

NCIDA

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Each applicant seeking assistance must complete the accompanying application material which includes the Application for Assistance and Environmental Assessment form. A non-refundable application fee of \$1,000.00 must be included with this application, payable to the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency. Every project seeking NCIDA assistance must use best efforts to use local labor for the construction of new, expanded or renovated facilities.

Please answer all questions. Use "none" or "not applicable" where necessary. Information in this application may be subject to public review under New York State Law, except for information that is considered deniable by the Freedom of Information Law. This form is available online at our web page at www.nccedev.com.

I. APPLICANT DATA

A.

APPLICANT NAME Roger L. Urban, Inc., DBA Platters Chocolates

ADDRESS 954 Oliver Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP North Tonawanda, NY 14120

B. **APPLICANT'S OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION**

NAME John DiGuiseppe

TITLE VP of Business Development

MAILING ADDRESS 954 Oliver Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP North Tonawanda, NY 14120

TELEPHONE 716-863-6900

FAX 716-693-2055

E-MAIL john@platterschocolates.com

APPLICANT'S TAX ID NUMBER 16-1437819

- C. **BUSINESS TYPE**
- Sole Proprietorship
 - Partnership
 - Privately-held Corporation
 - Public Corporation
 - Not-for-Profit Corporation
 - LLC
 - Other

D. **STATE OF INCORPORATION:**

NY

- E. **IS APPLICANT AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN NEW YORK STATE?** Yes No

F. **PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS (Owners of 20% or more of Stock Outstanding)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Corporate Title</u>
Sharon DiGuseppe	31	Vice-President
Joseph Urban	31	President
Bruce Urban	31	Secretary

G. **Has the Applicant (or any related entity) received previous NCIDA assistance?**

- Yes No

If yes, please give year(s) and project location

H. **APPLICANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL**

FIRM NAME Colucci & Gallaher, P.C.

ADDRESS 424 Main Street, Suite 2000

CITY/STATE/ZIP Buffalo, NY 14202

TELEPHONE 716-853-4080

ATTORNEY'S NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

II. PROJECT & OCCUPANCY DATA

A. LOCATION OF PROPOSED PROJECT FACILITY

ADDRESS 908 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

PRINCIPAL USE Manufacturing

SBL # 176.16-2-1

ZONING Commercial/M-1

B. INDICATE MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION

TOWN _____

VILLAGE _____

CITY North Tonawanda

SCHOOL DISTRICT North Tonawanda Central

C. CURRENT OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

CURRENT OWNER Wurlitzer Industrial Park

CURRENT ASSESSMENT 850,000

CURRENT TAXES (ANNUAL) 0.00

CURRENT BUSINESS OPERATING AT LOCATION? No

IF YES, EXPLAIN: _____

D. Who are the principal user(s) of the facility (the "Company")? If there are multiple users, please indicate on attached sheet. If same as Applicant indicate the "same" below.

COMPANY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

CONTACT _____

TELEPHONE _____

TAX ID # _____

% OF FACILITY TO BE OCCUPIED BY COMPANY _____

E. Are other facilities or related companies located within New York State: Yes No

LOCATION _____

If there are other company facilities within the State, will any of these close or be subject to reduced activity?

Yes No

F. Has the company actively sought sites and/or facilities in another country or state?

Yes No

If yes, please describe on separate sheet.

G. Description of project (check one or more)

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Construction	Sq. Footage	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addition to existing facility	Sq. Footage	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renovation and modernization of existing facility		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquisition and modernization of existing facility		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New machinery and equipment	Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Production <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify) _____		

- H. **Provide a general narrative description of the project, including history and background on user(s) of the facility. Provide information on (Appendix A) for user(s) of the facility. Describe reasons why this project is necessary and its effect it will have on Applicant. Include site plans, renderings, photos, etc.**

Platters has outgrown their current facility and will be moving to larger space at the Wurlitzer Building to accommodate expanded production and tours. The expansion project will include the addition of 35 new jobs over the next 5 years.

III. COMPANY EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

- A. **Total current employment within Niagara County is**

FULL-TIME: 15

PART-TIME: _____

Current Annual Payroll Including benefits

\$ 996,000.00

- B. **Projected Employment:**

Applicant or principal user(s) must complete Appendix A.

