

# ROCKLAND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CORPORATION Application for Financial Assistance

IMPORTANT: Before completing this Application, please read page I-5. Applications will be considered incomplete without the required documentation.



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## **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

## **A. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Note: Eligible Applicants must be established not-for-profit organizations.

Applicant's Name:	
Address:	
Phone/Fax Numbers:	
IRS Employer ID Number:	
NAICS Code:	NY State Dept. of Labor # (if applicable):
Date of Application Submission:	
Officer of Applicant completing this applic	ation (contact person):
Name:	Title:
Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:	Company website:
Brief description of organization:	
Brief description of the not-for-profit purpo	ose of the organization:
To describe what kind of entity Applicant 501c3 Other (specify)	is, please check one of the following:
Applicant's State of Incorporation or Regi	stration and applicable statutory provision under which applicant is organized:
State(s) in which Applicant is qualified to	operate:
Applicant's Attorney – Name:	

Phone:			Fax:
Name c	of Firm and Address: _		
B. PRO	DJECT INFORMATION	I	
1.	Please briefly describe	e the proposed project:	
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2.	Address of proposed p	project:	
3.		the net for profit number of	
э.		e the hot-lor-profit <b>purpose</b> o	f the proposed project:
4 PI	ease give best estimate	s for all anticipated sources of	financing involved in the project.
<u>Uses of</u>	Funds		Sources of Funds
Land ar	nd building acquisition	\$	Agency bonds \$
New Co	onstruction	\$	Bank loans \$ (Please identify sources)
Other (e	explain)	\$	
Total P	roject Costs	\$	Total Project Sources \$
Renova Improve	tions/Building ements	\$	Organization funds \$
Machin	ery/Equipment	\$	Pledges \$
Fees/O	ther Soft Costs	\$	Other Sources \$ (Please identify)

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please give best estimates for all anticipated costs and proposed sources of financing involved in the project:

Uses of Funds	Sources of Funds
Land & building (acquisition)	\$ Agency bonds
New construction	\$ Bank Loans (Please identify sources)

5. Is there a relationship, by virtue of common control or through related persons, directly or indirectly, between the Applicant and the present owner of the project site?

Yes No If Yes, please provide all details on attached sheet.

6. Has the borrower entered into any agreements with management companies which provide for such companies to operate any part of the borrower facilities?

Yes No

If Yes, please submit copies of such agreements.

- 7. Does the borrower use, or anticipate using, any of the project facilities in any "unrelated trade or business" activity, i.e., activities that are not substantially related to the exercise or performance of the charitable purpose for which the borrower was granted its tax-exempt status?
  - Yes No If Yes, please explain:
- 8. Does the borrower lease, or propose to lease, any portion of the proposed facility to another entity?

Yes No If Yes, please explain:

#### C. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Complete the following information for the project location only. Do not include any subcontractors or sub-consultants; include only employees and owners/principals on your payroll and on the payroll of your tenants at the project location. (**Note:** If the project is to be leased, provide responses to the following questions for the tenant on a separate attachment.) The Applicant acknowledges by submitting this application that it will adhere to the *Rockland County Economic Assistance Corporation Labor Policy* and *General Municipal Law, Article 18-A, Section 858-b Equal Employment Opportunities*. (See Appendix B)

1.	Number of	jobs to be creat	ted and/or retain	ed by the Applica	ant:		
	Projected E	mployment for	the Applicant on	an annual basis	:		
	1st	2 <sub>nd</sub>	3rd	4 <sub>th</sub>	5th	6th	7th year
2.	Total projec	cted number of	new jobs to be ci	reated over the r	next 7 years by t	he Applicant:	
3.	How many	employees doe	es Applicant emp	loy in Rockland	County as of the	date of this Ap	plication?
	Full Time			Part Ti	me		
4.		employees doe Application?	es Applicant emp	loy outside of Ro	ockland County,	but in New York	State, as of the
	Full Time			Par	t Time		
5.			mploy new emplo presently being t			or will Applicant	transfer current

#### D. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Tax Exempt Bond Financing	\$	 (amount requested)
Mortgage Recording Tax Exemptio	n \$	(amount requested)

#### E. DUE DILIGENCE

1. List name(s), address(es), phone and fax numbers of any other entity in which, directly or indirectly, Applicant or any of its shareholders, partners, directors, or officers individually or collectively hold 5% or more of the stock or ownership interest (an Affiliate). Please include real estate holding company, if applicable.

Address	Phone/Fax Number	Percent Interest
	Address	Address       Phone/Fax Number         Image: Constraint of the second secon

2. Has Applicant, or any officer or director, or any entity with which any of the foregoing individuals have been associated, ever been adjudicated bankrupt or placed in receivership, or otherwise been the subject of a bankruptcy or similar proceedings (prior or current)?

