEMPTION
LETTER**

Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

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January 18, 2019

7th and Niagara Holdings LLC
2760 Kenmore Avenue
Tonawanda, New York 14150

**Re: 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC -- Sales Tax Exemption Letter
Expiring December 31, 2020**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a resolution duly adopted on April 11, 2018, the **Niagara County Industrial Development Agency** (the "Agency") appointed **7th and Niagara Holdings LLC** (the "Company") its true and lawful agent to undertake a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York in the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "Land"), (B) the renovation of a 27,000 square foot mixed use facility, including commercial space and market rate housing (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); (D) the leasing of the Project back to the Company, and (E) the providing of financial assistance to the Company for qualifying portions of the Project in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage recording tax exemption, consistent with the policies of the Agency; and

This appointment includes, and this letter evidences, authority to purchase on behalf of the Agency all materials to be incorporated into and made an integral part of the Facility and the following activities as they relate to any renovation, erection and completion of any buildings, whether or not any materials, equipment or supplies described below are incorporated into or become an integral part of such buildings: (1) all purchases, leases, rentals and other uses of tools, machinery and equipment in connection with the renovation and equipping, (2) all purchases, rentals, uses or consumption of supplies, materials, utilities and services of every kind and description used in connection with the renovation and equipping, and (3) all purchases, leases, rentals and uses of equipment, machinery and other tangible personal property (including installation costs), installed or placed in, upon or under such building or facility, including all repairs and replacements of such property.

This agency appointment includes 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. 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. **The Company hereby agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (Form ST-60) for itself and each agent, subagent, contractor, subcontractor, contractors or subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and execute said form as agent for the Agency (or have the general contractor, if any or other designated subagent execute) and forward said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of sales tax exemptions for the Facility.**

In exercising this appointment, the Company and/or Project Operator should give the supplier or vendor "IDA Agent or Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123) to show that the Company and/or Project Operator is acting as agent for the Agency. The supplier or vendor should identify the Facility on each bill or invoice and indicate thereon that the Agency or Agent or Project Operator of the Agency was the purchaser. The Company's agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors should give the supplier or vendor a copy of this letter to show that the Company, its agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors are each acting as agent for the Agency. The supplier or vendor should identify the Facility on each bill or invoice and indicate thereon which of the Company, its agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors acted as agent for the Agency in making the purchase. In order to be entitled to use this exemption, your contractor should present to the supplier or other vendor of materials for the Facility, a completed "Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-120.1), checking box "(a)" and "(d)".

In addition, General Municipal Law §874(8) requires you to file an Annual Statement with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (Form ST-340) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions you, your agents, consultants or subcontractors have claimed pursuant to the agency we have conferred on you with respect to this project. The penalty for failure to file such statement is the removal of your authority to act as our agent. Upon each such annual filing, the Company shall, within thirty (30) days of each filing, provide a copy of the same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February fifteen (15th) of each year.

The agency created by this letter is limited to the Facility, and will expire on December 31, 2020; provided, however, the exemption for leases executed prior to said date shall continue through the term or extended term of said lease and any acquisition of said leased property. You may apply to extend this agency authority by showing good cause.

This letter is being issued pursuant to the Agent and Financial Assistant and Project Agreement, dated January 1, 2019, by and between the Agency and the Company (the "Agent Agreement"). All agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make

purchases for the benefit of the Project should be aware of the Agent Agreement and obtain a copy thereof.

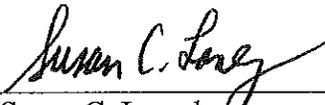
This letter is provided for the sole purpose of securing exemption from New York State Sales and Use Taxes for this project only. No other principal/agent relationship is intended or may be implied or inferred by this letter.

With respect to registered vehicles acquired by the Company in name of the Agency, the Agency shall transfer title to such vehicles immediately back to the Company, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable; and any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall be located in the City of Niagara Falls, New York, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.

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. By acceptance of this letter, the vendor hereby acknowledges the limitations on liability described herein.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 
Name: Susan C. Langdon
Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE A

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**AGENT &
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AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Agent Agreement"), made as of the 1st day of January, 2019, by and between the **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York 14132 (the "Agency"), and **7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC**, a New York limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 2760 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, New York 14150 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 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, Company has submitted an application ("the Application") to the Agency, requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York in the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "Land"), (B) the renovation of a 27,000 square foot mixed use facility, including commercial space and market rate housing (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements 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 April 11, 2018 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of undertaking the Project subject to the Company entering into this Agent Agreement; 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: (a) an exemption benefit from all New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, and (b) an exemption benefit from mortgage recording tax, (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption benefit, and the mortgage recording tax benefit are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 859-a and 874 of the Act, the Agency requires, as a condition and as an inducement for it to provide any Financial Assistance, that the Company enter into this Agent Agreement for the purposes of, among other things, to govern administration of and provide assurances with respect to the provision and recapture of said Financial Assistance upon the terms herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company; and

WHEREAS, no agent status in favor of the Company or any subagent thereof, nor any amount of Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company by the Agency prior to the effective date of this Agent Agreement.

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. Purpose of Project and Scope of Agency. The purpose of the Agency's provision of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Project facility to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Niagara, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment, and other commitments of the Company contained herein and within the Company's Application.

