



ERS Ebenezer

Section I: Applicant Background Information

Applicant Information - Company Receiving Benefit

Project Name Ebenezer Railcar Expansion
Applicant Name Ebenezer Railcar Services, Inc.
Applicant Address 1005 Indian Church Road
Applicant Address 2
Applicant City West Seneca
Applicant State New York
Applicant Zip 14224
Phone 716-675-2040 ext. 320
Fax 716-674-8703
E-mail jmarsh@ersindustries.com
Website N/A - Under Construction
Federal ID#
NAICS Code 336510
Will a Real Estate Holding Company be utilized to own the Project property/facility No
What is the name of the Real Estate Holding Company
Federal ID#
State and Year of Incorporation/Organization New York/1981
List of stockholders, members, or partners of Real Estate Holding Company

Individual Completing Application

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Identify the assistance being requested of the Agency.**Exemption from Sales Tax**

Yes

Exemption from Mortgage Tax

No

Exemption from Real Property Tax

Yes

Tax Exempt Financing*

No

* (typically for not-for-profits & small qualified manufacturers)

Business Organization**Type of Business**

Corporation

Type of Ownership**Year Established**

1981

State of Organization

New York

List all stockholders, members, or partners with % of ownership greater than 20%

Please include name and % of ownership.

ERS Industries, Inc. - 100% Parent Corporation; ERS Industries, Inc. - 100% owned by ERS Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Retirement Plan (ESOP)9

Applicant Business Description**Describe in detail company background, products, customers, goods and services. Description is critical in determining eligibility**

Founded in 1981, Ebenezer Railcar manufactures and repairs freight railcars for various industries. The manufacture of new-build freight railcars comprises the vast majority of Ebenezer's current and anticipated future operations. The manufacturing process consists of design/engineering, welding, metal fabrication, sandblasting, painting, stenciling, and testing. The primary types of railcars manufactured are freight flatcars and boxcars, each of which can be specialized from a base frame. Ebenezer operates in a niche segment of the railcar market, focusing on small volume orders (generally less than 100 cars per order), and specially designed railcars. Ebenezer's customers include national and multinational freight-car leasing companies, Class I railroad companies, governmental agencies, and others. Competition in the industry is primarily headquartered in the United States, however competitors largely utilizes manufacturing facilities in Mexico and Canada. Ebenezer is the only freight railcar manufacturer in New York State.

Estimated % of sales within Erie County	0
Estimated % of sales outside Erie County but within New York State	5
Estimated % of sales outside New York State but within the U.S.	94
Estimated % of sales outside the U.S.	1

(*Percentage to equal 100%)

What percentage of your total annual supplies, raw materials and vendor services are purchased from firms in Erie County? Include list of vendors, raw material suppliers and percentages for each. Provide supporting documentation of the estimated percentage of local purchases

~41%

Section II: Eligibility Questionnaire - Project Description & Details

Project Location

Municipality or Municipalities of current operations

West Seneca, NY; Blasdell, NY

Will the Proposed Project be located within a Municipality identified above?

Yes

In which Municipality will the proposed project be located

West Seneca, NY

Address

1005 Indian Church Rd.

Will the completion of the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state OR in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state?

Yes

If the Proposed Project is located in a different Municipality than that Municipality in which current operations are being undertaken, is it expected that any of the facilities in any other Municipality will be closed or be subject to reduced activity?

No

(If yes, you will need to complete the Retail Section of this application)

SBL Number for Property upon which proposed Project will be located

134.07-3-18.211

What are the current real estate taxes on the proposed Project Site

16,944

Assessed value of land

Included in Building Assessed Value

Assessed value of building(s)

253,800

Are Real Property Taxes current?

Yes

If no please explain

Town/City/Village of Project Site

West Seneca

School District of Project Site

West Seneca

Does the Applicant or any related entity currently hold fee title to the Project site?

Yes

If No, indicate name of present owner of the Project Site

Does Applicant or related entity have an option/contract to purchase the Project site?

