

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article 18-A of NYS General Municipal Law, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Agency's offices, at 95 Perry Street-Suite 403, Buffalo, NY 14203 regarding:

Curtiss Buffalo, Inc., and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted a revised application to the Agency (a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency) requesting the Agency to amend a certain project induced on June 18, 2014 (the "Project") to consist of: (i) a leasehold interest in a parcel(s) of land located at 204-216 Franklin Street, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York (the "Land") improved thereon with the 57,560+/- SF historic Curtiss Building (the "Existing Improvements"); (ii) the construction, reconstruction and/or renovation, upgrading and equipping of the Existing Improvements on the Land and an additional 9,200+/- SF to accommodate a high-end boutique hotel containing 67+/- rooms, a fine dining restaurant and lounge, one (1) residential unit, an expanded rooftop patio bar (heated and cooled), a year-round sidewalk café (heated and cooled), and a spa and fitness component (the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition and installation by the Company of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment," and collectively with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the "Facility").

The Agency will acquire 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 leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company for qualifying portions of the Project in the form of sales and use tax exemption benefits and mortgage recording tax exemption benefits consistent with the policies of the Agency.

A representative of the Agency will be present at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Application and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to the proposed financial assistance. Written comments may be submitted at this public hearing or delivered to the Agency at 95 Perry Street-Suite 403, Buffalo, NY 14203 until the comment period closes on March 21, 2017. The project application is available for public inspection at the Agency's offices Monday through Friday (excluding public holidays) from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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

Erie County Industrial Development Agency

**Curtiss Buffalo, Inc.****Section I: Applicant Background Information**Applicant Information - Company Receiving Benefit

Project Name	Curtiss Buffalo, Inc.
Applicant Name	Curtiss Buffalo, Inc.
Applicant Address	257 Franklin Street
Applicant Address 2	
Applicant City	Buffalo
Applicant State	New York
Applicant Zip	14202
Phone	716-208-1215
Fax	716-847-6296
E-mail	mark.croce@curtisshotel.com
Website	www.curtisshotel.com
Federal ID#	16-1550222
NAICS Code	
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	
List of stockholders, members, or partners of Real Estate Holding Company	

Individual Completing Application

Name	Deanne Stachowski
Title	
Address	424 Main Street, Suite 1820
Address 2	
City	Buffalo
State	New York
Zip	14202
	716-332-0032

2/8/2017

The Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA)

Phone

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716-362-8748

E-Mail

dstachowski@knoergroup.com

Company Contact (if different from individual completing application)

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Title	President & CEO
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City	Buffalo
State	New York
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Company Counsel

Name of Attorney	Robert E. Knoer
Firm Name	The Knoer Group, PLLC
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Identify the assistance being requested of the Agency

Exemption from Sales Tax	Yes
Exemption from Mortgage Tax	Yes
Exemption from Real Property Tax	No
Tax Exempt Financing*	No

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

Business Organization

Type of Business	Corporation
Type of Ownership	
Year Established	1998
State of Organization	New York

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

Please include name and % of ownership.

Curtiss Buffalo, Inc. owns the real property. Buffmark Holdings, LLC is 100% shareholder of Curtiss Buffalo, Inc. Mark D. Croce is the sole Member and Manager of Buffmark Holdings, LLC.

Applicant Business Description

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

Hospitality; 67 room high end branded boutique hotel with a full service 3 meal restaurant, roof top upscale lounge, water feature, and one long term residential unit. Expanded year round sidewalk café.

Estimated % of sales within Erie County 25

Estimated % of sales outside Erie County but within New York State 25

Estimated % of sales outside New York State but within the U.S. 40

Estimated % of sales outside the U.S. 10

(*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

90-100%

Section II: Eligibility Questionnaire - Project Description & Details

Project Location

Municipality or Municipalities of current operations

Buffalo, NY

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

Yes

In which Municipality will the proposed project be located

Buffalo, NY

Address

210 Franklin Street

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?

No

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

111.37-4-7.1

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

approximately \$12,000/year

Assessed value of land

171,100

Assessed value of building(s)

118,000

Are Real Property Taxes current?

Yes

If no please explain

Town/City/Village of Project Site

Buffalo

School District of Project Site

Buffalo

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?

