

#### Sodexo

### Section I: Applicant Background Information

### Applicant Information - Company Receiving Benefit

Applicant Name	Sodexo, inc.
Applicant Address	95 Earhart Drive, Buffalo, NY
Phone	214-273-8628
Fax	972-239-3395
E-mail	derith.jarvis@mohrpartners.com
Website	http://sodexousa.com/
Federal ID#	
NAICS Code	722310
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

### Company Contact (if different from individual completing application)

Company Contact (II differen	it from individual completing application)
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Title	Senior Finance Director
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Company Counsel	
Name of Attorney	Karen L. Ehrlich
Firm Name	Sodexo, Inc
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E-Mail	karen.ehrlich@sodexo.com
Identify the assistance being	requested of the Agency
Exemption from Sales Tax	Yes
Exemption from Mortgage Tax	No
Exemption from Real Property Tax	No
Tax Exempt Financing*	Νο
* (typically for not-for-profits &	small qualified manufacturers)
Business Organization	
Type of Business	Public Corporation

Type of Ownership	
Year Established	1966
State of Organization	Maryland

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

Please include name and % of ownership.

N/A

#### Applicant Business Description

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

Sodexo, Inc. ("Sodexo"), is an international premier provider of quality of life services, such as sustainable energy programs, efficiently designed work spaces, or wellness and nutrition, to individuals and corporations. Quality of Life is central to the performance and growth of individuals and organizations. Working from this perspective, Sodexo has redefined how to best serve its clients' complex needs across the industries served: Corporate, Education, Government, Healthcare, Senior Living, Sports & Leisure, and Remote Sites..

Estimated % of sales within Erie County	1
Estimated % of sales outside Erie County but within New York State	8
Estimated % of sales outside New York State but within the U.S.	81
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

\$10,324,000 in purchases from Erie County representing 0.21% of \$5.14 billion in total 2014 purchases.

### Section II: Eligibility Questionnaire - Project Description & Details

#### Project Location

Municipality or Municipalities of current operations

Town of Amherst

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

No

In which Municipality will the proposed project be located

Town of Cheektowaga

#### Address

400 Airborne Pkwy, Cheektowaga, NY

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 Section V of this Application

SBL Number for Property upon which proposed Project will be located

92.02-2-5.1/C

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

\$17,178

#### Assessed value of land

\$467,000

Assessed value of building(s)

0

Are Real Property Taxes current?

Yes

If no please explain

#### Town/City/Village of Project Site

Town of Cheektowaga

**School District of Project Site** 

Lancaster Central School District

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

No

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

Uniland Development

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 Land

Please provide narrative of 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)

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# 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)

The goal of this project is to achieve operational efficiencies that justify locating a single tenant facility of this size in Erie County, rather than relocating these jobs to Sodexo's Maryland headquarters. The financial assistance and consolidating existing operations into one location will help mitigate some of the upfront and ongoing costs to Sodexo and help justify a long term commitment to the Buffalo region. However, Sodexo's long term commitment to the Buffalo region is contingent upon receiving ECIDA benefits on or before August 28, 2015.

#### 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

Zoning class M-1 Light Manufacturing, Office & Warehouse

#### 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?

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, the facility will be seeking Energy Star compliance.

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	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.

No Manufacturing	No Multi-Tenant	No Mixed Use
No Acquisition of Existing Facility	Yes Commercial	No Facility for the Aging
No Housing	Yes Back Office	No Civic Facility (not for profit)
No Equipment Purchase	No Retail	No Other

Project Information

Project mormation		
Estimated costs in connection with	th project	
Land and/or Building Acquisition		
\$0	square feet	acres
New Building Construction		
\$0	square feet	
New Building addition(s)		
\$0	square feet	
Infrastructure Work		
\$0		
Renovation		
\$0	square feet	
Manufacturing Equipment		
\$0		
Non-Manufacturing Equipment: (	furniture, fixtures, etc.)	
\$ 5,336,464		
Soft Costs: (professional services,	etc.)	
\$ 739,538		
Other Cost		
\$0		
Explain Other Costs		
Total Cost		
\$ 6,076,002		
	nount (for refinancing of existing debt only)	
\$0		
Sources of Funds for Project Cost	<u>:s:</u>	
Estimated Mortgage Amount		
\$0		
Lender Name, if Known		
N/A		
Equity		
6,076,002		
Have any of the above costs been	paid or incurred as of the date of this Application?	
No		
If Yes, describe particulars:		
Construction Cost Breakdown:		
Construction Cost Breakdown: Total Cost of Construction		

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#### **Cost for materials**

\$ 5,336,464

#### % sourced in Erie County

TBD%

#### % sourced in State

TBD% (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

\$ 5,336,464

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

\$ 466,941

#### 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
Retail	square feet	\$0	0
Office	109,170 square feet	\$ 6,076,002	100
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) <br/>
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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

9/1/2015

End date : Estimated completion date of project

1/1/2017

Project occupancy : estimated starting date of operations

1/1/2017

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?

