

**Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA)
Buffalo & Erie County Industrial Land Development Corp. (ILDC)
Buffalo & Erie County Regional Development Corporation (RDC)**

2022 Mission Statement and Performance Measurements

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Purpose:

The Public Authorities Law requires public authorities to develop and adopt a mission statement and to develop performance measures to assist them in determining how well they are carrying out their mission. The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) requires that all public authorities utilize the following format to annually review their mission statement and performance measures and publish a measurement report. This report is designed to satisfy these requirements.

Please note: The ECIDA publishes an annual report outlining detailed project information and accomplishments called “Year in Review.” The Year in Review is on the ECIDA’s website at <https://www.ecidany.com> under “About Us” then “Annual Reports”.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Erie County IDA and its affiliates is to provide the resources that encourage investment, innovation, workforce development and international trade resulting in a successful business climate focused on growth, economic stability, job creation and retention for businesses and individuals which improve the quality of life for the residents of the region.

Performance Goals, Measures & Results:

Goal 1: To promote private investment & innovation:

Objective 1A: ECIDA: Encourage private sector investment by providing incentives and other economic development services to spur eligible development projects.

Measurement: Value of new private investments from tax incentives

Metric: \$225 - \$250 M in private investment from approved tax incentives.

Results:

Objective 1B: RDC: Provide “gap financing” to spur the creation of new businesses and private-sector investment in working capital, machinery and equipment.

Measurement: Number of loans, \$ amount of loans and amount of private investment for loans approved

Metric*: 8 – 10 Business loans approved for a total of \$3 M in new business loans with a private investment amount = \$8 M.

Results:

Objective 1C: ECIDA & ILDC: Assist non-profit and other eligible borrowers to obtain low-interest, tax-exempt bond financing.

Measurement: Value of private investments from low-interest financing provided to non-profit organizations

Metric*: 1 -2 tax exempt bonds totaling \$30 – \$35 M

Results:

Objective 1D: ECIDA & ILDC: Pursue state, federal and private funding opportunities to support priority projects and leverage private investment.

Measurement: Number and \$ amount of grant applications submitted

Metric*: 4 – 5 grants submitted for \$1.5 - \$2 M.

Results:

Goal 2: To support business formation, job growth, and economic expansion targeting economically challenged and disadvantaged communities:

Objective 2A: ECIDA & ILDC: Support the re-investment in vacant, abandoned and underutilized buildings.

Measurement: Number and investment value of adaptive re-use building projects

Metric*: 5 - 6 adaptive reuse projects approved totaling \$150 - \$175 M

Result:

Objective 2B: ECIDA & RDC: Support the creation and growth of small business and minority & women-owned businesses (MWBE).

Measurement: Number and \$ amount of MWBE business loans, tax incentives and PPE Reimbursement grants

Metric: \$250,000 in assistance to 5 – 7 MWBEs

Results:

Objective 2C: ECIDA, ILDC & RDC: Formalize MBE/WBE procurement goal for Agency – Operational Purchases.

Measurement: Procurement goal \$ amount and % spent with MWBE vendors

Metric: Vendor Operational Purchases of \$18,000 / 30% MWBE: office supplies, catering, equipment leasing etc.

Results:

Objective 2D: ECIDA, ILDC & RDC: Formalize MBE/WBE procurement goal for Agency– Other purchases.

Measurement: Procurement goal \$ amount and % spent with MWBE vendors

Metric: Meet 100% of the following measures - Professional services including 30% MWBE for engineering/design, Construction service that includes 30% MWBE for contract utilization and RFPs and/or bids scoring – that includes MWBE utilization and/or D&I initiatives valued at 10% of the scoring index

Results:

Objective 2E: ECIDA, ILDC & RDC: Create a formal diversity, equity & inclusion policy for the organization focusing on staff development and employment goals.

Measurement: Implement training re: Racial Equity

Metric: 1) Formalize Racial Equity training as part of online onboarding capabilities through new HR software and 2) provide two or more continued educational / training opportunities for staff on DEI

Results:

Objective 2F: ECIDA: Support the creation and retention of jobs at all salary levels.

Measurement: Total # and average \$ of jobs to be retained & created. For informational purposes include salary info re: management, professional, administrative, production, independent contractor and other

Metric: Average salary for retained and created jobs at \$45,000 - \$50,000

Results:

(note: include average salaries in various job categories and the total payroll amount).