Yes

Describe the present use of the Proposed Project site

The Proposed Project site is currently used for the main operations of Ebenezer Railcar. These operations are detailed elsewhere

in this application. The proposed building would be located on an unused portion of currently owned property.

Please provide narrative of the proposed project and the purpose of the proposed project (new build, renovations, and/or equipment purchases). Identify specific uses occurring within the project. Describe any and all tenants and any/all end users: (This information is critical in determining project eligibility)

Ebenezer is considering an expansion at its current facility in West Seneca, NY. Currently, Ebenezer operates two manufacturing facilities in Western New York (West Seneca and a leased facility in Blasdell). The proposed expansion would be new build construction at the current West Seneca site to accomplish the following: 1. Increase production capacity at the current West Seneca location 2. Consolidate all operations in Western New York to the same location in West Seneca, in order to improve efficiency. 3. In addition to the retention of employees currently at the West Seneca and Blasdell locations, additional capacity will allow for increased employment, as indicated by this application. 4. Allow for more advanced and technical manufacturing processes to be implemented, through facility and equipment upgrades. Liberty Railway Services (an affiliated company in Colorado) currently absorbs required production in excess of available capacity at the two WNY locations. This work currently sent to the Colorado location would likely be retained by the proposed, newly expanded WNY location. The sole tenants of the new building would be Ebenezer Railcar and its parent company ERS Industries. As Ebenezer's new main manufacturing facility, a significant amount of equipment would be purchased, including welding equipment, metal fabrication equipment, cranes/jacks, advanced manufacturing equipment, and other equipment as needed.

If the Project could be undertaken without Financial Assistance provided by the Agency, then provide a statement in the space provided below indicating why the Project should be undertaken by the Agency:

Ebenezer plans on continuing growth over the next 5-10 years and hopefully beyond. Any financial assistance would help those expansion efforts, as funds can be reinvested into the company through future manufacturing upgrades and additional hiring as production increases.

Describe the reasons why the Agency's Financial Assistance is necessary and how the Financial Assistance enables the company to undertake the Project to facilitate investment, job creation and/or job retention. Focus on competitiveness issues, project shortfalls, etc... Your eligibility determination will be based in part on your answer (attach additional pages if necessary)

Any financial assistance would help enable Ebenezer to reduce the financial impact of this significant investment. Ebenezer is focused on reinvesting back into the company, in order to provide a stable competitive and financial future of the company. Any reduction in future property taxes/sales tax would help Ebenezer continue to reinvest in the company and remain competitive. The railcar manufacturing industry is highly competitive, and large national manufacturers dominate the large order segment.

Please confirm by checking the box, below, if there is likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency

Yes

If the Applicant is unable to obtain Financial Assistance for the Project, what will be the impact on the Applicant and Erie County?

The investment could potentially be redirected to an affiliated company located in Colorado (Liberty Railway). Liberty operates similar operations and currently absorbs some of the work that Ebenezer cannot complete due to production capacity limits.

Will project include leasing any equipment?

No

If yes, please describe equipment and lease terms.

Site Characteristics

Will the Project meet zoning/land use requirements at the proposed location?

Yes

Describe the present zoning/land use

Manufacturing

Describe required zoning/land use, if different

N/A current zoning is appropriate

If a change in zoning/land use is required, please provide details/status of any request for change of zoning/land use requirements

N/A

Is the proposed Project located on a site where the known or potential presence of contaminants is complicating the

development/use of the property?

No

If yes, please explain

Has a Phase I Environmental Assessment been prepared, or will one be prepared with respect to the proposed Project Site?

Yes

If yes, please provide a copy.

Have any other studies, or assessments been undertaken with respect to the proposed Project Site that indicate the known or suspected presence of contamination that would complicate the site's development?

No

If yes, please provide copies of the study.

If you are purchasing new machinery and equipment, does it provide demonstrable energy efficiency benefits?

Yes, lighting, utility, manufacturing equipment will be energy efficient.

You may also attach additional information about the machinery and equipment at the end of the application.

Does or will the company or project occupant perform research and development activities on new products/services at the project location?