Pursuant to the Resolution, the Agency has appointed the Company as agent to undertake the Project, as defined herein and within the Resolution. 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. 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. The Company's right to appoint subagents is expressly conditioned upon updating of Schedule A, hereto, along with the timely filing of Form ST-60 (non-primary) for each subagent, with such updated Schedule A and a copy of and proof of filing of such ST-60 (non-primary) being immediately filed with the Agency. The right of the Company and all duly appointed subagents to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on December 31, 2019, unless extended as contemplated by the Resolution. The aggregate amount of work performed by the Company and all subagents as agent for the Agency shall not exceed the amounts identified in Section 2(h)(i) of this Agreement.

All contracts entered into by the Company and all subagents thereof as agent for the Agency shall include the language contained within Schedule B, hereto. Failure by the Company and/or any subagent thereof to include such language shall disqualify the agent status and sales tax exemptions derived by virtue of this Agent Agreement. The Company, for itself and on behalf of all duly appointed subagents, hereby agrees that all contracts entered into by the Company and any subagents thereof shall be available to the Agency for inspection and confirmation of the foregoing mandatory language.

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 New York, has the authority to enter into this Agent Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement.

(b) To the best of the Company's knowledge, 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) To the best of the Company's knowledge, without investigation or inquiry, 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 material 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 a known 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, with removal of any asbestos from the Facility in compliance with applicable laws being permitted; (iv) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Facility except as permitted by applicable laws, and (v) that, to the best of the Company's knowledge without investigation or inquiry, 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, third-party out-of-pocket costs, orders, liabilities, penalties, and expenses (including reasonable outside attorneys' fees) related in any way to any material violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the material 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 after the Company's failure to undertake such performance of due diligence or environmental audit within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice from the Agency of Company's failure to perform such due diligence or environmental audit, the Company agrees to pay the reasonable, third-party, out-of-pocket 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 Niagara Falls, New York, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.

(g) In accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the policies of the Agency, and the Resolution, the Company covenants and agrees that it may be subject to a Recapture Event Determination (as hereinafter defined) resulting in the potential recapture and/or termination of any and all Financial Assistance, as described below, if the Company receives, or any duly appointed subagents receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, and it is determined by the Agency that:

(1) the Company or its Subagents, if any, authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; or

(2) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized by the Agency to be taken by the Company or its Subagents, if any; or

(3) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or

(4) the Company has made a material false or misleading statement, or omitted any material information which, if included, would have rendered any information in the application or supporting documentation false or misleading in any material respect, on its application for Financial Assistance; or

(5) the Company fails to meet and maintain the thresholds and requirements representing certain material terms and conditions, all as further defined below, being the purposes to be achieved by the Agency with respect to its determination to provide Financial Assistance to the Project and required by the Agency to be complied with and adhered to, as evidenced by submission, as so required by the Agency, of written confirmation certifying and confirming on an annual basis beginning in the first year in which Financial Assistance is so claimed, through the conclusion of the later of either: (i) two (2) years following the construction completion date or (ii) the termination of this

Agent Agreement (said date hereinafter referred to as the "Project Completion Date" and the time period so referenced being hereinafter defined as the "Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period") confirming those items and conditions in respect to job creation and retention and capital investment.

In order to certify and verify the foregoing, the Company shall provide annually, to the Agency, a certified statement and documentation: i) enumerating the full time equivalent jobs retained and the full time equivalent jobs created as a result of the financial assistance, by category, including full time equivalent independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, (ii) indicating that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that was provided in the application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if it is not still accurate, providing a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created, and (iii) such other information, as so requested from time to time, to enable the Agency to assess the progress of the Project toward achieving the investment, job retention, job creation, or other objectives of the Project indicated in the Application for Financial Assistance.

The Company shall annually complete and submit to the Agency the Annual Employment and Financial Assistance Certification Report in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. In addition, Company shall complete and submit to the Agency upon the completion of construction the Final Project Cost and Financing Report in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit G**. **Failure by the Company to complete and submit said forms to the Agency by February 15 of each applicable year during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder, whereby the Agency, in its sole and absolute discretion, may terminate this Agreement and undertake a Recapture Event Determination.**

The findings made by the Agency with respect to Section 2(g)(1), (2), (3) and/or (4) and/or failure to provide the written confirmation as required by Section 2(g)(5) with respect to the thresholds and requirements as identified in Section 2(g)(5), above, and/or failure to meet the thresholds and requirements as identified in Section 2(g)(5) above, may potentially be determined by the Agency, in accordance with the Agency's "Recapture Policy", to constitute a failure to comply with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, and/or a failure to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services or Agency Financial Assistance in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project, and/or a failure to comply with the Agency's policies and Resolution (collectively, findings and determinations made as described herein with respect to Section 2(g)(1), (2), (3) and/or (4) and/or the failure under Section 2(g)(5) to submit the required certification and/or the failure to meet the required thresholds and requirements as specified in Section 2(g)(5) are hereby defined as a "Recapture Event Determination"). If the Agency makes a Recapture Event Determination, the Company agrees and covenants that it will (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any or all Financial Assistance obtained by the Company and (ii) promptly pay over any or all such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Agency shall then redistribute such amounts to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction(s). The Company further understands and agrees that in the event that the Company fails to pay over such amounts to the Agency, the New York State Tax

Commissioner and/or local taxing authorities may assess and determine the Financial Assistance due from the Company, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

(h) In accordance with the Resolution and the Cost-Benefit Analysis (the "CBA") disclosed by the Agency at its public hearing for the Project (the "Public Hearing"), the Company further: (i) 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 \$1,900,000.00, 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 \$152,000.00, and (ii) confirms that real property tax abatement benefits to be provided to the Company shall conform to those disclosed within the CBA at the Public Hearing for the Project, a copy of such CBA is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

(i) 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.