Yes No If Yes, please provide all details on an attached sheet.

3. Have any of the Applicant's officers or directors ever been convicted of any criminal proceedings?

Yes No If Yes, please provide all details on an attached sheet.

4. Is Applicant, or any officer or director of Applicant, a plaintiff or defendant in any civil or criminal proceedings?

Yes No If Yes, please provide all details on an attached sheet.

- 5. If you responded Yes to the previous two questions, in what litigation is Applicant, or any of the individuals and entities currently involved, either as plaintiffs or as named defendants? Provide all details on an attached sheet.
- 6. Does Applicant have any material contingent liabilities? (*e.g., pending claims; federal, state or local tax liens and liability.*)

Yes No If Yes, please provide all details on an attached sheet.

7. Is the Applicant currently a qualified 501(c)(3) organization? Yes No

8. Are there any investigations or audits questioning the continuing eligibility of the Applicant for 501 (c)(3) status?

Yes No If Yes, please provide a summary of the inquiry on an attached sheet.

Please provide the following information:

#### 9. Applicant Board Members

Title	Profession	Date of Birth
	Title	Title     Profession       Image: Constraint of the second

#### 10. Banking Relationships

Bank Name	Contact Person	Phone/Fax	Type of Account

## F. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION

- 1. Please include as an attachment to the Application:
  - a. **Financial statements** for the last three (3) years.
  - b. **Certificate of Incorporation.** Please provide a copy of the Applicant's Certificate of Incorporation.
  - c. **IRS 501(c)(3) Letter**. Please provide a copy of the Applicant's most recent 501(c)(3) Letter.

- d. If the Applicant's 501(c)(3) status has been the subject of an IRS inquiry within the past five (5) years, please provide a copy of any applicable closing letter issued by the IRS.
- e. Please provide a job description of key management personnel.
- 2. Application Fee: \$500.00 (non-refundable), payable to Rockland County Economic Assistance Corporation.
- 3. Applicant certification
- 4. APPENDIX A: SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
- 5. APPENDIX B: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- 6. APPENDIX B-1: PREVAILING WAGE CONDITION
- 7. Please provide one (1) original copy of the completed application and its additional documentation.

## **APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

("Applicant") requests that this Application, including financial data and any tax returns submitted herewith, be submitted for review by the members of the Rockland County Economic Assistance Corporation (the

"Agency"). Applicant hereby certifies that the information contained herein and in the attachments hereto, are, to the best of Applicant's knowledge and belief, accurate, true and correct. Applicant understands that any intentional misstatements or misleading information contained herein, or the omission of relevant information, could be cause for rescission of Agency approval and Agency benefits. Further, Applicant fully understands and accepts the fees associated with the Agency program, including but not limited to the Agency Administrative Fee; and Applicant acknowledges receipt from the Agency of the Agency's "General Information" and review of the information set forth therein.

Applicant hereby acknowledges and agrees that it shall be, and is responsible for, and shall promptly pay all costs incurred by the Agency, including the fees and expenses of its counsel, in connection with document negotiations, closing and, where applicable, bond issuance and sale, whether or not closing occurs and whether or not bond issuance and sale occur in applicable instances. Applicant's obligations hereunder are absolute and shall in no event be contingent upon closing.

Applicant understands that the Agency may be requested to disclose the information contained in this Application and the attachments hereto, under applicable disclosure laws, or at the request of investigative law enforcement or other governmental bodies. Applicant authorizes, on behalf of itself and all other persons providing information for this Application, the Agency to disclose any such information, under such law or where so requested. Applicant also authorizes the Agency at its discretion to transmit this Application, including any financial data or tax returns submitted herewith, to the Agency's counsel.

Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Agency reserves the right to require Applicant to submit, at Applicant's sole expense, such other documentation as the Agency may require in addition to the documentation required hereunder, and that all such documentation, whether requested hereunder or hereafter, shall be provided at Applicant's sole cost and expenses, and shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency. By submitting this Application, Applicant agrees that if the Agency provides financial assistance for the project, Applicant will comply with all applicable laws relating to projects for which the Agency provides financial assistance.

#### Enclosed with this Application is the Application Fee in the amount of \$500.00.

Date:	Certification by Applicant:
Name:	Title:

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## **Rockland County Economic Assistance Corporation**

#### Article 18-A, 858-b. Equal employment opportunities

- 1. Each agency shall ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are afforded equal employment opportunity without discrimination.
- 2. Except as is otherwise provided by collective bargaining contracts or agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of projects of the agency shall be listed with the New York State department of labor community services division, and with the administrative entity of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (P.L. No. 97-300) in which the project is located. Except as is otherwise provided by collective bargaining contracts or agreements, sponsors of the project shall agree, where practicable, to first consider persons eligible to participate in the federal job training partnership (P.L. No. 97-300) programs who shall be referred by administrative entities of service delivery areas created pursuant to such act or by the community services division of the department of labor for such new employment opportunities.

