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SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, dated as of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2016, is by and between **425 MICHIGAN AVENUE, LLC**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 560 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300, Buffalo, New York 14202 (the "Company") and **ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Agency").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 293 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) an 8.7+/- acre parcel of land located at 425 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14204 (the "Land") improved thereon with an existing 160,000+/- SF multi-story building formerly known as the "Sheehan Memorial Hospital" (the "Existing Improvements"), (ii) the construction and/or renovation, upgrading and equipping of the Existing Improvements thereon for the development of a multi-tenant, mixed-use facility for commercial back-office space, health sciences, technology and engineering space, retail space, and residential space (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"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated July 15, 2013 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its Agent for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Facility subject to the Company entering into an Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company entered into that certain Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2013, as amended from time to time, (collectively, the "Agent Agreement"), whereby the Agency authorized the Company to act as its Agent for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and/or equipping the Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Company subsequently notified the Agency that the project had not been completed and requested an extension of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit provided by the Agency, which the Agency agreed to provide to the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Agency required a First Amendment to Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement be executed (the "First Amendment"), and the Agency and the Company executed the First Amendment to Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement (the "First Amendment")

dated July 31, 2015 to reflect the additional extension of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit provided by the Agency and any additional amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Company has subsequently notified the Agency that the project has not been completed and has requested an additional extension of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit provided by the Agency, which the Agency has agreed to provide to the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Agency requires a Second Amendment to the Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement (the "Second Amendment") be executed, and the Company and the Agency have agreed to execute the Second Amendment to reflect the additional extension of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit provided by the Agency and any additional amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

The Agent Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Any references to the sales tax exemption expiration in the Agent Agreement shall be changed from **July 31, 2016** to **December 31, 2017**.

Unless otherwise amended pursuant to the terms contained herein, the terms of the Agent Agreement shall remain unchanged.

*[The Balance of this Page Intentionally Left Blank]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and the Agency have caused this Second Amendment to Agent Agreement to be executed in their respective names, all as of the date first above written.

**425 MICHIGAN AVENUE, LLC**

By: Danielle S. Shainbrown  
Name: Danielle E. Shainbrown  
Title: Vice President

**ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By: Karen M. Fiala  
Name: Karen M. Fiala  
Title: Assistant Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

**FORM OF NYS FORM ST-60 TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPANY AND FILED WITH  
THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT FOR EACH OF ITS SUBAGENTS WITHIN  
THIRTY (30) DAYS OF APPOINTMENT**

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# IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent

## For Sales Tax Purposes

**ST-60**  
(4/13)

The industrial development agency or authority (IDA) must submit this form within 30 days of the appointment of a project operator or agent, whether appointed directly by the IDA or indirectly by the operator or another agent.

**For IDA use only**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Name of IDA<br><b>Erie County Industrial Development Agency</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    | IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998)<br><b>1404-13-18A</b>                                                 |                                           |
| Street address<br><b>95 Perry Street, Suite 403</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                    | Telephone number<br><b>(716) 856-6525</b>                                                                                                   |                                           |
| City<br><b>Buffalo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                    | State<br><b>NY</b>                                                                                                                          | ZIP code<br><b>14203</b>                  |
| Name of IDA project operator or agent<br><b>X</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: <input type="checkbox"/> No | Employer identification or social security number                                                                                           |                                           |
| Street address<br><b>X</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Telephone number<br>( )                                                            | Primary operator or agent?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                           |                                           |
| City<br><b>X</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | State                                                                              | ZIP code                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
| Name of project<br><b>425 Michigan Avenue, LLC</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                    | Purpose of project (see instructions)<br><b>Other-Mixed Use</b>                                                                             |                                           |
| Street address of project site<br><b>425 Michigan Avenue</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |                                           |
| City<br><b>Buffalo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                    | State<br><b>NY</b>                                                                                                                          | ZIP code<br><b>14202</b>                  |
| Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes<br><b>Materials, equipment, services, rentals and other tangible personal property in connection with the construction and/or renovation, upgrading and equipping of the 160,000+/- SF facility located at 425 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202.</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |                                           |
| Date project operator or agent appointed (mm/dd/yy)<br><b>09/05/13</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Date project operator or agent status ends (mm/dd/yy)<br><b>12/31/17</b>           | Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                    |                                           |
| Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax:<br><b>Approximately \$8,647,000.00 (all agents, all in)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                    | Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided:<br><b>Approximately \$756,612.00 (all agents, all in)</b> |                                           |
| <b>Certification:</b> I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully providing false or fraudulent information with this document may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and possible jail sentence. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of any information entered on this document. |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |                                           |
| Print name of officer or employee signing on behalf of the IDA<br><b>Karen M. Fiala</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                    | Print title<br><b>Assistant Treasurer</b>                                                                                                   |                                           |
| Signature<br><i>Karen M. Fiala</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                    | Date<br><b>8/23/16</b>                                                                                                                      | Telephone number<br><b>(716) 856-6525</b> |

### Instructions

#### Filing requirements

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date the IDA appoints any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and compensating use tax exemptions.

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the primary project operator or agent. If the IDA authorizes a project operator or agent to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA need not file this form if the IDA does not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

If an IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, the IDA must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

If an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an agent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA must, within 30 days, send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no longer valid, and the effective date of the change. It should attach to the letter a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA need not send a letter for a form that is not valid merely because the "Completion date of project" has passed.