(j) 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, and NYS Form ST-120.1 copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibits B-1 and B-2** respectively, and it shall be the responsibility of the Company (and not the Agency) to complete NYS Form ST-123 and NYS Form ST-120.1. 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, 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC, certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the 7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC Project located at 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York in the City of Niagara Falls, New York, IDA Project Number 2903-18-02. 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.

(k) 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.

(l) 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.

(m) The Company covenants and agrees that at all times during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period, 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. This Agreement may not be assigned in whole or part without the prior written consent of the Agency

(n) The Company confirms and acknowledges under the penalty of perjury that, to the best of its knowledge, as of the date hereof, the Company, as owner, occupant, or operator of the Project receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency in connection with the Project, is in substantial compliance with all applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations. 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(n). 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 third-party, out-of-pocket 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 outside attorneys' fees and any other third-party, out-of-pocket 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 of its respective executive director, directors, members, officers, agents or employees or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

4. Insurance Required. At all times throughout the term of the Leaseback Agreement, including without limitation during any period of construction of the Facility, the Company shall maintain or cause to be maintained insurance against such risks and for such amounts as are customarily insured against by businesses of like size and type paying, as the same become due and payable, all premiums in respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:

(a) Insurance against loss or damage by fire, lightning and other casualties, with a uniform standard extended coverage endorsement, such insurance to be in an amount not less than the full replacement value of the Facility, exclusive of excavations and foundations, as determined by a recognized appraiser or insurer selected by the Company; or as an alternative to the foregoing the Company may insure the Facility under a blanket insurance policy or policies covering not only the Facility but other properties as well, provided a periodic appraisal is performed and provided to the Agency.

(b) Worker's compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Agency or the Company is required by law to provide, covering loss resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company who are located at or assigned to the Facility.

Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities imposed by law or assumed in any written contract (including the contractual liability assumed by the Company under Section 5.2 hereof) and arising from personal injury and death or damage to the property of others caused by any accident or occurrence, with limits of not less than **\$1,000,000** per accident or occurrence on account of personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and **\$1,000,000** per accident or occurrence on account of damage to the property of others, excluding liability imposed upon the Company by any applicable workmen's compensation law; and a blanket excess liability policy in the amount not less than **\$3,000,000**, protecting the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury or property damage.

Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance.

(c) All insurance required by Section 3.4(a) hereof shall name the Agency as a named insured and all other insurance required by Section 3.4 above shall name the Agency as an

additional insured. All insurance shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the Company and authorized to write such insurance in the State. 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 (i) payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interest may appear, and (ii) at least thirty (30) days' written notice of the cancellation thereof to the Company and the Agency to the extent permitted by the applicable policy with the Company to provide proof of continuing insurance as required hereby on request by the Agency.

(d) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers that such insurance is in force and effect, shall be deposited with the Agency on or before the commencement of the term of this Leaseback Agreement. 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 Leaseback Agreement.

(e) Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each of its fiscal years, the Company shall file with the Agency a certificate of the Company to the effect that the insurance it maintains with respect to the Project complies with the provisions of this Article III and that duplicate copies of all policies or certificates thereof have been filed with the Agency and are in full force and effect.

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: Niagara County Industrial Development Agency
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One
Sanborn, New York 14132

With a copy to: Gabriele & Berrigan P.C.
800 Main Street, 4th Floor, Suite B
Niagara Falls, New York 14304
Attn: Mark J. Gabriele, Esq.

To the Company: 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC
2760 Kenmore Avenue
Tonawanda, New York 14150
Attn: Matthew Montante

With a copy to: Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP
50 Fountain Plaza
Suite 1700
Buffalo, New York 14202
Attn: Blaine Schwartz, 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 Niagara 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 as described below.

10. The parties are contemplating that unless the Agency and Company enter into a Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), and related Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), 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 E**) 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 within and used exclusively in furtherance of the operations of the Facility.

11. By executing this Agent Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all third-party, out-of-pocket fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (a) reasonable outside legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's outside bond/transaction counsel, (b) other reasonable and necessary consultants retained by the Agency, if any, in connection with the Project; and (c) with respect to Agency's enforcement of any event of default or failure to comply with the terms of this Agent Agreement (including reasonable outside attorney fees). 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 third-party, out-of-pocket 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.

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[Signature Page to Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement]

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

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**7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC, by
7th and Niagara Managing Member LLC, its
Managing Member**

By: _____
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Title: Manager

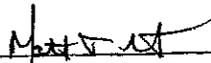
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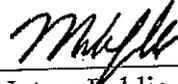
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7th and Niagara Managing Member LLC, its
Managing Member**

By: 
Name: Matthew Montante
Title: Manager

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State of New York)
County of Niagara) ss.:

On the 10th day of January in the year 2019, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared **Susan C. Langdon**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.