(added 1993, c. 356, 9)

Note: The administrative entity in Rockland County is Tomorrow's Workplace.

## **Local Construction Labor Policy**

The Agency (the "Agency") has adopted a Local Construction Labor Policy, effective April 1, 2022, as follows:

Project applicants (the "Company"), as a condition to receiving Financial Assistance (including a sales tax exemption, mortgage recording tax exemption, real property tax abatement, and/or bond proceeds) from the Rockland County Economic Assistance Corporation ("Agency"), will be required to utilize qualified Local Labor, as defined below, for all projects involving the construction, expansion, equipping, demolition

and/or remediation of new, existing, expanded or renovated facilities (collectively, the "Project Site").

## Local Labor Defined

Local Labor is defined as individuals residing in the following Counties: Rockland, Orange, Westchester, Putnam, Ulster, Sullivan, and Dutchess (collectively, the "Local Labor Area").

## Local Labor Requirement

At least 80% of the total number of employees working at the Project Site, excluding construction project management, of the general contractor, subcontractor, or subcontractor to a subcontractor (collectively, the "Workers") working on the Project Site must reside within the Local Labor Area. Companies do not have to be local companies as defined herein but must employ local Workers residing within the Local Labor Area to qualify under the 80% Local Labor criteria.

It is understood that at certain times, Workers residing within the Local Labor Area may not be available with respect to a Project Site. Under this condition, the Company is required to contact the Agency to request a waiver of the Local Labor Requirement (the "Local Labor Waiver Request") based on the following circumstances: (i) warranty issues related to installation of specialized equipment or materials whereby the manufacturer requires installation by only approved installers; (ii) specialized construction for which qualified Local Labor Area Workers are not available; (iii) documented lack of Workers meeting the Local Labor Area requirement; or (iv) cost differentials in bids whereby use of Local Labor significantly increases the construction cost of the project. Prior to the granting of said waiver, the lowest bidding contractor which bid said construction project using Local Labor would have the right of first refusal to bid and match the lowest bid as a remedy to ensure compliance with this policy. Comprehensive documentation and justification will be required including documented evidence and verification by Agency staff or agents that the "right of first refusal" remedy has been affected unsuccessfully.

The Agency may require an outside consultant of its choosing be hired by the project to assist in reviewing any waiver requests that may be submitted. The Agency shall evaluate the Local Labor Waiver Request and make its determination related thereto based upon the supporting documentation received with such waiver request.

## Local Labor Reporting Requirement

Companies authorized to receive Financial Assistance from the Agency will be required to file or cause to be filed a Local Labor Utilization Report (the "Report") on such form as made available by the Agency, and as directed by the Agency, which will identify, for each Worker, the city, town, or village and associated zip code that each such Worker is domiciled in. The Report shall be submitted to the Agency, or its designated agents as follows: (i) immediately prior to commencement of construction activities; and (ii)

on or by the next following quarterly dates of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 and each quarterly date thereafter through the construction completion date.

The Agency, or its designated agents, shall have the right, during normal business hours, to examine and copy the applicable books and records of the Company and to perform spot checks of all Workers at the Project Site to verify compliance with the Local Labor Requirement throughout the construction period.

## **Enforcement**

If Agency staff determines that: (i) the Local Labor Requirement is not being met; or (ii) upon use of its reasonable discretion, discovers or becomes aware of a compliance issue related to the Local Labor Requirement, then written notice delivered personally or by reliable overnight delivery service (i.e. Federal Express) of said Local Labor Requirement violation (the "Notice of Violation") shall be provided to the Company.

The Company shall have 10 business days thereafter to either:

- (i) provide written confirmation to the Agency indicating that it has cured the violation and is now in compliance with the Local Labor Requirement; or
- (ii) submit the Local Labor Waiver Request as described above; or
- (iii) confirm in writing its inability to meet the Local Labor Requirement.

If the Company does not respond to the Agency's Notice of Violation within ten (10) business days thereafter, or if the Company confirms its inability to meet the Local Labor Requirement, then the Agency shall immediately terminate any and all Financial Assistance being provided to the project in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreements between the Agency and the Company with respect to the project. If a Local Labor Waiver Request is submitted and the Agency declines to issue the requested waiver, then the Company shall have 10 business days after receipt of the notice of the waiver request denial to provide written confirmation to the Agency indicating that it has cured the violation and is now in compliance with the Local Labor Requirement. If the Agency does not receive such confirmation, the Agency shall then immediately terminate any and all Financial Assistance being provided to the project in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreements between the Agency and the Company with respect to the project to the project.