Yes

If yes, please explain.

Engineering activities are considered R&D.

What percentage of annual operating expenses are attributed to the above referenced research and development activities?

1%

Select Project Type for all end users at project site (you may check more than one).

Will customers personally visit the Project site for either of the following economic activities? If yes with respect to either economic activity indicated below, complete the Retail Determination contained in Section IV of the Application.

Please check any and all end uses as identified below.

Retail Sales No **Services** No

For purposes of this question, the term "retail sales" means (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the Tax Law of the State of New York (the "Tax Law") primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101(b)(4) (i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

Yes Manufacturing

No Multi-Tenant

No Mixed Use

No Acquisition of Existing Facility

No Commercial

No Facility for the Aging

No Housing

No Back Office

No Civic Facility (not for profit)

No Equipment Purchase

No Retail

No Other

Project Information**Estimated costs in connection with project****Land and/or Building Acquisition**

\$ 0	square feet	acres
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New Building Construction

\$ 4,500,000	94,000 square feet	
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New Building addition(s)

\$ 0	square feet	
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Infrastructure Work

\$ 0		
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Renovation

\$ 0	square feet	
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Manufacturing Equipment

\$ 1,300,000		
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Non-Manufacturing Equipment: (furniture, fixtures, etc.)

\$ 100,000		
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Soft Costs: (professional services, etc.)

\$ 100,000		
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Other Cost

\$ 0		
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Explain Other Costs**Total Cost**

\$ 6,000,000		
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Project Refinancing; estimated amount (for refinancing of existing debt only)

\$ 0		
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Have any of the above costs been paid or incurred as of the date of this Application?

Yes

If Yes, describe particulars:

Initial planning soft costs only.

Sources of Funds for Project Costs:**Equity (excluding equity that is attributed to grants/tax credits):**

\$ 3,500,000		
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Bank Financing:

\$ 2,500,000		
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Tax Exempt Bond Issuance (if applicable):

\$ 0		
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Taxable Bond Issuance (if applicable):

\$ 0		
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Public Sources (Include sum total of all state and federal grants and tax credits):

\$ 0

Identify each state and federal grant/credit:**Total Sources of Funds for Project Costs:**

\$6,000,000

Has a financing preapproval letter or loan commitment letter been obtained?

No

Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit:**Estimated Mortgage Amount (Sum total of all financing – construction and bridge).*****Amount of mortgage, if any, that would be subject to mortgage recording tax.**

\$ 0

Lender Name, if Known**Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit (% of estimated mortgage amount stated above):**

\$0

Construction Cost Breakdown:**Total Cost of Construction**

\$ 4,500,000

(sum of 2,3,4,5, and/or 7 in Question K, above)

Cost for materials

\$ 3,000,000

% sourced in Erie County

90%

% sourced in State

90% (including Erie County)

Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to State and local sales and use tax- said amount to benefit from the Agency's sales and use tax exemption benefit

\$ 3,000,000

Estimated State and local Sales and Use Tax Benefit (product of 8.75% multiplied by the figure, above):

\$ 262,500

Real Property Tax Benefit:**Identify and describe if the Project will utilize a real property tax exemption benefit OTHER THAN the Agency's PILOT benefit:**

No, only ECIDA Pilot.

For proposed facility please include # of sq ft for each of the uses outlined below

		Cost	% of Total Cost
Manufacturing/Processing	84,000 square feet	\$ 4,380,000	97
Warehouse	square feet	\$ 0	0
Research & Development	square feet	\$ 0	0
Commercial	square feet	\$ 0	0
Retail	square feet	\$ 0	0
Office	5,000 square feet	\$ 600,000	1
	5,000	\$ 60,000	1

Specify Other

square feet

If you are undertaking new construction or renovations, are you seeking LEED certification from the US Green Building Council?

No

If you answered yes to question above, what level of LEED certification do you anticipate receiving? (Check applicable box)

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Provide estimate of additional construction cost as a result of LEED certification you are seeking

Will project result in significant utility infrastructure cost or uses

Yes

What is your project timetable (Provide dates)

Start date : acquisition of equipment or construction of facilities

7/1/2018

End date : Estimated completion date of project

3/1/2019

Project occupancy : estimated starting date of operations

4/1/2019

Have construction contracts been signed?