Notary Public
Mark J. Gabriele
Qualified in Niagara county
No. 4948558
Notary Public, State of New York
My Commission Expires 03/20/2019

State of New York)
County of Niagara) ss.:

On the ___ day of January in the year 2019, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared **Matthew Montante**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

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SCHEDULE B

MANDATORY AGENT AND SUBAGENT CONTRACT LANGUAGE

"This contract is being entered into by **7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS LLC** (the "Agent"), as agent for and on behalf of the **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency"), in connection with a certain project of the Agency for the benefit of **7TH AND NIAGARA HOLDINGS 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 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York in the City of Niagara Falls, New York 14303 (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 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC and the Agency dated as of January 1, 2019. 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."

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



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 Niagara County Industrial Development Agency		IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998) 2903 17-10A	
Street address 111 Inducon Corporate Drive - Suite One		Telephone number (716) 278-8760	State NY
City Niagara Falls		ZIP code 14132-9099	
Name of IDA project operator or agent		Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephone number ()		Employer identification or social security number	
Street address		Primary operator or agent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
City		State	ZIP code
Name of project Th and Niagara Holdings, LLC Project		Purpose of project (see instructions) renovation of existing building(s)	
Street address of project site 116 Niagara Street		State NY	ZIP code 14303
City Niagara Falls			
Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes Renovate approximately 27,000 sq. ft of existing building for commercial space and market rate housing.			

Date project operator or agent appointed (mm/dd/yy) 04/11/18	Date project operator or agent status ends (mm/dd/yy) 12/31/20	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project: <input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax: \$1,900,000.00 (ALL AGENTS, ALL IN)		Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided: \$152,000.00 (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	Print title
Signature	Date
	Telephone number ()

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.

Mailing instructions
Mail completed form to:
**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
IDA UNIT
WA 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, WA Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone (518) 457-5181.

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	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

- 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)

EXHIBIT B-1

NYS FORM ST-123
FOR
COMPANY

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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. Do not use this form to purchase motor fuel or diesel motor fuel exempt from tax. See Form FT-123, IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate for Fuel.

Name of seller			Name of agent or project operator		
Street address			Street address		
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code	City, town, or village	State	ZIP code
Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions)					

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.

Name of IDA Niagara County Industrial Development Agency			IDA project number (use OSC number) 2903 18-02		
Name of project 7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC					
Street address of project site 616 Niagara Street					
City, town, or village Niagara Falls			State NY	ZIP code 14303	
Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator (mm/dd/yy) 04 / 11 / 18			Enter the date that agent or project operator status ends (mm/dd/yy) 12 / 31 / 20		

Exempt purchases

(Mark an X in boxes that apply)

- A. Tangible personal property or services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project
- B. Certain utility services (gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, refrigeration, or steam) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project
- C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle

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. I understand that this document is required to be filed with, and delivered to, the vendor as agent for the Tax Department for the purposes of Tax Law section 1838 and is deemed a document required to be filed with the Tax Department for the purpose of prosecution of offenses. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of tax exclusions or exemptions claimed and the accuracy of any information entered on this document.

Signature of purchaser or purchaser's representative (include title and relationship)	Date
Type or print the name, title, and relationship that appear in the signature box	

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*.

Industrial development agencies and authorities (IDAs) are public benefit corporations under General Municipal Law Article 18-A and the Public Authorities Law, for the purpose of promoting, developing, encouraging, and assisting in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities in New York State.

IDAs are exempt from the payment of sales and use tax on their purchases, in accordance with Tax Law section 1116(a)(1). However, IDAs do not normally make direct purchases for projects. Commonly, IDAs instead appoint a business enterprise or developer, contractor, or subcontractor as its agent or project operator. Such purchases made by the agent or project operator, acting within the authority granted by the IDA, are deemed to be made by the IDA and therefore exempt from tax.

Example 1: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment necessary for completion of the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X rents a backhoe and a bulldozer for site preparation, purchases concrete and lumber to construct a building, and purchases machinery to be installed in the building. All these purchases by contractor X as agent of the IDA are exempt from tax.

Example 2: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment to be incorporated into the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X makes the same purchases as in Example 1. Since the concrete, lumber, and machinery will actually be incorporated into the project, contractor X may purchase these items exempt from tax. However, rental of the backhoe and bulldozer is not exempt since these transactions are normally taxable and the IDA agreement does not authorize contractor X to make such rentals as agent of the IDA.

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.
- Mark box B to indicate you are purchasing certain consumer utility services used in completing the project exempt from tax. This includes gas, electricity, refrigeration, and steam; and gas, electric, refrigeration, and steam services.
- Mark box C to indicate you are purchasing a motor vehicle or tangible personal property related to a qualifying motor vehicle exempt from tax.

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;
- A \$50 penalty for each fraudulent exemption certificate issued;
- Criminal felony prosecution, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence; and
- Revocation of your *Certificate of Authority*, if you are required to be registered as a vendor. See TSB-M-09(17)S, *Amendments that Encourage Compliance with the Tax Law and Enhance the Tax Department's Enforcement Ability*, for more information.