## **Escrow**

The Agency, in the review or enforcement of its Labor Policy, may refer such matter to such consultants/professionals as it deems necessary to enable it to review or enforce the Labor Policy. The fees for such services shall be paid for by the Company.

At the time of submission of any application, the Agency may require the establishment of an escrow account from which withdrawals shall be made to reimburse the Agency for the costs of professional review services in connection with the Labor Policy.

The sum deposited shall be held by the Agency in a separate account for the benefit of the Company and will be disbursed by the Agency for payment of consultant/professional fees in accordance with the usual requirements of the Agency for the payment of bills.

If such account is not replenished within 30 days after the Company is notified of the requirement for such additional deposit, the Agency may take appropriate action under applicable law and exercise its remedies under the underlying Agency documents, including but not limited to recapture.

After all pertinent charges have been paid, the Agency shall refund to the Company any funds remaining on deposit.

## **Miscellaneous**

## This Labor Policy shall not apply if the Project is subject to prevailing wage requirements pursuant to NYS Labor Law section 224-a, as amended.

This Labor Policy may be amended by the Agency from time to time in a manner that is in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, as modified or amended by local, state and/or federal law.

Consented and Agreed to by:

[Name of Applicant]

Name: Title:

## **Construction Prevailing Wage Policy**

On January 1, 2022, amendments to the State Labor Law (the "<u>State Prevailing Wage Act</u>") requiring certain state agencies, including the Agency, to require beneficiaries of financial assistance to comply with certain prevailing wage requirements if certain threshold criteria are met (the "<u>State Prevailing Wage Requirements</u>"). The Agency has adopted the State Prevailing Wage Requirements as the Agency's prevailing wage requirements for construction work on projects (and future construction modifications) receiving Agency financial assistance and rescinded any prevailing wage requirements that may previously have been in effect. The Agency policy reflected in the state Prevailing Wage Act will remain effective, regardless of whether the State defers enforcement of the applicable provisions. Statutory amendments to the State Prevailing Wage Act, as well as implementation regulations that may be adopted by the State, shall be incorporated in the Agency's Construction Prevailing Wage Policy upon the applicable effective dates specified in such amendments or regulations.

The Rockland Agency requires companies receiving financial assistance from the Agency to comply with the provisions of the State Prevailing Wage Act. Following is a brief summary of the State Prevailing Wage Requirements, including thresholds below which the requirements do not apply. The full text of the State Prevailing Wage Act is included following the summary.

## Prevailing Wage Requirement Applies Only to Covered Projects

The requirements to pay prevailing wages applies only to "<u>Covered Projects</u>". A project is a Covered Project only if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) the construction work being considered must be under contract;
- (b) such construction work must be paid for in whole or in part out of public funds;
- (c) the amount of all such public funds, when aggregated, must be at least thirty percent of such total construction costs; and
- (d) total construction project costs must exceed \$5 million.

Certain exclusions from the term "Covered Projects" are identified in the text of the State Prevailing Wage Act attached hereto. Two notable exceptions are (1) certain types of projects, such as brownfields, affordable housing, historic preservation, small renewable energy projects and others and (2) construction work performed under a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement between an owner or contractor and a bona fide building and construction trade labor organization that satisfies certain criteria.

The phrase "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds" means:

- (a) the payment of money, by a public entity, or a third party acting on behalf of and or the benefit of a public entity, directly to or on behalf of the contractor, subcontractor, developer or owner that is not subject to repayment;
- (b) the savings achieved from fees, rents, interest rates, or other loan costs, or insurance costs that are lower than market rate costs; savings from reduced taxes as a result of tax credits, tax abatements, tax exemptions or tax increment financing; savings from payments in lieu of taxes; and any other savings from reduced, waived, or forgiven costs that would have otherwise been at a higher or market rate but for the involvement of the public entity;
- (c) money loaned by the public entity that is to be repaid on a contingent basis; or

(d) credits that are applied by the public entity against repayment of obligations to the public entity.

Certain exclusions from the term "public funds" are identified in the text of the State Prevailing Wage Act attached hereto.

Note that the concept of "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds" is not limited to financial assistance provided by the Agency, but aggregates funds from all public sources.

## **Additional Company Compliance Requirements**

If a Project is a Covered Project, the Company will be required to comply with the New York State Prevailing Wage Law, Labor Law, Article 8, Section 220 et. seq. as if the Project was a "public work" project as defined by the statute. Not less than the current prevailing rate of wages as determined by wage schedules provided by the Bureau of Public Work shall be paid to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work at the Project. All contractor's bonds, if required, shall include a provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of such prevailing wage requirement in connection with the Project.

Additional requirements shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the contractor must send a written request to the Labor Department's Bureau of Public Work for an appropriate wage schedule, (b) the contractor must attach the wage schedule to the bid specifications, (c) when awarding a contract, the contractor must attach the wage schedule to the contract, and (d) before work begins, the contractor and subcontractor(s) must post wage schedules at the construction site so that workers know what they are entitled to.