No

Have site plans been submitted to the appropriate planning department for approval?

Yes

Has the Project received site plan approval from the appropriate planning department?

No

Is project necessary to expand project employment?

Yes

Is project necessary to retain existing employment?

Yes

Employment Plan (Specific to the proposed project location):

	Current # of jobs at proposed project location or to be relocated at project location	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PT jobs to be RETAINED	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PT jobs to be CREATED upon TWO years after Project completion	Estimate number of residents of the Labor Market Area in which the Project is located that will fill the FTE and PT jobs to be created upon TWO Years after Project Completion **
Full time	84	84	13	13
Part time	4	4	0	0
Total	88	88	13	

** The Labor Market Area includes the Counties of Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Cattaraugus, Wyoming and Chautauqua. For the purposes of this question, please estimate the number of FTE and PT jobs that will be filled, as indicated in the third column, by residents of the Labor Market Area, in the fourth column.

***By statute, Agency staff must project the number of FTE jobs that would be retained and created if the request for Financial Assistance is granted. Agency staff will project such jobs over the TWO Year time period following Project completion. Agency staff converts PT jobs into FTE jobs by dividing the number of PT jobs by two (2).

Salary and Fringe Benefits for Jobs to be Retained and Created:

Category of Jobs to be Retained and Created	# of Employees Retained and Created	Average Salary for Full Time	Average Fringe Benefits for Full Time	Average Salary for Part Time (if applicable)	Average Fringe Benefits for Part Time (if applicable)
Management	7	\$ 90,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Professional	2	\$ 90,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Administrative	5	\$ 45,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Production	87	\$ 42,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Independent Contractor	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Employment at other locations in Erie County: (provide address and number of employees at each location):

Address	Full time	Part time	Total
250 Lake Ave, Blasdell NY	34	1	35
	0	0	0
	0	0	0

Will any of the facilities described above be closed or subject to reduced activity?

Yes

Payroll Information**Annual Payroll at Proposed Project Site**

\$ 2,600,000

Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be retained (Full Time)

\$ 52,000

Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be retained (Part Time)

\$ 15,000

Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be created (Full Time)

\$ 55,000

Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be created (Part Time)

\$ 0

Estimated salary range of jobs to be created

From (Full Time)	\$ 50,000	To (Full Time)	\$ 90,000
From (Part Time)	\$ 0	To (Part Time)	\$ 0

Is the project reasonably necessary to prevent the project occupant from moving out of New York State?

Yes

If yes, please explain and identify out-of-state locations investigated

Although Ebenezer would not be moving out of state, a commonly owned related company in Colorado, Liberty Railway Services, could receive this investment resulting in expansion there. At this time, the focus is to expand and improve NYS operations, however, this could change if circumstances in NYS dictate.

What competitive factors led you to inquire about sites outside of New York State?

ERS Industries owns a separate subsidiary in Colorado which also needs and investment and expansion.

Have you contacted or been contacted by other Local, State and/or Federal Economic Development Agencies?

Yes

If yes, please indicate the Agency and nature of inquiry below

Empire State Development - Currently accepted into Excelsior Jobs Program

Do you anticipate applying for any other assistance for this project?

Yes

If yes, what type of assistance (Historic Tax Credits, 485(a), Grants, Utility Loans, Energy Assistance, Workforce Training)

NYSEG Capital Improvement Program - initial application submitted.

Section III: Facility Type - Single or Multi Tenant

Is this a Single Use Facility or a Multi-Tenant Facility?

Single Use Facility

For Single Use Facility.

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Federal ID #
SIC/NAICS Code 336510

Multi-Tenant Facility

Please explain what market conditions support the construction of this multi-tenant facility

Have any tenant leases been entered into for this project?

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If yes, please fill out a tenant form in section VII, for each tenant.