To the seller

When making purchases as agent or project operator of an IDA, the purchaser must provide you with this exemption certificate with all entries completed to establish the right to the exemption. 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.

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.

Privacy notification

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EXHIBIT B-2

**NYS FORM ST-120.1
FOR
SUBAGENTS OF COMPANY**

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New York State and Local Sales and Use Tax Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate

To be used **only** by contractors who are registered with the Tax Department for sales tax purposes.

To vendors:

You must collect tax on any sale of taxable property or services unless the contractor gives you a properly completed exemption certificate not later than 90 days after the property is sold or service is rendered. In addition, you must keep the certificate for at least three years, as explained in the instructions.

To contractors and vendors: read the instructions on pages 3 and 4 carefully before completing or accepting this certificate.

Name of vendor			Name of purchasing contractor		
Street address			Street address		
City	State	ZIP code	City	State	ZIP code

- I have been issued a New York State Certificate of Authority, _____, to collect New York State and local sales and use tax, and this certificate has not expired or been suspended or revoked.
(enter your sales tax vendor identification number)
- The tangible personal property or service being purchased will be used on the following project:
renovation, updating and equipping mixed use commercial space and market rate housing.
located at 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
for and with 7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC
pursuant to prime contract dated _____
- These purchases are exempt from sales and use tax because:
(Mark an X in the appropriate box; for further explanation, see items A through O in instructions.)

A. The tangible personal property is to be used in the above project to create a building or structure or to improve real property or to maintain, service, or repair a building, structure, or real property, owned by an organization exempt under section 1116(a) of the Tax Law. *(For example, New York State government entities, United States governmental entities, United Nations and any international organization of which the United States is a member, certain posts or organizations of past or present members of the armed forces, and certain nonprofit organizations and Indian nations or tribes that have received New York State sales tax exempt organization status).* The tangible personal property will become an integral component part of such building, structure, or real property.

B. The tangible personal property is production machinery and equipment, and it will be incorporated into real property.

C. The tangible personal property will be used:

- In an Internet data center, or
- directly and predominantly in connection with telecommunications services for sale or Internet access services for sale, or
- directly and predominantly by a television or radio broadcaster in connection with producing or transmitting live or recorded programs.

D. The tangible personal property, including production machinery and equipment, is for installation in the above project and will remain tangible personal property after installation.

Note: This certificate is not valid unless the purchaser completes the certification on page 2.

- E. The tangible personal property will be used predominantly either in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both.
- F. The machinery or equipment will be used directly and predominantly to control, prevent, or abate pollution or contaminants from manufacturing or industrial facilities.
- G. The tangible personal property will be used to erect, add to, improve, repair, maintain, or service a building, structure, or real property owned by a qualified empire zone enterprise (QEZE), and will become an integral component part of such building, structure, or real property. (Note: Item G purchases are exempt from the New York State tax rate and from the 3/8% Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD) rate. Item G purchases may be exempt from local taxes. See instructions.)
- H. The tangible personal property is residential solar energy systems equipment. (Note: Item H purchases are exempt from the 4% New York State tax rate and from the 3/8% MCTD rate. Item H purchases may be exempt from local taxes. See instructions.)
- I. The tangible personal property will be used directly and exclusively in adding to, altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's leased premises for use as commercial office space in Eligible Area A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, *Tangible Personal Property Purchased for Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower Manhattan*, provided that the tangible personal property becomes an integral component part of the building in which the leased premises are located, and where such property is purchased during the first

year of the qualifying tenant's lease and delivered to the leased premises no later than 90 days after the end of that first year.

- J. The services are for the project described in line 2 above and will be resold. (This includes trash removal services in connection with repair services to real property.)
- K. The trash removal service being performed for the above project is in connection with a capital improvement to the real property of an organization exempt under section 1116(a) of the Tax Law.
- L. The services are to install, maintain, service, or repair tangible personal property used in an Internet data center, for telecommunication or Internet access services, or for radio or television broadcast production or transmission.
- M. The services are to install, maintain, service, or repair tangible personal property that will be used predominantly either in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both.
- N. The services are to install residential solar energy systems equipment.
- O. The services are to install tangible personal property purchased during the first year of the qualifying tenant's lease and delivered to the leased premises no later than 90 days after the end of that first year, that will be used directly and exclusively in adding to, altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's leased premises for use as commercial office space in Eligible Area A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, *Tangible Personal Property Purchased for Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower Manhattan*.

Caution: Contractors may not use this certificate to purchase services exempt unless the services are resold to customers in connection with a project. Construction equipment, tools, and supplies purchased or rented for use in completing a project but that do not become part of the finished project may not be purchased exempt from tax through the use of this certificate.

I certify that the above statements are true and complete, and I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully issuing a false or fraudulent certificate, with the intent to evade tax, is a misdemeanor under section 1817(m) of the New York State Tax Law and Section 210.45 of the Penal Law, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 for an individual or \$20,000 for a corporation. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of exemptions claimed or the accuracy of any information entered on this form.

Type or print name and title of owner, partner, etc. of purchasing contractor	
Signature of owner, partner, etc.	Date prepared

Substantial penalties will result from misuse of this certificate.