Contractor shall ensure that all agreements with its subcontractors to perform work on or at the Project contain the following provisions:

- (a) Subcontractor shall comply with the New York State Prevailing Wage Law, Labor Law, Article 8, Section 220 et. seq. as if the Project was a "public work" project as defined by the statute for all construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair or maintenance work over \$1,000 performed at the Project; and
- (b) Subcontractor's obligations under prevailing wage laws include without limitation: pay at least the applicable prevailing wages as if the project was a "public work" as defined by the statute for activities performed at the Project; comply with overtime and working hour requirements; comply with apprenticeship obligations, comply with payroll recordkeeping requirements; and comply with other obligations as required by law.

Contractor shall ensure that the above requirements are included in all its contracts and any layer of subcontractors for activities for the Project.

This Construction Prevailing Wage Policy may be amended by the Agency from time to time in a manner that is in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, as modified or amended by local, state and/or federal law.

Consented and Agreed to by:

[Name of Applicant]

Name: Title:

## **Text of State Prevailing Wage Act**

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- Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 224-a to read as follows:
- § 224-a. Prevailing wage requirements applicable to construction projects performed under private contract.
- 1. Subject to the provisions of this section, each "covered project" as defined in this section shall be subject to prevailing wage requirements in accordance with section two hundred twenty and two hundred twenty-b of this article. A "covered project" shall mean construction work done under contract which is paid for in whole or in part out of public funds as such term is defined in this section where the amount of all such public funds, when aggregated, is at least thirty percent of the total construction project costs and where such project costs are over five million dollars except as provided for by section two hundred twenty-four-c of this article.
- 2. For purposes of this section, "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds" shall mean any of the following:
  - a. The payment of money, by a public entity, or a third party acting on behalf of and or the benefit of a public entity, directly to or on behalf of the contractor, subcontractor, developer or owner that is not subject to repayment;
  - b. The savings achieved from fees, rents, interest rates, or other loan costs, or insurance costs that are lower than market rate costs; savings from reduced taxes as a result of tax credits, tax abatements, tax exemptions or tax increment financing; savings from payments in lieu of taxes; and any other savings from reduced, waived, or forgiven costs that would have otherwise been at a higher or market rate but for the involvement of the public entity;
  - c. Money loaned by the public entity that is to be repaid on a contingent basis; or
  - d. Credits that are applied by the public entity against repayment of obligations to the public entity.
- 3. For purposes of this section, "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds" shall not include:
  - a. Benefits under section four hundred twenty-one-a of the real property tax law;
  - b. Funds that are not provided primarily to promote, incentivize, or ensure that construction work is performed, which would otherwise be captured in subdivision two of this section;
  - c. Funds used to incentivize or ensure the development of a comprehensive sewage system, including connection to existing sewer lines or creation of new sewage lines or sewer capacity, provided, however, that such work shall be deemed to be a public work covered under the provisions of this article;
  - d. tax benefits provided for projects the length or value of which are not able to be calculated at the time the work is to be performed;
  - e. tax benefits related to brownfield remediation or brownfield redevelopment pursuant to section twenty-one, twenty-two, one hundred eighty-seven-g or one hundred eighty-seven-h of the tax law, subdivision seventeen or eighteen of section two hundred ten-B of the tax

law, subsection (dd) or (ee) of section six hundred six of the tax law, or subdivision (u) or (v) of section fifteen hundred eleven of the tax law;

- f. funds provided pursuant to subdivision three of section twenty- eight hundred fifty-three of the education law; and
- g. any other public monies, credits, savings or loans, determined by the public subsidy board created in section two hundred twenty-four-c of this article as exempt from this definition.
- 4. For purposes of this section "covered project" shall not include any of the following:
  - a. Construction work on one or two family dwellings where the property is the owner's primary residence, or construction work performed on property where the owner of the property owns no more than four dwelling units;
  - b. Construction work performed under a contract with a not-for-profit corporation as defined in section one hundred two of the not-for-profit corporation law, other than a not-for-profit corporation formed exclusively for the purpose of holding title to property and collecting income thereof or any public entity as defined in this section where the not-for-profit corporation has gross annual revenue and support less than five million dollars;
  - c. Construction work performed on a multiple residence and/or ancillary amenities or installations that is wholly privately owned in any of the following circumstances except as provided for by section two hundred twenty-four-c of this article:
    - (i) where no less than twenty-five percent of the residential units are affordable and shall be retained subject to an anticipated regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity, or a not-for-profit entity with an anticipated formal agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity for purposes of providing affordable housing in a given locality or region provided that the period of affordability for a residential unit deemed affordable under the provisions of this paragraph shall be for no less than fifteen years from the date of construction; or
    - (ii) where no less than thirty-five percent of the residential units involves the provision of supportive housing services for vulnerable populations provided that such units are subject to an anticipated regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity; or
    - (iii) any newly created programs for affordable or subsidized housing as determined by the public subsidy board established by section two hundred twenty-four-c of this article.
  - d. Construction work performed on a manufactured home park as defined in paragraph three of subdivision a of section two hundred thirty-three of the real property law where the manufactured home park is subject to a regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity for no less than fifteen years;
  - e. Construction work performed under a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement between an owner or contractor and a bona fide building and construction trade labor organization which has established itself as the collective bargaining representative for all persons who will perform work on such a project, and which provides that only contractors and subcontractors who sign a pre-negotiated agreement with the labor organization can perform work on such a project, or construction work performed under a labor peace