Tenant Name	Current Address (city, state, zip)	# of sq ft and % of total to be occupied at new projet site	SIC or NAICS-also briefly describe type of business, products services, % of sales in Erie Co.
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Section IV: Tenant Information

Section V: Environmental Questionnaire

General Background Information

Address of Premises 1005 Indian Church Road, West Seneca, NY 14224

Name and Address of Owner of Premises Ebenezer Railcar Services, Inc. 1005 Indian Church Road, West Seneca, NY 14224

Describe the general features of the Premises (include terrain, location of wetlands, coastlines, rivers, streams, lakes, etc.)

The entire premises consists of various existing structures. The portion of property for the proposed facility is a partially wooded area, vacant of any existing structures. Wetlands are adjacent to the property, but we do not believe infringe on the property. We are awaiting on final wetlands approval from the DEC.

Describe the Premises (including the age and date of construction of any improvements) and each of the operations or processes carried out on or intended to be carried on at the Premises

Entire premises has building with ages of 2 years to 100 years old. The specific project location is vacant. The only process carried out or intended to be carried out on the property is railcar manufacturing

Describe all known former uses of the Premises

Railcar repair and manufacturing.

Does any person, firm or corporation other than the owner occupy the Premises or any part of it?

No

If yes, please identify them and describe their use of the property

Have there been any spills, releases or unpermitted discharges of petroleum, hazardous substances, chemicals or hazardous wastes at or near the Premises?

Yes

If yes, describe and attach any incident reports and the results of any investigations

On the specific project location - no known spills etc. There have been documented spills near the location many years ago. Details can be researched at ECIDA request.

Has the Premises or any part of it ever been the subject of any enforcement action by any federal, state or local government entity, or does the preparer of this questionnaire have knowledge of: a) any current federal, state or local enforcement actions; b) any areas of non-compliance with any federal, state or local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations associated with operations over the past 12 months?

No

If yes, please state the results of the enforcement action (consent order, penalties, no action, etc.) and describe the circumstances

Has there been any filing of a notice of citizen suit, or a civil complaint or other administrative or criminal procedure involving the Premises?

No

If yes, describe in full detail

Solid And Hazardous Wastes And Hazardous Substances

Does any activity conducted or contemplated to be conducted at the premises generate, treat or dispose of any petroleum, petroleum-related products, solid and hazardous wastes or hazardous substances?

No

If yes, provide the Premises' applicable EPA (or State) identification number

Have any federal, state or local permits been issued to the Premises for the use, generation and/or storage of solid and hazardous wastes?

No

If yes, please provide copies of the permits.

Identify the transporter of any hazardous and/or solid wastes to or from the Premises

Identify the solid and hazardous waste disposal or treatment facilities which have received wastes from the Premises for the past two (2) years

Does or is it contemplated that there will occur at the Premises any accumulation or storage of any hazardous wastes on-site for disposal for longer than 90 days?

No

If yes, please identify the substance, the quantity and describe how it is stored

Discharge Into Waterbodies

Briefly describe any current or contemplated industrial process discharges (including the approximate volume, source, type and number of discharge points). Please provide copies of all permits for such discharges

Identify all sources of discharges of water, including discharges of waste water, process water, contact or noncontact cooling water, and stormwater. Attach all permits relating to the same. Also identify any septic tanks on site

Is any waste discharged into or near surface water or groundwaters?

No

If yes, please describe in detail the discharge including not only the receiving water's classification, but a description of the type and quantity of the waste

Air Pollution

Are there or is it contemplated that there will be any air emission sources that emit contaminants from the Premises?

No

If yes, describe each such source, including whether it is a stationary combustion installation, process source, exhaust or ventilation system, incinerator or other source

Are any of the air emission sources permitted?

No

If yes, attach a copy of each permit.

Storage Tanks

List and describe all above and under ground storage tanks at the Premises used to store petroleum or gasoline products, or other chemicals or wastes, including the contents and capacity of each tank. Please also provide copies of any registrations/permits for the tanks

Have there been any leaks, spills, releases or other discharges (including loss of inventory) associated with any of these tanks?