Instructions

Only a contractor who has a valid *Certificate of Authority* issued by the Tax Department may use this exemption certificate. The contractor must present a properly completed certificate to the vendor to purchase tangible personal property, or to a subcontractor to purchase services tax exempt. This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

The contractor may use this certificate to claim an exemption from sales or use tax on tangible personal property or services that will be used in the manner specified in items A through K below. The contractor may not use this certificate to purchase tangible personal property or services tax exempt on the basis that Form ST-124, *Certificate of Capital Improvement*, has been furnished by the project owner to the contractor. The contractor must use a separate Form ST-120.1, *Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate*, for each project.

Purchase orders showing an exemption from the sales or use tax based on this certificate must contain the address of the project where the property will be used, as well as the name and address of the project owners (see page 1 of this form). Invoices and sales or delivery slips must also contain this information (name and address of the project for which the exempt purchases will be used or where the exempt services will be rendered, as shown on page 1 of this form).

Use of the certificate

This certificate may be used by a contractor to claim exemption from tax only on purchases of **tangible personal property** that is:

- A. Incorporated into real property under the terms of a contract entered into with an exempt organization that has furnished the contractor with a copy of Form ST-119.1, *Exempt Organization Exempt Purchase Certificate*, governmental purchase order, or voucher.
- B. Incorporated into real property and is production machinery or equipment for which the customer has given the contractor a copy of Form ST-121, *Exempt Use Certificate*.
- C. Used in one of the following situations:
 - Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property related to providing Web site services for sale to be installed in an Internet data center. (Examples of qualifying machinery, equipment, and tangible personal property include: computer system hardware, pre-written software, storage racks for computers, property relating to building systems designed for an Internet data center such as interior fiber optic and copper cable, property necessary to maintain the proper temperature and environment such as air filtration and air conditioning, property related to fire control, power generators, protective barriers, property that when installed will constitute raised flooring, and property related to providing security to the center.) The customer must furnish the contractor a completed Form ST-121.5, *Exempt Use Certificate for Operators of Internet Data Centers (Web Hosting)*.
 - Used directly and predominantly in the receiving, initiating, amplifying, processing, transmitting, re-transmitting, switching, or monitoring of switching of telecommunications services for sale, or Internet access service for sale.
 - Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (including parts, tools, and supplies) used by a television or radio broadcaster directly and predominantly in the production and post-production of live or recorded programs used by a broadcaster predominantly for broadcasting by the broadcaster either over-the-air or for transmission through a cable television or direct broadcast satellite system. (Examples of exempt machinery and equipment include cameras, lights, sets, costumes, and sound equipment.) This exemption also includes machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used by a broadcaster directly and predominantly to transmit live or recorded programs. (Examples of exempt machinery and equipment include amplifiers, transmitters, and antennas.)
- D. Installed or placed in the project in such a way that it remains tangible personal property after installation. The contractor must collect tax from its customer when selling such tangible personal property or related services to the customer, unless the customer gives the contractor an appropriate and properly completed exemption certificate.
- E. Used predominantly (more than 50%) either in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both, for which the customer has provided the contractor a completed Form ST-125, *Farmer's and Commercial Horse Boarding Operator's Exemption Certificate*. The exemption is allowed on tangible personal property whether or not the property is incorporated into a building or structure.
- F. Machinery or equipment used directly and predominantly to control, prevent, or abate pollution or contaminants from manufacturing or industrial facilities.
- G. Incorporated into a building, structure, or real property located in the empire zone in which the qualified empire zone enterprise (QEZE) has qualified for tax benefits. The exemption is allowed on the New York State tax rate and on the 3/8% MCTD rate. The exemption does not apply to Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) taxes in New York City, or to county, city, or school district taxes, unless New York City or the county, city, or school district elects the exemption. In that case, purchases are exempt from the full, combined New York State and local tax rate. See Publication 718-Q, *Local Sales and Use Tax Rates on Sales to a Qualified Empire Zone Enterprise (QEZE)*, for a listing of sales tax rates pertaining to the QEZE exemption. The customer must furnish the contractor a completed Form ST-121.6, *Qualified Empire Zone Enterprise (QEZE) Exempt Purchase Certificate*.
- H. Residential solar energy systems equipment. *Residential solar energy systems equipment* means an arrangement of or combination of components installed in a residence that utilizes solar radiation to produce energy designed to provide heating, cooling, hot water, and/or electricity. The exemption is allowed on the New York State 4% tax rate and where applicable, the 3/8% MCTD rate. The exemption does not apply to local taxes unless the locality specifically enacts the exemption. Note: No local exemption may be effective before December 1, 2005. The customer must furnish the contractor with a completed Form ST-121, *Exempt Use Certificate*, by completing the box marked *other*. For the definition of *residence* and for an exception relating to recreational equipment used for storage, as well as for other pertinent information, see TSB-M-05(11)S, *Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Residential Solar Energy Systems Equipment*.
- I. Delivered and used directly and exclusively in adding to, altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's leased premises for use as commercial office space in Eligible Area A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, *Tangible Personal Property*

Purchased for Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower Manhattan, provided that the tangible personal property becomes an integral component part of the building in which the leased premises are located, and where such property is purchased within the first year of the qualifying tenant's lease.