agreement, project labor agreement, or any other construction work performed under an enforceable agreement between an owner or contractor and a bona fide building and construction trade labor organization;

- f. Construction work performed on projects funded by section sixteen-n of the urban development corporation act or the downtown revitalization initiative;
- g. Construction work and engineering and consulting services performed in connection with the installation of a renewable energy system, renew able heating or cooling system, or energy storage system, with a capacity equal to or under five megawatts alternating current;
- h. Construction work performed on supermarket retail space built or renovated with tax incentives provided under the food retail expansion to support health (FRESH) program through the New York city industrial development agency;
- i. Construction work performed for interior fit-outs and improvements under ten thousand square feet through small business incubation programs operated by the New York city economic development corporation;
- j. Construction work on space to be used as a school under sixty thousand square feet, pursuant to a lease from a private owner to the New York city department of education and the school construction authority; or
- k. Construction work performed on projects that received tax benefits related to historic rehabilitation pursuant to subdivision twenty-six of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, subsection (oo) or (pp) of section six hundred six of the tax law, or subdivision (y) of section fifteen hundred eleven of the tax law.
- 5. For purposes of this section, "public entity" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the state, a local development corporation as defined in subdivision eight of section eighteen hundred one of the public authorities law or section fourteen hundred eleven of the not-for-profit corporation law, a municipal corporation as defined in section one hundred nineteen-n of the general municipal law, an industrial development agency formed pursuant to article eighteen-A of the general municipal law or industrial development authorities formed pursuant to article eight of the public authorities law, and any state, local or interstate or international authorities as defined in section two of the public authorities law; and shall include any trust created by any such entities.
- 6. For purposes of this section, "construction" means work which shall be as defined by the public subsidy board to require payment of prevailing wage, and which may involve the employment of laborers, workers, or mechanics.
- 7. For purposes of this section and section two hundred twenty-four-b of this article, the "fiscal officer" shall be deemed to be the commissioner.
- 8. The enforcement of any construction work deemed to be a covered project pursuant to this section, and any additional requirements, shall be subject, in addition to this section, only to the requirements of sections two hundred twenty, two hundred twenty-four-b, two hundred twenty-four-c, and two hundred twenty-b of this article and within the jurisdiction of the fiscal officer; provided, however, nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to construe any covered project as otherwise being considered public work pursuant to this article; and further provided:
  - a. The owner or developer of such covered project shall certify under penalty of perjury within five days of commencement of construction work whether the project at issue is subject to

the provisions of this section through the use of a standard form developed by the fiscal officer.

- b. The owners or developers of a property who are undertaking a project under private contract, may seek guidance from the public subsidy board contained in section two hundred twenty-four-c of this article, and such board may render an opinion as to whether or not the project is a covered project within the meaning of this article. Any such determination shall not be reviewable by the fiscal officer, nor shall it be reviewable by the department pursuant to section two hundred twenty of this article.
- c. The owner or developer of a covered project shall be responsible for retaining original payroll records in accordance with section two hundred twenty of this article for a period of six years from the conclusion of such work. All payroll records maintained by an owner or developer pursuant to this section shall be subject to inspection on request of the fiscal officer. Such owner or developer may authorize the prime contractor of the construction project to take responsibility for retaining and maintaining payroll records, but will be held jointly and severally liable for any violations of such contractor. All records obtained by the fiscal officer shall be subject to the Freedom of Information Law.
- d. Each public entity providing any of the public funds listed in subdivision two of this section to an owner, developer, contractor or subcontractor of a project shall identify the nature and dollar value of such funds and whether any such funds are excluded under subdivision three of this section and shall so notify the recipient of such funds of such determination and of their obligations under paragraph a of this subdivision.
- e. The fiscal officer may issue rules and regulations governing the provisions of this section. Violations of this section shall be grounds for determinations and orders pursuant to section two hundred twenty-b of this article.
- 9. Each owner and developer subject to the requirements of this section shall comply with the objectives and goals of minority and women-owned business enterprises pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses pursuant to article seventeen-B of the executive law. The department in consultation with the directors of the division of minority and women's business development and of the division of service-disabled veterans' business development shall make training and resources available to assist minority and women-owned business enterprises and service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises on covered projects achieve and maintain compliance with prevailing wage requirements. The department shall make such training and resources available online and shall afford minority and women-owned business enterprises and service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises an opportunity to submit comments on such training.
- 10.
- a. The fiscal officer shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly by July first, two thousand twenty-two, and annually thereafter, on the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises in relation to covered projects and contracts for public work subject to the provisions of this 2 section and section two hundred twenty of this article respectively as 3 well as the diversity practices of contractors and subcontractors employing laborers, workers, and mechanics on such projects.
- b. Such reports shall include aggregated data on the utilization and participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises, the employment of minorities and women in construction-related jobs on such projects, and the commitment of contractors and