#### Purpose of project

For Purpose of project, enter one of the following:

- Services
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing
- Finance, insurance, real estate
- Transportation, communication, electric, gas, sanitary services
- Construction
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Manufacturing
- Other (specify)

#### Mailing instructions

Mail completed form to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT  
IDA UNIT  
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS  
ALBANY NY 12227**

#### Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

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**EXHIBIT B-1**

**NYS FORM ST-123  
FOR  
COMPANY**

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## New York State Sales and Use Tax

**ST-123**  
(2/14)**IDA Agent or Project Operator  
Exempt Purchase Certificate****Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014**

This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

**Note:** To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. See TSB-M-14(1.1)S, *Sales Tax Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities*, for more information.

|                                                                  |                                                               |          |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Name of seller                                                   | Name of agent or project operator<br>425 Michigan Avenue, LLC |          |  |
| Street address                                                   | Street address<br>560 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300              |          |  |
| City, town, or village                                           | State                                                         | ZIP code |  |
| Buffalo                                                          | NY                                                            | 14202    |  |
| Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions) |                                                               |          |  |

Mark an **X** in one: ☐ Single-purchase certificate ☐ Blanket-purchase certificate (valid only for the project listed below)**To the seller:**

You must identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser.

**Project information**

I certify that I am a duly appointed agent or project operator of the named IDA and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the following IDA project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes under my agreement with the IDA.

|                                                                                                |                                                                                         |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Name of IDA<br>Erie County Industrial Development Agency                                       |                                                                                         |                   |
| Name of project<br>425 Michigan Avenue, LLC                                                    | IDA project number (use OSC number)<br>1404-13-18A                                      |                   |
| Street address of project site<br>425 Michigan Avenue                                          |                                                                                         |                   |
| City, town, or village<br>Buffalo                                                              | State<br>NY                                                                             | ZIP code<br>14204 |
| Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator (mm/dd/yy) ..... 09 / 05 / 13 | Enter the date that agent or project operator status ends (mm/dd/yy) ..... 12 / 31 / 17 |                   |

**Exempt purchases**(Mark an **X** in boxes that apply)

- ☐ A. Tangible personal property or services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project
- ☐ B. Certain utility services (gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, refrigeration, or steam) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project
- ☐ C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle

**Certification:** I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements and issue this exemption certificate with the knowledge that this document provides evidence that state and local sales or use taxes do not apply to a transaction or transactions for which I tendered this document and that willfully issuing this document with the intent to evade any such tax may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence. I understand that this document is required to be filed with, and delivered to, the vendor as agent for the Tax Department for the purposes of Tax Law section 1838 and is deemed a document required to be filed with the Tax Department for the purpose of prosecution of offenses. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of tax exclusions or exemptions claimed and the accuracy of any information entered on this document.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Signature of purchaser or purchaser's representative (include title and relationship) | Date |
| Type or print the name, title, and relationship that appear in the signature box      |      |

## Instructions

### To the purchaser

You may use Form ST-123 if you:

- have been appointed as an agent or project operator by an industrial development agency (IDA) and
- the purchases qualify for exemption from sales and use tax as described in the IDA contract.

You may use Form ST-123 as a single-purchase certificate or as a blanket certificate covering the first and subsequent purchases qualifying for the project listed.

**Agent or project operator sales tax ID number** — If you are registered with the Tax Department for sales tax purposes, you must enter your sales tax identification number on this certificate. If you are not required to be registered, enter *N/A*.

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IDAs are exempt from the payment of sales and use tax on their purchases, in accordance with Tax Law section 1116(a)(1). However, IDAs do not normally make direct purchases for projects. Commonly, IDAs instead appoint a business enterprise or developer, contractor, or subcontractor as its agent or project operator. Such purchases made by the agent or project operator, acting within the authority granted by the IDA, are deemed to be made by the IDA and therefore exempt from tax.

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### Exempt purchases

To qualify, the purchases must be made within the authority granted by the IDA and used to complete the project (not to operate the completed project).

- Mark box A to indicate you are purchasing tangible personal property and services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) exempt from tax.
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### Misuse of this certificate

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- Revocation of your *Certificate of Authority*, if you are required to be registered as a vendor. See TSB-M-09(17)S, *Amendments that Encourage Compliance with the Tax Law and Enhance the Tax Department's Enforcement Ability*, for more information.

### To the seller

When making purchases as agent or project operator of an IDA, the purchaser must provide you with this exemption certificate with all entries completed to establish the right to the exemption. You must identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser.

As a New York State registered vendor, you may accept an exemption certificate in lieu of collecting tax and be protected from liability for the tax if the certificate is valid. The certificate will be considered valid if it is:

- accepted in good faith;
- in your possession within 90 days of the transaction; and
- properly completed (all required entries were made).

An exemption certificate is accepted in good faith when you have no knowledge that the exemption certificate is false or is fraudulently given, and you exercise reasonable ordinary due care. If you do not receive a properly completed certificate within 90 days after the delivery of the property or service, you will share with the purchaser the burden of proving the sale was exempt.

You must also maintain a method of associating an invoice (or other source document) for an exempt sale with the exemption certificate you have on file from the purchaser. You must keep this certificate at least three years after the due date of your sales tax return to which it relates, or the date the return was filed, if later.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name of seller                                                   | Name of agent or project operator |
| Street address                                                   | Street address                    |
| City, town, or village                                           | City, town, or village            |
| State                                                            | State                             |
| ZIP code                                                         | ZIP code                          |
| Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions) |                                   |

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An exemption certificate is accepted in good faith when you have no knowledge that the exemption certificate is false or is fraudulently given, and you exercise reasonable ordinary due care. If you do not receive a properly completed certificate within 90 days after the delivery of the property or service, you will share with the purchaser the burden of proving the sale was exempt.

You must also maintain a method of associating an invoice (or other source document) for an exempt sale with the exemption certificate you have on file from the purchaser. You must keep this certificate at least three years after the due date of your sales tax return to which it relates, or the date the return was filed, if later.

### Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

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