Objective 2G: ECIDA, RDC & ILDC: Reach out to Erie County businesses to inform them of ECIDA and other business support services available.

Measurement: Number of business outreach attempts (including marketing communication efforts)

Metric: 20,000 business outreach contacts

Results:

Objective 2H: ILDC: Support reinvestment in vacant, abandoned brownfield properties and regionally strategic land development initiatives for the purpose of creating shovel-ready sites, new investment, and jobs.

Measurement: Number of acres of land redeveloped / in the process of redevelopment and public/private investment amounts

Metric: 400 acres of land under management

Results:

Goal 3: To encourage international trade:

Objective 3A:	ECIDA: Promote & support the use of Erie County’s foreign trade zone (FTZ) to assist businesses in remaining globally competitive by reducing, eliminating or deferring import duties.
Measurement:	Value of goods moving through FTZ #23 and # of FTZ activated sites
Metric*:	A total of 7 FTZ sites with goods valued at \$50 - \$60 M moving through the zone.
Results:	
(note: due to FTZ reporting lag – the prior year’s results will be listed)	

Goal 4: Business Resiliency Post COVID:

Objective 4A:	ECIDA, RDC, ILDC: Assist Erie County businesses post COVID.
Measurement:	Provide a roadmap for business resiliency
Metric:	Approval of an Updated 2022 Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that includes a Post COVID-19 Economic Recovery Response Addendum that will provide action steps for responding to the economic injury/disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic
Results:	

Objective 4B:	ECIDA RDC, ILDC: Support Small Businesses in Erie County Consortium Communities whose owners have low to moderate household incomes.
Measurement:	Provide administrative support for the Erie County Microenterprise Loan and other programs funded by Community Development Block Grant funds
Metric:	Approve 5-7 loans for \$150,000
Results:	

Goal 5: To safeguard the public's investment by ensuring compliance and transparency with ECIDA Policies & Procedures, NYS Tax, EDA and ABO requirements:

Objective 5A: ECIDA: Client compliance with material terms including local labor, employment retention & creation, investment, pay equity and unpaid real property tax policies.

Measurement: Analysis of quarterly employment & local labor reports, review of investment verifications, completion of pay equity audits by Erie County office of EEO and real property tax payments through the Erie County Commissioner of Real Property Services

Metric: 100% compliance

Results:

Objective 5B: ECIDA: Client compliance with the New York State Sales and Use Tax program.

Measurement: Review of clients' ST-340 forms and the amount of the sales tax savings approved by the Board of Directors to ensure that the amount of the sales tax savings that clients report does not exceed the board approved amounts

Metric: 100% client compliance

Results:

Objective 5C: ECIDA, RDC & ILDC: Compliance with ABO's deadlines and regulatory requirements.

Measurement: Timely and accurate filing of the annual PARIS reports, budget and financial audits

Metric: 100% compliance

Results:

Objective 5D: ECIDA, RDC & ILDC: Board Member compliance with ABO regulatory requirements.

Measurement: Board completion of the annual Board of Directors Self Evaluation, execution of the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duties & Responsibilities forms, and completion of the required ABO board member training

Metric: 100% compliance

Results:

Objective 5E: RDC: Ensure proper controls and safeguards over the administration of the Revolving loan fund (RLF).

Measurement: Obtain the highest audit rating from the ECIDA designated auditors.

Metric: Receive a "satisfactory" rating on the RLF Audit

Results:

Objective 5F: RDC: Ensure proper controls and safeguards over the administration of the new \$5 Mil EDA CARES Act revolving loan fund (RLF).

Measurement: Obtain the highest rating from the U.S. Dept of Commerce: Economic Development Administration (EDA) on the quality / health of the RLF administered by the RDC

Metric: Receive an "A" rating from the EDA.

Results:

Governance Certification

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?

Board of Directors response: Yes

2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?

Board of Directors response: The Board of Directors

3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?

Board of Directors response: The Board has not adopted a written policy. However, the Board follows prudent and reasonable practices to appoint responsible individuals.

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

Board of Directors response: The role of the Board regarding the implementation of the public authority's mission is to provide strategic guidance, oversight, mission authorization, policy setting and validation of the authority's mission, performance measurements and results. The role of management is to collaborate with the Board in strategy development and to implement established programs, processes, activities and policies to achieve the public authority's mission.

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?

Board of Directors response: Yes