This certificate may also be used by a contractor to claim exemption from tax on the following services:

- J. Installing tangible personal property, including production machinery and equipment, that does not become a part of the real property upon installation.
Repairing real property, when the services are for the project named on the front of this form and will be resold.
Trash removal services rendered in connection with repair services to real property, if the trash removal services will be resold.
Note: Purchases of services for resale can occur between prime contractors and subcontractors or between two subcontractors. The retail seller of the services, generally the prime contractor, must charge and collect tax on the contract price, unless the project owner gives the retail seller of the service a properly completed exemption certificate.
- K. Trash removal services purchased by a contractor and rendered in connection with a capital improvement to an exempt organization's property.
- L. Installing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing tangible personal property used for Web hosting, telecommunication or Internet access services, or by a broadcaster (described in C on page 3).
- M. Installing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing tangible personal property that will be used predominantly either in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both (described in E on page 3).
- N. Installing residential solar energy systems equipment (described in H on page 3).
- O. Installing tangible personal property delivered to and used directly and exclusively in adding to, altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's leased premises for use as commercial office space in Eligible Area A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, *Tangible Personal Property Purchased for Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower Manhattan*, provided that the tangible personal property becomes an

integral component part of the building in which the leased premises are located.

To the purchaser

Warning for misuse of this form

Any person who intentionally issues a false exemption certificate to evade sales and compensating use tax may be assessed for the tax evaded, and will be subject to a penalty of 100% of the tax due and a penalty of \$50 for each such certificate issued. The purchaser will also be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 (\$20,000 for a corporation). Other penalties may also apply.

In addition, your *Certificate of Authority*, allowing you to make certain tax-free purchases, may be revoked, prohibiting you from conducting any business in New York State for which a *Certificate of Authority* is required.

To the vendor

Do not accept this certificate unless all entries have been completed. The contractor must give you a properly completed exemption certificate **no later than 90 days after delivery** of the property or service; otherwise, the sale will be deemed to have been taxable at the time the transaction took place. When a certificate is received after the 90 days, both the seller (vendor) and contractor assume the burden of proving that the sale was exempt, and both may have to provide additional substantiation.

Your failure to collect sales or use tax, as a result of accepting an improperly completed exemption certificate or receiving the certificate more than 90 days after the sale, will make you personally liable for the tax plus any penalty and interest charges due.

You must keep this exemption certificate for at least three years after the due date of the last return to which it relates, or after the date when the return was filed, if later. You must also maintain a method of associating an exempt sale made to a particular customer with the exemption certificate you have on file for that customer.

Caution: You will be subject to additional penalties if you sell tangible personal property or services subject to tax, or purchase or sell tangible personal property for resale, without possessing a valid *Certificate of Authority*. In addition to the criminal penalties imposed under the New York State Tax Law, you will be subject to a penalty of up to \$500 for the first day on which such a sale or purchase is made, plus up to \$200 for each subsequent day on which such a sale or purchase is made, up to the maximum allowed.

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Hotline for the hearing and speech impaired:

If you have access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), contact us at 1 800 634-2110. If you do not own a TDD, check with independent living centers or community action programs to find out where machines are available for public use.



Persons with disabilities: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call 1 800 972-1233.

EXHIBIT B-3

INVOICE RIDER FORM

I, _____, the
_____ of _____ certify
that I am a duly appointed agent of the Niagara 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 January 1,
2019, by and between the Agency and 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC.

Name of the Project: 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC Project
Street address of the Project Site: 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York
IDA OSC project number: 2903-18-02

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		Federal employer identification number (FEIN)	
Street address		Telephone number ()	
City		State	ZIP code
Name of IDA agent/project operator's authorized representative, if any		Title	
Street address		Telephone number ()	
City		State	ZIP code
Name of IDA			
Name of project			
Street address of project site			
City		State	ZIP code

- 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
 - Other (specify) _____

- 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	\$
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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

Instructions

General information

Who must file?

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

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

Each agent/project operator(s) directly appointed by the IDA must file Form ST-340. Contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents hired 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?

Your report must show the total value of all state and local sales and taxes exempted during the calendar year, as a result of the project's status 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.

Your report requires only the total combined exemptions obtained by the people. A break down of the total is not required. However, since your 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.

Your report must 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 the 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 projects started on or after July 21, 1993.

What report 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 is involved in more than one project, a separate report must be filed for each 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.

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

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, 428, 476, 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.

EXHIBIT D

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

[attached]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS
7th and Niagara Holdings, LLC

Estimated State & Regional Benefits / Estimated Project Incentives Analysis		
Total State and Regional Benefits	\$2,519,823	
Total Project Incentives	\$ 171,500	
Benefit to Cost Ratio	14.7:1	
Projected Employment	State	Region
Total Employment	88	88
Direct*	23	23
Indirect**	12	12
Induced***	17	17
Temporary Construction (Direct and Indirect)	36	36

Estimated State and Regional Benefits	
Total State and Regional Benefits	\$2,519,823
Property Tax/PILOT revenue	\$ 992,688
Income Tax Revenue	\$ 926,870
Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 600,265

Estimated Project Incentives	
Total Project Incentives	\$ 171,500
Mortgage Recording Tax	\$ 19,500
Sales Tax	\$ 152,000

- ** Direct - The recipient of IDA assistance adds new jobs to the regional economy and/or retains jobs at risk of being lost to another region. Investments that result in displacing existing jobs (e.g., most retail and many service sector industries) do not fall under this definition.
- ** Indirect - The recipient of IDA assistance makes purchases from regional firms, which stimulates suppliers to add jobs and payroll that are new to the regional economy or are saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.
- *** Induced - The recipient of IDA assistance by adding to and/or retaining payroll stimulates household spending that is new to the regional economy and/or saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.