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If yes, please provide all details regarding the event, including the response taken, all analytical results or reports developed through investigation (whether internal or external), and the agencies which were involved

Polychlorinated Biphenyls ("PCB" or "PCBs") And Asbestos

Provide any records in your possession or known to you to exist concerning any on-site PCBs or PCB equipment, whether used or stored, and whether produced as a byproduct of the manufacturing process or otherwise.

Have there been any PCB spills, discharges or other accidents at the Premises?

No

If yes, relate all the circumstances

Do the Premises have any asbestos containing materials?

No

If yes, please identify the materials

Section VI: Inter-Municipal Move Determination

The Agency is required by state law to make a determination that, if completion of a Project benefiting from Agency Financial Assistance results in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, Agency financial Assistance is required to prevent the project occupant from relocating out of the state, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the project occupant's competitive position in its respective industry.

Will the project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the Project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state? Yes

Will the project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Project occupant located within the state? Yes

If Yes to either question, explain how, notwithstanding the aforementioned closing or activity reduction, the Agency's Financial Assistance is required to prevent the Project from relocating out of the State, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the Project occupant's competitive position in its respective industry:

The proposed new building would likely result in Ebenezer consolidating all operations at the West Seneca location. The Blasdell location is a leased facility where preliminary manufacturing work is performed currently. Moving all operations to West Seneca would result in more efficient operations and reduced inter-facility transportation costs. These efficiencies will help Ebenezer remain competitive in the railcar manufacturing industry. Note that business conditions and demand could result in the Blasdell facility to remain open in addition to the West Seneca expansion, although that scenario is unlikely.

Does this project involve relocation or consolidation of a project occupant from another municipality or abandonment of an existing facility?

Within New York State Yes

Within Erie County Yes

If Yes to either question, please, explain The proposed new building would likely result in Ebenezer consolidating all operations at the West Seneca location. The Blasdell location is a leased facility where preliminary manufacturing work is performed currently.

Will the project result in a relocation of an existing business operation from the City of Buffalo?

No

If yes, please explain the factors which require the project occupant to relocate out of the City of Buffalo (For example, present site is not large enough, or owner will not renew leases etc.)

What are some of the key requirements the project occupant is looking for in a new site? (For example, minimum sq. ft., 12 foot ceilings, truck loading docs etc.)

84,000 sq. ft with rail access in proximity to currently owned and operated facilities.

If the project occupant is currently located in Erie County and will be moving to a different municipality within Erie County, has the project occupant attempted to find a suitable location within the municipality in which it is currently located?

No

What factors have lead the project occupant to consider remaining or locating in Erie County?

Consolidation of all operations to improve efficiency, and other factors discussed in this application.

If the current facility is to be abandoned, what is going to happen to the current facility that project occupant is located in?

The secondary facility in Blasdell is currently leased. That lease would likely not be renewed pursuant to the terms of the lease. Although we do not know what would happen to the facility, we believe it's location and layout would be appealing to potential replacement tenants.

Please provide a list of properties considered, and the reason they were not adequate. (Some examples include: site not large enough, layout was not appropriate, did not have adequate utility service, etc.) Please include full address for locations.

N/A

Section VII: Adaptive Reuse Projects

Are you applying for tax incentives under the Adaptive Reuse Program? No

What is the age of the structure (in years)? 0

Has the structure been vacant or underutilized for a minimum of 3 years? (Underutilized is defined as a minimum of 50% of the rentable square footage of the structure being utilized for a use for which the structure was not designed or intended) <BLANK>

If vacant, number of years vacant. 0

If underutilized, number of years underutilized. 0

Describe the use of the building during the time it has been underutilized:

Is the structure currently generating insignificant income? (Insignificant income is defined as income that is 50% or less than the market rate income average for that property class) <BLANK>

If yes, please provide dollar amount of income being generated, if any \$

If apartments are planned in the facility, please indicate the following:

	Number of Units	Sq. Ft. Range Low to High	Rent Range Low to High
1 Bedroom	0	0	\$ 0
2 Bedroom	0	0	\$ 0
3 Bedroom	0	0	\$ 0
Other	0	0	\$ 0

