

PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

**Great Lakes Pressed Steel Corporation
project and/or Individual(s), Affiliate(s),
Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or
to be formed on its behalf**

Public Hearing to be held on July 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.,
at the Agency's offices, at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, NY 14203

ATTENDANCE:

Jason Nichols – Great Lakes Pressed Steel
Beth O'Keefe – ECIDA
Brian Krygier – ECIDA

1. WELCOME: Call to Order and Identity of Hearing Officer.

Hearing Officer: Welcome. This public hearing is now open; it is 9:00 a.m. My name is Grant Lesswing. I am the Director of Business Development for the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, and I have been designated by the Agency to be the hearing officer to conduct this public hearing. This public hearing is being live-streamed and made accessible on the Agency's website at ecidany.com.

2. PURPOSE: Purpose of the Hearing.

Hearing Officer: We are here to hold the public hearing on the Great Lakes Pressed Steel Corporation project and/or Individual(s), Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf. The transcript of this hearing will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in determination of this project. Notice of this hearing appeared in [The Buffalo News](#) on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

3. PROJECT SUMMARY: Description of Project and Contemplated Agency Benefits.

Hearing Officer: The proposed project (the "Project") consists of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in certain property located on 1382-1398 Niagara Street, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York and all other lands in the City of Buffalo where, by license or easement or other agreement, the Company or its designees are making improvements that benefit the Project (the "Land"), (ii) the construction on the Land of an approximately 13,000+/- square-foot stand alone addition to the existing facility to be utilized for the installing of a new laser along with shears press breaks and punch presses to increase manufacturing capabilities (the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition by the Company in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, together with the Land, and the Improvements and the Existing Improvements, the "Facility").

The proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency includes New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and real property tax abatement benefits (in compliance with Agency's uniform tax exemption policy).

4. **FORMAT OF HEARING:** Review the rules and manner in which the hearing will proceed.

Hearing Officer: All those in attendance are required to register by signing the sign-in sheet at the front of the room; you will not be permitted to speak unless you have registered. Everyone who has registered will be given an opportunity to make statements and/or comments on the Project.

If you have a written statement or comment to submit for the record, you may leave it at this public hearing, submit it on the Agency's website or deliver it to the Agency at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203. The comment period closes at 4:00 p.m. on July 22, 2025. There are no limitations on written statements or comments.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Hearing Officer gives the Public an opportunity to speak.

Hearing Officer: If anyone is interested in making a statement or comment, please raise your hand, state your name and address; if you are representing a company, please identify the company. I request that speakers keep statements and/or comments to 5 minutes, and if possible, 3 minutes.

Hi I'm Jason Nichols from Great Lakes Press Steel. We're looking at building a 13,000 square foot addition. This loan (tax incentive) will help us build a space that's much more efficient and hopefully we can get more work in and hire more employees and grow/continue growing - as we've been starting to do less quickly for quite a few years now.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

As there are no further statements and/or comments, I will close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m.

**SIGN IN SHEET
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regarding:

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Project Location: 1382 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14213

Name	Company and/or Address	X box to speak/ comment
Jason Nichols	Great Lakes Pressed Steel 1382 Niagara Street Buffalo, New York 14213	X
Beth O'Keefe	ECIDA 95 Perry Street, Suite 403 Buffalo, New York 14203	
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