IV. EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Every project seeking NCIDA assistance must use best efforts to use Niagara County labor for the construction of new, expanded or renovated facilities. This requirement includes all project employees of the General Contractor, Subcontractor or sub to a Subcontractor, working on the project. Applicant agrees and understands the obligations herein, and agrees to transmit and convey in a timely fashion this requirement to all applicable contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and materialmen.

A. Will Niagara County contractors and/or subcontractors be utilized for the construction project?

Yes No

B. What is the estimated number of construction jobs to be created at the project site from

Niagara County: 12 Erie County: 2 Other Areas: 0

V. APPLICANT PROJECT COSTS AND FINANCING

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

Estimated Costs Eligible for Sales Tax Exemption Benefit

a. Building Construction or Renovation Costs	a. \$450,000
b. Sitework	b. \$
c. Non-manufacturing Equipment	c. \$
d. Furniture, Fixtures	d. \$50,000
e. Other (specify)	e. \$
f. Subtotal	f. \$500,000

Estimated Costs Not Subject to Sales Tax

g. Land and/or building purchase	g. \$
h. Manufacturing Equipment	h. \$450,000
i. Soft Costs (Legal, Architect, Engineering)	i. \$150,000
j. Other (specify)	j. \$
k. Subtotal	k. \$600,000

Total Project Costs	f & k \$1,100,000
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B. Indicate how the project will be 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. \$135,000.

TOTAL SOURCES	\$
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Estimated Amount of Mortgage	\$
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C. If applicant expects the Tax-Exempt IRB to exceed \$1,000,000, what is the dollar value of "capital expenditures" that the applicant and company, or any related company or person, has expended within the last three years in the municipality in which the proposed project is to be located and expects to expend in that municipality three years after the bond issue?

[Empty text box]

D. Has the applicant made any arrangements for the financing of the project? Yes No

If so, please specify bank, underwriter, etc.

M&T Bank

VI. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

A. What is the proposed commencement date of construction or acquisition of the project?

April 1, 2016

B. Outline the timetable for the project, indicating when project will be in full use.

Buildout to begin in April with occupation to begin in August and fully operational in September.

VII. REPRESENTATIONS BY THE APPLICANT

The Applicant understands and agrees with the Agency as follows:

- A. Job Listings. In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division (the "DOL") and with the administrative entity (collectively with the DOL, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (Public Law 97-300) ("JTPA") in which the Project is located.
- B. First Consideration for Employment: In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the Applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in JTPA programs who shall be referred by the JTPA Entities for new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project.
- C. Annual Sales Tax Filings: In accordance with Section 874(8) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any sales tax exemptions as part of the Financial Assistance from the Agency, in accordance with Section 874(8) of the General Municipal Law, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the annual form prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance, describing the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or subcontractors retained by the Applicant.
- D. Annual Employment Reports: The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the Agency, on an annual basis, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site.
- E. Absence of Conflicts of Interest: The Applicant has received from the Agency a list of the members, officers and employees of the Agency. No member, officer or employee of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction contemplated by this Application, except as hereinafter described: _____.
- F. Local Labor: The Applicant understands that the residents of Niagara County will be providing assistance to the project. The Applicant further understands that every project seeking NCIDA assistance must use best efforts to use Niagara County labor for the construction of new, expanded or renovated facilities. This requirement includes all project employees of the General Contractor, Subcontractor or sub to a Subcontractor, working on the project. Applicant agrees and understands the obligations herein, and agrees to transmit and convey in a timely fashion this requirement to all applicable contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and materialmen.

G. Hold Harmless. Applicant hereby releases Niagara County Industrial Development Agency and the members, officers, servants, agents and employees thereof (the "Agency") from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by (A) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the attached Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the Project described therein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested therein are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction and/or installation of the Project described therein and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project; including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. Applicant hereby understands and agrees, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, that any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption claimed by Applicant and approved by the Agency in connection with the Project may be subject to recapture by the Agency under such terms and conditions as will be set forth in the Agent Agreement to be entered into by and between the Agency and the Applicant. The Applicant further represents and warrants that the information contained in this Application, including without limitation information regarding the amount of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, is true, accurate and complete. If, for any reason, the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations, or fails, within a reasonable or specified period of time, to take reasonable, proper or requested action, or withdraws, abandons, cancels or neglects the Application, or if the Agency or the Applicant are unable to reach final agreement with the respect to the Project, then, in the event, upon presentation of an invoice regarding the same, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agent or assigns, all incurred by the Agency in the processing of the Application, including attorneys' fees, if any.