Yes

Is project necessary to expand project employment?

No

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 project is to retain jobs, number of jobs to be retained	Total # of jobs 2 years after project completion	Net total new jobs
Full time	511	511	511	0
Part time	0	0	0	0
Total	511	511	511	
Employment at oth	ner locations in Erie Cou	inty: (provide addres	s and number of emp	oloyees 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?

Yes

Payroll Information				
Annual Payroll at Proposed Project Site				
\$ 32,012,427				
Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be reta	ained			
\$ 59,273				
Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be crea	ated			
\$ 0				
Estimated salary range of jobs to be created				
From	\$0	<b>To</b> \$ 0		
Is the project reasonably necessary to prevent the Yes	project occupant fro	om moving out of New York State?		
If yes, please explain and identify out-of-state loca	ations investigated			
Maryland				
What competitive factors led you to inquire about sites outside of New York State?				
Have you contacted or been contacted by other Lo Yes	ical, State and/or Fe	deral Economic Development Agen	cies?	

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

ESD is providing \$750,000 Capital Grant-Project #Z077

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

No

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

#### Section III: 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)	No
If yes, number of years vacant?	0
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)	No
If yes, please provide dollar amount of income being generated, if any	\$
Does the site have historical significance?	No
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 IV: 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? If yes, complete the Retail Questionnaire Supplement below.	Νο
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 <b>less than 33%</b> 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 <u>AND</u> the answer to Question B is greater than <u>33.33%</u> , 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?	 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?	 slank>
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>

#### Section V: 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 No from one area of the state to another area of the state?

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

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	Yes
If Yes to either question, piease, explain	This project does include the relocation and consolidation of Sodexo's four (4) facilities in Amherst, NY (10,15 and 95 Earhart Drive & 115 Lawrence Bell Drive) totaling 125,000 SF into a 109,170 SF facility located in Uniland's Airborne Business Park in Cheektowaga, NY. This project does not result in an abandonment of Sodexo's existing facilities since all four (4) Amherst buildings currently leased are owned by Uniland Development Company. All four (4) existing leases will expire on November 30, 2015. As a result, Uniland and Sodexo will modify the existing leases so that they expire upon commencement of the new lease at 400 Airborne Parkway. Please note, the modification of the existing leases and new lease at 400 Airborne Parkway are contingent upon receipt of ECIDA benefits on or before August 28, 2015.

#### 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.)

Sodexo is seeking a back-office facility with enough square footage to house the various operations that are currently spread across four (4) buildings. Facility needs analysis also revealed a location closer to central Erie County would benefit employees who reside in southern Erie County, thereby increasing employee retention.

# 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?

Yes

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

The efficiencies gained by consolidating into a single facility, along with the incentives potentially available through the ECIDA.

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

This project does not result in an abandonment of Sodexo's existing facilities since all four (4) Amherst buildings currently leased are owned by Uniland Development Company and all four (4) existing leases will expire on November 30, 2015. Uniland and Sodexo intend to modify the existing leases so that they expire upon commencement of the new lease at 400 Airborne Parkway. Please note, the modification of the existing leases and new lease at 400 Airborne Parkway are contingent upon receipt of ECIDA benefits on or before August 28, 2015.

# 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.

The investigation of the local commercial property market included College Park, 3920 Main Street, CrossPoint Business Park, Northpoint and Muir Woods. In each case it was determined that the space was either, not available, functionally obsolete, located to far from current employees, or unavailable due to time constraints.

### Section VI: 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	Sodexo, Inc.	
Address	95 Earhart Dr., Buffalo, NY	
Contact Person	Derith Jarvis	
Phone	214-273-8628	
Fax		
E-Mail	derith.jarvis@mohrpartners.com	
Federal ID #		
SIC/NAICS Code	722310	

#### 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 VII: Environmental Questionnaire

#### General Background Information

Address of Premises

400 Airborne Parkway, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Name and Address of Owner The Uniland Partnership of Delaware L.P. 100 Corporate Pkwy, Suite 500, Amherst, NY 14226 of Premises

Describe the general features of the Premises (include terrain, location of wetlands, coastlines, rivers, streams, lakes, etc.) Gently sloping brushland that is adjacent to the Ellicott Creek flood plain.

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

New office building and adjacent surface parking to be constructed on site.

#### Describe all known former uses of the Premises

Unknown.

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

Waste Management

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

None.

# 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

None.

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

Sanitary water will be discharged via the municipal sewer. Preetreated stormwater is discharged into Ellitcott Creek (after passing through bioswales per NYSDEC SWPP requirements).

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

None.

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

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