subcontractors on such projects to adopting practices and policies that promote diversity within the workforce. The reports shall also examine the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with other equal employment opportunity requirements and antidiscrimination laws, in addition to any other employment practices deemed pertinent by the commissioner.

- c. The fiscal officer may require any owner or developer to disclose information on the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises and the diversity practices of contractors and subcontractors involved in the performance of any covered project. It shall be the duty of the fiscal officer to consult and to share such information in order to effectuate the requirements of this section.
- 11. If construction work is not deemed to be a covered project, whether by virtue of an exclusion of such project under subdivision four of this section, or by virtue or not receiving sufficient public money to be deemed "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds", such project shall not be subject to the requirements of sections two hundred twenty and two hundred twenty-b of this article.

Section 2. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 224-b to read as follows:

## § 224-b. Stop-work orders.

Where a complaint is received pursuant to this article, or where the fiscal officer upon his or her own investigation, finds cause to believe that any person, in connection with the performance of any contract for public work pursuant to section two hundred twenty of this article or any covered project pursuant to section two hundred twenty-four-a of this article, has substantially and materially failed to comply with or intentionally evaded the provisions of this article, the fiscal officer may notify such person in writing of his or her intention to issue a stop-work order. Such notice shall (i) be served in a manner consistent with section three hundred eight of the civil practice law and rules; (ii) notify such person of his or her right to a hearing; and (iii) state the factual basis upon which the fiscal officer has based his or her decision to issue a stop-work order. Any documents, reports, or information that form a basis for such decision shall be provided to such person within a reasonable time before the hearing. Such hearing shall be expeditiously conducted. Following the hearing, if the fiscal officer issues a stop-work order, it shall be served by regular mail, and a second copy may be served by telefacsimile or by electronic mail, with service effective upon receipt of any such order. Such stop-work order shall also be served with regard to a worksite by posting a copy of such order in a conspicuous location at the worksite. The order shall remain in effect until the fiscal officer directs that the stop-work order be removed, upon a final determination on the complaint or where such failure to comply or evade has been deemed corrected. If the person against whom such order is issued shall within thirty days after issuance of the stop-work order makes an application in affidavit form for a redetermination review of such order the fiscal officer shall make a decision in writing on the issues raised in such application. The fiscal officer may direct a conditional release from a stop-work order upon a finding that such person has taken meaningful and good faith steps to comply with the provisions of this article.

Section 3. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 224-c to read as follows:

§ 224-c. Public subsidy board.

1. A board on public subsidies, hereinafter "the board", is hereby created, to consist of thirteen members. The thirteen members shall be appointed by the governor as follows: one member upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate, one member upon the recommendation of the system of the assembly, the commissioner, the president of the empire state development corporation, the director of the division of the budget, two members representing employees in the construction industry, of whom one shall be a representative of the largest statewide trade labor association representing building and construction workers, and one shall be a representative of the

largest trade labor association representing building and construction workers with membership in New York City, and two members representing employers in the construction industry, of whom one shall be a representative of the largest statewide organization representing building owners and developers, either for-profit or not-for-profit, and one shall be a representative of a statewide organization representing building owners and developers, either for-profit or not-for-profit, representing a region different than the region primarily represented by the initial employer representative. The commissioner shall act as the chair. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the authority recommending, designating, or otherwise appointing such member and shall serve without salary or compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