Name of Applicant's Officer Responsible for Completing Application:

(Please Print)

JOHN DiGIUSEPPE

Signature

John DiGiuseppe

Date of Application

4-1-2016

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

New York State law requires that an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) must be completed and submitted along with this application. Attach the EAF which was submitted to the municipality.

CERTIFICATION

John DiGuiseppe

Name of chief executive of the company submitting application

Deposes and says that he/she is the _____ of _____, the corporation named in the attached application; that he/she has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his/her knowledge. Deponent further says the reason this verification is made by the deponent and not by _____, (company name) is because the said company is a corporation. The grounds of deponent's belief relative to all matters in the said application which are not stated upon his/her own personal knowledge are investigations which deponent has caused to be made concerning the subject matter of this application as well as information acquired by deponent in the course of his/her duties as an officer of and from the books and papers of said corporation.

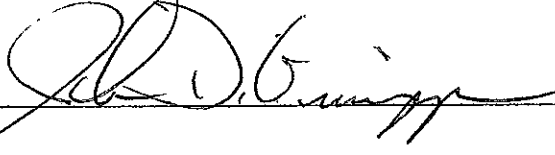
As officer of said corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "applicant") deponent acknowledges and agrees that applicant shall be and is responsible for all costs incurred by the nonprofit Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") acting on behalf of the attached application whether or not the application, the project it describes, the attendant negotiations and ultimately the necessary issue of bonds and/or completion of the lease/leaseback transaction are ever carried to successful conclusion. If, for any reason whatsoever, the applicant fails to act within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper, or requested actions or withdraws, abandons, cancels, or neglects the application or if the Agency or applicant are unable to identify buyers willing to purchase the total bond issue required or facilitate the lease/leaseback transaction, then upon presentation of invoice, applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, or assigns all actual costs involved in conduct of the application, up to that date and time, including but not necessarily limited to fees of bond counsel for the Agency and fees of general counsel for the Agency. Upon successful conclusion and sale of the required bond issue or completion of the lease/leaseback transaction, the applicant shall pay to the Agency an administrative fee set by the Agency. The cost incurred by the Agency and paid by the applicant, including bond counsel and the Agency's general counsel's fees and the administrative fee, may be considered as a cost of the project and included as part of the resultant bond issue or lease/leaseback transaction.

Applicant hereby releases Niagara County Industrial Development Agency and the members, officers, servants, agents and employees thereof (the "Agency") from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by (A) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the attached Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the Project described therein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested therein are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction and/or installation of the Project described therein and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project; including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. Applicant hereby understands and agrees, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, that any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption claimed by Applicant and approved by the Agency in connection with the Project may be subject to recapture by the Agency under such terms and conditions as will be set forth in the Agent Agreement to be entered into by and between the Agency and the applicant.

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JOHN DiBUISSEPPE VP OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Print Name of Chief Executive



Signature

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT*

	Full-Time	+	Part-Time	Total	Total Payroll*
Total number of employees within Niagara County at the date of Application	24	+	8	32	996000
Total number of employees to be directly <u>IMPACTED</u> by the project	24	+	8	32	996000
ADD: Number of new jobs to be created during the first year after completion:	9	+	9	18	268000
Total end of First Year:	33	+	17	50	1264000
ADD: Number of new jobs to be created during the second year after completion:	3	+	4	7	294639
Total end of Second Year:	36	+	21	57	1558639
ADD: Number of new jobs to be created during the third year after completion:	2	+	5	7	288361
Total end of Third Year:	38	+	26	64	1847000
Estimated Average annual salary of NEW jobs created:				25000	
Expected high salary of NEW jobs created:				37000	
Expected low salary of NEW jobs created:				18000	

List types of jobs (i.e. production, managerial, clinical, engineering, etc.) to be created.
production, management

*Applicant or principal user(s) as noted in Section III B of application (includes benefits)

John D. DiGiuseppe
Print Name

John D. DiGiuseppe
Signature

4-1-2016
Date