No

Describe the present use of the Proposed Project site

Vacant office building

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)

ORIGINAL The \$18.1 million project involves property acquisition; complete rehabilitation of the 57,560 square foot historic Curtiss Building; asbestos and lead paint abatement and removal, and demolition of the adjacent noncontributing dilapidated 11,615-square foot Continental Building; construction of the hotel entrance-way and porte-cochere, and infrastructure improvements necessary to convert the vacant blighted property into a sixty seven room high-end boutique hotel, fine dining restaurant and lounge, along with one long term residential unit. In addition, there will be a spa and fitness component, the spa will include an indoor/outdoor year round water element featuring a waterfall and urban "hot-springs" environment. It is anticipated that all of the operations on site will be operated by the same entity. REVISION The Curtiss Hotel project has been expanded to include the addition of 9,200 square feet of additional property improvements and expansions; this includes an expanded rooftop patio bar that is triple the original size with a sizeable portion of it able to be utilized year round with its own heating and cooling systems, along with a new year round heated and air-conditioned sidewalk café on the south side of the building at ground level. The expansion has resulted in the increase of the original overall project budget from approximately \$18,100,000 to approximately \$24,100,000 to cover additional construction costs and furniture, fixture and equipment purchases to service the multiple expansions. It is expected that employment based on the new capacities will increase to a minimum of 55 FTE jobs.

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:

This is a revised application for a previously approved project. The development is directed toward an underserved sector of the hotel mix to compliment needed convention demands. The project has expanded with additional hospitality aspects since approved. The project will require additional employees based on the expansion. Due to the cost of expansion, in order to complete the project at the level it is designed to serve, assistance in the form of additional sales tax abatement is required.

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)

IDA participation was sought to allow this project to proceed to assist in covering the additional costs inherent in renovating a historic structure. In addition there are project shortfalls related to the loss of empire zone benefits available to this project due to the fact that time was lost during the period that the developer became involved in the saving and rehabilitation of the historic Statler property at 107 Delaware Avenue. The loss of the sales tax benefit available to ongoing purchases for supplies utilized on the property has been lost making the long term operations more expensive. This project will make the City of Buffalo more competitive with other markets by filling a market niche for an upper end boutique hotel that is not currently being served, and can also make the Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center more competitive with its peer markets. The additional benefits now requested are in keeping with and expanding on the original project benefits.

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

No

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

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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

Downtown Opportunity District/Commercial

Describe required zoning/land use, if different

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

Is the proposed Project located on a site where the known or potential presence of contaminants is complicating the development/use of the property?

Yes

If yes, please explain

asbestos and lead paint

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?

Yes

If yes, please provide copies of the study.

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

yes

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?

No

If yes, please explain.

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

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 Yes **Services** Yes

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.

No Manufacturing	No Multi-Tenant	Yes 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)
Yes Equipment Purchase	Yes Retail	No Other

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

\$ 3,000,000	57,650 square feet	1 acres
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New Building Construction

\$ 0	0 square feet
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New Building addition(s)

\$ 2,200,000	9,200 square feet
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Infrastructure Work

\$ 650,000

Renovation

\$ 10,975,000	57,650 square feet
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Manufacturing Equipment

\$ 0

Non-Manufacturing Equipment: (furniture, fixtures, etc.)

\$ 4,425,000

Soft Costs: (professional services, etc.)

\$ 2,500,000

Other Cost

\$ 380,000

Explain Other Costs

Demolition

Total Cost

\$ 24,130,000

Project Refinancing; estimated amount (for refinancing of existing debt only)

\$ 0

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

Yes

If Yes, describe particulars:

This project was approved on a previous application and costs have been incurred to this date.
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Sources of Funds for Project Costs:**Equity (excluding equity that is attributed to grants/tax credits):**

\$ 7,950,000

Bank Financing:

\$ 14,400,000

Tax Exempt Bond Issuance (if applicable):

\$ 0

Taxable Bond Issuance (if applicable):

\$ 0

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

\$ 1,750,000

Identify each state and federal grant/credit:

ESDC, Upstate Blueprint Loan Fund and Restore III Grant National Grid Grant \$250,000 NYSEDA/National Grid Efficiency Grant \$150,000

Total Sources of Funds for Project Costs:

\$24,100,000

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

Yes

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.**

\$ 11,000,000

Lender Name, if Known

Evans Bank

Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit (% of estimated mortgage amount stated above):

\$82,500

Construction Cost Breakdown:

Total Cost of Construction

\$ 18,250,000 (sum of 2,3,4,5, and/or 7 in Question K, above)

Cost for materials

\$ 11,900,000

% sourced in Erie County

70%

% sourced in State

85% (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

\$ 11,900,000

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

\$ 1,041,250

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:

RPTL 485a

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

		Cost	% of Total Cost
Manufacturing/Processing	square feet	\$ 0	0
Warehouse	square feet	\$ 0	0
Research & Development	square feet	\$ 0	0
Commercial	square feet	\$ 0	0

24 100 000

Retail	66,850 square feet	\$ 44,100,000	100
Office	square feet	\$ 0	0
Specify Other	square feet	\$ 0	0

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

1/1/2016

End date : Estimated completion date of project

6/1/2017

Project occupancy : estimated starting date of operations

7/1/2017

Have construction contracts been signed?

Yes

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?

Yes

Is project necessary to expand project employment?

Yes

Is project necessary to retain existing employment?

No

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	0	0	55	55
Part time	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	55	

** 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	Average Salary	Average Fringe Benefits
Management	\$ 65,000	\$ 19,500
Professional	\$ 0	\$ 0
Administrative	\$ 44,000	\$ 13,200
Production	\$ 0	\$ 0
Independent Contractor	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other	\$ 39,000	\$ 11,700

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

Address			
Full time	0	0	0
Part time	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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

No

Payroll Information

Annual Payroll at Proposed Project Site

\$ 2,300,000

Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be retained

\$ 0

Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be created

\$ 42,000

Estimated salary range of jobs to be created

From

\$ 25,000

To \$ 85,000

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

No

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

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

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

ESDC: Restore III Grant and Upstate Blueprint Loan Programs

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)

485(a) utility grant energy assistance

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

Occupant Name	Curtiss Buffalo, Inc.
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Contact Person	Mark D. Croce
Phone	716-208-1215
Fax	716-847-6296
E-Mail	mark.croce@curtisshotel.com
Federal ID #	16-1550222
SIC/NAICS Code	7011/721110

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?

No

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 210 Franklin Street Buffalo, NY 14202

Name and Address of Owner of Premises Curtiss Buffalo, Inc. 257 Franklin Street Buffalo, NY 14202

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

Urban

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

Built as a spec office building

Describe all known former uses of the Premises

office building

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?

No

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

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?

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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?

No

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

Previously abated and removed

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? No

Will the project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Project occupant located within the state? No

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:

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

Within New York State No

Within Erie County No

If Yes to either question, please, explain

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.)

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?

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

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

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.

Section VII: Adaptive Reuse Projects

Are you applying for tax incentives under the Adaptive Reuse Program?	Yes
What is the age of the structure (in years)?	104
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)	Yes
If vacant, number of years vacant.	16
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)	Yes
If yes, please provide dollar amount of income being generated, if any	\$ 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)	
Historic vacant building required significant infrastructure configuration, basement and vault restoration and shoring, new utility configuration, additional amenities to cater to both the local market and tourism sector which increase total employment commitment.	
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	
The City of Buffalo has demonstrated its support of the Project by awarding 1,350,000 of its Restore III allocation to this project.	
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	
The Curtiss Building, constructed in 1912, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of only three remaining structures in the City's downtown business district exhibiting a terracotta façade decorated with Art Nouveau styling. This property has been a vacant, blighted structure for over 16 years. There are significant additional costs inherent in redeveloping an existing structure while maintaining its historical character. In addition there are added costs in addressing the environmental concerns. In addition to the remediation costs and additional building code compliance costs, significant costs will be incurred to rebuild the sidewalk vaults under the City of Buffalo Right of Way and to replace all of the concrete sidewalks and waterproof membranes. This project will add significantly to the entertainment district by bringing a product online that does not currently exist in downtown Buffalo.	

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?

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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?

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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? Yes

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? 100 %

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? No

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? Yes

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? Yes

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? Yes

If yes, explain

The creation of 55 new permanent private sector FTE jobs

Is the project located in a Highly Distressed Area? Yes