Does the site have historical significance? Yes

Are you applying for either State/Federal Historical Tax Credit Programs? No

If yes, provide estimated value of tax credits \$

Briefly summarize the financial obstacles to development that this project faces without ECIDA or other public assistance. Please provide the ECIDA with documentation to support the financial obstacles to development (you will be asked to provide cash flow projections documenting costs, expenses and revenues with and without IDA and other tax credits included indicating below average return on investment rates compared to regional industry averages)

Briefly summarize the demonstrated support that you intend to receive from local government entities. Please provide ECIDA with documentation of this support in the form of signed letters from these entities

Please indicate other factors that you would like ECIDA to consider such as: structure or site presents significant public safety hazard and or environmental remediation costs, site or structure is located in a distressed census tract, structure presents significant costs associated with building code compliance, site has historical significance, site or structure is presently delinquent in property tax payments

Section VIII: Senior Citizen Rental Housing Projects

Are you applying for tax incentives under the Senior Rental Housing policy?

No

Has the project received written support from the city, town or village government in which it is located?

<BLANK>

Describe the location of the project as it relates to the project's proximity to the town / village / city center or to a recognized hamlet.

Is the project consistent with the applicable municipal master plan?

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If yes, please provide a narrative identifying the master plan (by name) and describing how the project aligns with the plan details

Does the project advance efforts to create a walkable neighborhood and community in proximity to important local amenities and services?

<BLANK>

If yes, please provide a narrative describing the walkable nature of the project including access seniors would have to specific neighborhood amenities.

Has a market study shown that there is a significant unmet need in the local community or specific neighborhood where seniors are unable to find appropriate housing opportunities?

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Is the project located in an area (defined as a 1 – 5 mile radius of the project site) where there are significant local resident populations that are at or below the median income level?

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If yes, please describe how you made this determination based upon census tract and other relevant third party data.

Does the project provide amenities that are attractive to seniors and differentiates the project from standard market rate housing?

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If yes, please describe these amenities (examples may include: community rooms, social / recreational activity areas, senior-oriented fixtures and safety amenities, security systems, call systems, on site medical services)

Are there impediments that hinder the ability to conventionally finance this project and /or negatively impact the project's return on investment?

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If yes, please briefly summarize the financial obstacles to development that this project faces without IDA or other public assistance. Please provide the IDA with documentation to support the financial obstacles to development (you will be asked to provide cash flow projections documenting costs, expenses and revenues with and without IDA and other tax credits included indicating below average return on investment rates compared to regional industry averages)

Will the project target (and maintain during the incentive period) a minimum 50% occupancy rate of senior citizens whose income is at or below 60-80% of the median income for Erie County?

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If yes, please describe provide a narrative citing key facts that substantiate this finding.

Section IX: Retail Determination

Will any portion of the project (including that portion of the costs to be financed from equity or other sources) consist of facilities or property that are or will be primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project site? No

If yes, complete the Retail Questionnaire Supplement below.

What percentage of the cost of the project will be expended on such facilities or property primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project? 0 %

If the answer to this is **less than 33%** do not complete the remainder of the page and proceed to the next section (Section V: Inter-Municipal Move Determination).

If the answer to A is Yes **AND** the answer to Question B is greater than 33.33%, indicate which of the following questions below apply to the project:

Will the project be operated by a not-for-profit corporation? <BLANK>

Is the project location or facility likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region (Erie, Niagara, Allegheny, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties) in which the project will be located? <BLANK>

If yes, please provide a third party market analysis or other documentation supporting your response.

Is the predominant purpose of the project to make available goods or services which would not, but for the project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the municipality? Are services provided at the proposed project site needed because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services? <BLANK>

If yes, please provide a market analysis supporting your response.

Will the project preserve permanent, private sector jobs or increase the overall number of permanent private sector jobs in the State of New York? <BLANK>

If yes, explain

Is the project located in a Highly Distressed Area? <BLANK>