Great Point Studios Buffalo \$20,931,998				
AMENDATORY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION				
ELIGIBILITY     NAICS Section – 512110	Project Title: Great	Point Studios Buf	ffalo	
	Project Address 1155 I	Niagara St, Buffalo,	NY 14213	
COMPANY INCENTIVES				
• Original - Approx \$538,125 in	(Buffalo City School District)			
<ul><li>sales tax savings</li><li>Amended – Approx \$899,250 in</li></ul>	Amended Agency Request			
sales tax savings	Adjustment to project incentives to reflect the higher project costs related to an increase in square footage, rising construction costs and added post pandemic amenities.			
• Original - Approx \$582,000 in real property tax savings	square roomge, rising construct			
• Amended – Approx \$928,092 in		Agency Re	quest	
<ul> <li>original – up to ¾ of 1% of final</li> <li>mattern support \$52,500</li> </ul>	A sales tax and real property tax abatement in connection with the construction of a 65,000 s ft full-service feature film and television production facility.			
<ul><li>mortgage amount = \$52,500</li><li>Amended – mortgage recording</li></ul>		Prior	Current	
fee not requested. \$0	Land Acquisition / Site Prep		\$ 2,600,000	
JOBS & ANNUAL PAYROLL	New Building Construction	\$10,383,950	\$14,038,868	
	Infrastructure	\$ 1,350,850	\$ 1,727,130	
• Projected New Jobs: 12 FT, 10 PT	Soft Costs/Other	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 2,521,000	
Projected Annual Payroll:     \$1,406,000	Soft Costs/ Other	φ 1,750,000	φ 2,521,000	
• Est. salary of jobs to be created: \$67,166	Total Project Cost	\$15,984,800	\$20,931,998	
Construction Jobs: 103	85%	\$13,587,080	\$17,792,198	
* In addition, an estimated 213 job opportunities exist during filming for both movies and feature films with an estimated \$30 M in annual payroll.	Company Description Great Point Opportunity Fund B QOZB, LLC is wholly owned by Great Point Media, a UK based company founded in 2013 by Robert Halmi and Jim Reeve. Great Point Media specializes in the development, investment, distribution and sales of intellection property in entertainment media. The company has a track record of			
PROJECTED COMMUNITY BENEFITS*				
• Term: 10 YEARS	producing and helping to b	ring many acclain	ned films to the screen. The company	
<ul> <li>NET Community Benefits:</li> <li>\$ 32,975,000</li> </ul>	co-founders are both Emmy-award recipients. Great Point Media is currently developing a multi-stage studio complex in Yonkers, NY and manages Seren Studios in Wales.			
• Spillover Jobs: 37 (temp) 27 (perm)	Project Description			
Total Payroll: \$ 30,250,000				
INCENTIVE (@ 2% discount) COST/COMMUNITY BENEFIT RATIO*	Great Point Studios Buffalo plans to build a modern studio complex to produce feature films, television movies and series, streaming shows and features as well as other forms of visual entertainment. The complex will provide full production capability including 3 cutting edge high-bay studios: two at 5,000 sq ft and a large			
Incentives: \$ 1,755,000	20,00 sq ft studio, executive and general office space, multiple green rooms, a large set production facility, common rooms, a cafeteria, truck docks and parking. Post pandemic, Great Point has added rooms for medical testing and will install an Atmos Air monitoring system to filter active virus particles through a sophisticated ionization process attached to the building air handling equipment.			
Community Benefit: \$ 30,902,000				
Cost: Benefit Ratio • 1:18				
* Inform Analytics/Center for Governmental Research				

## **Economic Impact: Inform Analytics Cost-Benefit Analysis**

The Erie County Industrial Development Agency uses Inform Analytics, a widely-recognized modeling tool from the Center for Governmental Research, to assess the economic impact of a project applying for incentives. This cost:benefit ratio is assessed via a Cost-Benefit Analysis, as is required by Section 859-a (5)(b) of General Municipal Law. For the complete Cost Benefit Analysis – please see the attached Inform Analytics Projected Community Benefits and Community Cost Benefit Analysis.

## **Cost:** Incentives

	Tax Exemption	Amount
Property		\$ 928,092
COSTS	Sales	\$ 899,250
Ö	Mortgage Recording	0
_	Total	\$1,828,000
	Discounted at 2%	\$1,755,000

# **Benefit:** Projected Community Benefit\*

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	Region	Recipient	Revenue Type	\$ Amount**
	Erie	Individuals	Payroll Temporary	\$7,268,000
	County		Payroll Permanent	\$22.982,000
ITS		Public	Property Taxes	247,000
BENEFITS			Sales Taxes	574,000
BE	New York	Public	Income Taxes	1,408,000
	State		Sales Taxes	496,000
			Total Benefits to EC + NYS***	32,975,000
			Discounted at 2%	30,902,000

\*\*\*includes direct & indirect \$ over project period \*\*\*\*may not sum to total due to rounding

Discounted Cost	\$ 1,755,000
<b>Discounted Benefit</b>	\$ 30,902,000
Ratio	1:18

**Conclusion:** The Cost Benefit for this project is: 1:18. For every \$1 in costs (incentives), this project provides \$18 in benefits (payroll & tax revenue). **Note: For Erie County, every \$1 in costs (incentives) provides \$22 in benefits to the community.** 

### New Tax Revenue Estimated

Current Yearly Taxes	Estimated New Assessed Value	Additional County Revenue over abatement period	Additional Local Revenue Over abatement period	New Yearly Taxes Upon Expiration of Abatement Period
n/a	5,280,000	55,884	190,824	117,480
Combined Tax Rate: \$ 22.25				

\* Inform Analytics/Center for Governmental Research

#### **Draft Recapture Material Terms**

Condition	Term	Recapture Provision
Total Investment	At project completion	Investment amount equal to or greater than 85% of project amount. Total project amount = \$20,931,998 85% = \$17,792,198
Employment	Coincides with 10-year PILOT	Create 85% of Projected Jobs Projected Jobs = 12 FT / 10 PT 85% = 10 FT / 8 PT Recapture Employment = 10 FT / 8 PT
Local Labor	Construction period	Adherence to policy including quarterly reporting
Pay Equity	Coincides with 10-year PILOT	Adherence to Policy
Unpaid Tax	Coincides with 10-year PILOT	Adherence to Policy
Recapture Period	Coincides with 10-year PILOT	Recapture of Real Property Taxes, State and Local Sales Taxes

#### Recapture applies to:

State and Local Sales Taxes Real Property Tax

#### Recapture

Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law, the agency shall modify, recover, recapture or terminate any financial assistance taken by the company that is in violation of the GML.

At completion of the project company must certify i) total investment amount is equal to or greater than 85% of the anticipated project amount; ii) creation of 85% of the project jobs iii) confirm adherence to local labor policy during construction and iv) its adherence to unpaid tax/pay equity policies for recapture term.

#### **Project ECIDA History**

- 7/13/20 City of Buffalo lead agency, adopts negative declaration in accordance with SEQRA.
- 8/26/20 Lease/Leaseback Inducement Resolution approved by the Board of Directors
- 7/12/21 City of Buffalo lead agency, adopts negative declaration in accordance with SEQRA
- 10/25/21 Public hearing held.
- 11/17/21 Inducement Resolution presented to Board of Directors adopting a Negative Declaration in accordance with SEQRA
- 11/17/21 Lease/Leaseback Inducement Resolution presented to the Board of Directors