Utilizing InformANALYTICS modeling software, an economic impact analysis was conducted to measure new investment and employment for the project. This software is a widely accepted and an industry standard for economic impact modeling measuring employment and salary impacts and facility output on the community for a given project.

EXHIBIT E

BILL OF SALE

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York with offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York 14132 (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 **7th and Niagara Holdings LLC.**, a New York corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 2760 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, New York 14150 (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 January 1, 2019 (the "Agent Agreement"), as may be amended from time to time, 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 616 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

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 OR 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 ____.

**NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Form Only - Do Not Sign

By: _____

Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT F

**FORM OF ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION REPORT**

Company name and address: 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC

2760 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Project Name: 7th and Niagara Holdings LLC Project

Job Information

Current number of full time equivalent employees ("FTE") retained at the project location, including FTE contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, by job category:

Category	FTE	Average Salary and Fringe Benefits or Ranges
Management	_____	_____
Professional	_____	_____
Administrative	_____	_____
Production	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

Current number of full time equivalent employees ("FTE") created at the project location, including FTE contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, by job category:

Category	FTE	Average Salary and Fringe Benefits or Ranges
Management	_____	_____
Professional	_____	_____
Administrative	_____	_____
Production	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

A copy of the NYS 45 form for the project location is required to be submitted with this report. If the NYS 45 form is not available for the specific project location or the form does not accurately reflect the full time jobs created, an internal payroll report verifying

the total jobs by employment category as outlined above at the location is required with this submission.

Financing Information

Has the Agency provided project financing assistance (generally through issuance of a bond or note)

Yes No

If financing assistance was provided, please provide:

- Original principal balance of bond or note issued _____
- Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31 _____
- Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31 _____

Final maturity date of the bond or note _____

Sales Tax Abatement Information

Did your Company or any appointed subagents receive Sales Tax Abatement for your Project during the prior year?

Yes No

If so, please provide the amount of sales tax savings received by the Company and all appointed subagents _____

(Attach copies of all ST-340 sales tax reports that were submitted to New York State by the Company and all subagents for the reporting period. Please also attached all ST-60's filed for subagents for the reporting period)

Mortgage Recording Tax Information

Did your company receive Mortgage Tax Abatement on your Project during the prior year?

Yes No

(note this would only be applicable to the year that a mortgage was placed upon the Project, so if the Agency did not close a mortgage with you during the reporting period, the answer should be no)

The amount of the mortgage recording tax that was exempted during the reporting period: _____

PILOT INFORMATION:

County Real Property Tax without PILOT
City/Town Property Tax without PILOT
School Property Tax without PILOT
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT PILOT

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Total PILOT Payments made for reporting period:

\$ _____

Whether paid separately or lump sum to Agency for distribution, please provide break down of allocation of PILOT Payment to individual taxing jurisdictions:

County PILOT	\$ _____
City/Town PILOT	\$ _____
Village PILOT	\$ _____
School PILOT	\$ _____
TOTAL PILOTS	\$ _____

Net Exemptions \$ _____
(subtract Total PILOTS from TOTAL property taxes without PILOT)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information on this form is correct. I further certify that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for the categories of jobs retained and the jobs created that was provided in the Application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if not, I hereby attach a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in enforcement of provisions of my agreement, including but not limited to voidance of the agreement and potential claw back of benefits.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

(authorized company representative)

Date: _____

EXHIBIT G

FINAL PROJECT COST AND FINANCING REPORT

A. **Actual costs for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and/or equipping of the project by the applicant.**

Actual Costs Eligible for Sales Tax Exemption Benefit

a. Building Construction or Renovation Costs	a.	\$	
b. Sitework	b.	\$	
c. Non-manufacturing Equipment	c.	\$	
d. Furniture, Fixtures	d.	\$	
e. Other (specify)	e.	\$	
f. Subtotal	f.	\$	

Actual Costs Not Subject to Sales Tax

g. Land and/or building purchase	g.	\$	
h. Manufacturing Equipment	h.	\$	
i. Soft Costs (Legal, Architect, Engineering)	i.	\$	
j. Other (specify)	j.	\$	
k. Subtotal	k.	\$	

Total Project Costs **f & k** \$

B. Indicate how the project was financed

a. Tax-Exempt IRB	a.	\$
b. Tax-Exempt Bond	b.	\$
c. Taxable IRB	c.	\$
d. Bank Financing	d.	\$
e. Public Financing	e.	\$
f. Equity	f.	\$
TOTAL SOURCES		\$
Estimated Amount of Mortgage		\$

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the information on this form is correct. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may be subject to penalty of perjury and result in enforcement of provisions of my agreement, including but not limited to voidance of the agreement and potential claw back of benefits.

Signed: _____

(authorized company representative)

Date: _____

**NO
PILOT
NEEDED
FOR
THIS
PROJECT
PER
MARK GABRIELE
09/14/19**