- 2. The board shall meet on an as needed basis and shall have the power to conduct public hearings. The board may also consult with employers and employees, and their respective representatives, in the construction industry and with such other persons, including the commissioner, as it shall determine. No public officer or employee appointed to the board shall forfeit any position or office by virtue of appointment to such board. Any proceedings of the board which relate to a particular individual or project shall be confidential.
- 3. The board may examine and make recommendations regarding the following:
  - (a) the minimum threshold percentage of public funds set forth in subdivision one of section two hundred twenty-four-a of this article, but no lower than that which is set forth in such subdivision;
  - (b) the minimum dollar threshold of projects set forth in subdivision one of section two hundred twenty-four-a of this article, but no lower than that which is set forth in such subdivision;
  - (c) construction work excluded as a covered project, as set forth in subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph c of subdivision four of section two hundred twenty-four-a of this article;
  - (d) the definition of construction for purposes of section two hundred twenty-four-a of this article; or
  - (e) particular instances of benefits, monies or credits as to whether or not they should constitute public funds.
- 4. Prior to making any recommendation intended to apply to all projects, the board shall hold a public hearing. The board shall announce each public hearing at least fifteen days in advance. The announcement shall contain an agenda of the topics the board will discuss. At each hearing, the board may hear testimony and/or review written documents from any interested stakeholders related to the planned agenda of the meeting. The board shall make any such recommendations in writing. In making its recommendations, the board shall examine the impact of such thresholds and circumstances on private development in light of available public subsidies, existing labor market conditions, prevailing wage and supplement practices, and shall consider the extent to which adjustments to such thresholds and circumstances could ameliorate adverse impacts, if any, or expand opportunities for prevailing wage and supplement standards on publicly subsidized private construction projects in any region or regions of the state.
- 5. The board shall be empowered to issue binding determinations to any public entity, or any private or not-for-profit owner or developer as to any particular matter related to an existing or potential covered project. In such instances the board shall make a determination based upon documents, or testimony, or both in its sole discretion. Any such proceedings shall be confidential, except that publication of

such decisions shall be made available on the department's website, subject to redaction or confidentiality as the board shall deem warranted in accordance with any applicable federal or state statutory or regulatory requirement governing confidentiality and personal privacy.

- 6. Any recommendation rendered by the board pursuant to this section shall be subject to the provisions of article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
- 7. In the event that the board finds that there is or likely would be a significant negative economic impact of implementing the prevailing wage requirements provided for in section two hundred twenty-foura of this article, the board may temporarily delay the implementation of such requirements beyond January first, two thousand twenty-two. Such a delay may be effective statewide or effective only in a region of the state as defined by the regional economic development councils. In making such a determination to delay, the board shall consult the department, the department's division of research and statistics, the United States department of labor, the federal reserve bank of New York and other economic experts. The board will reference well-established economic indexes and accepted economic factors tied to the construction industry, including but not limited to construction industry employment, wages, and overall construction activity.

Section 4. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 813-a to read as follows:

§ 813-a. Annual reports by apprenticeship programs.

- 1. On an annual basis, all apprenticeship programs covered under the provisions of this article shall report to the department on the participation of apprentices currently enrolled in such apprenticeship program. The data to be included in such report shall include, at a minimum: (a) the total number of apprentices in such apprenticeship program; (b) the demographic information of such apprentices to the extent such data is available, including, but not limited to, the age, gender, race, ethnicity, and national origin of such apprentices; (c) the rate of advancement and graduation of such apprentices; and (d) the rate of placement of such apprentices onto job sites as well as the demographic information of such apprentices to the extent such data is available, including, but not limited to the age, gender, race, ethnicity, and national origin of such apprentices onto job sites as well as the demographic information of such apprentices to the extent such data is available, including, but not limited to the age, gender, race, ethnicity, and national origin of such apprentices.
- 2. The department shall make such data publicly available on its website by July first, two thousand twenty-two and on an annual basis, but no later than December thirty-first of each following year.
- 3. The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

#### Section 5. Severability clause.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or section of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or section thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

#### Section 6.

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022 and shall apply to contracts for construction executed, incentive agreements executed, procurements or solicitations issued, or applications for building permits on or after such date; provided however that section three of this act shall take effect on April 1, 2021, and provided further that this act shall not pre-exempt any existing contracts, nor apply to any appropriations of public funds made prior to the day on which this act shall have become a law, or to re-appropriations of

such funds first appropriated prior to the day on which this act shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

#### **APPENDIX C**

	Adaptive	Reuse	Determ	ination
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(Adaptive Reuse is the process of adapting old structures or sites for new purposes)
Are you applying for a tax incentive under the Adaptive Reuse Program?  Yes No
If YES, please answer the following:
A) What is the age of the structure (in years)
B) 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.)
<ul> <li>C) 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.)</li> <li>Yes No</li> </ul>
If yes, please provide dollar amount of income being generated, if any \$
D) Does the site have historical significance? 🔲 Yes 📃 No
<ul> <li>E) Are you applying for either state and/or federal Historical Tax Credit Programs?</li> <li> I Yes No If yes, provide estimated value of tax credits \$</li></ul>
F) Summarize the financial obstacles to development that this project faces without Agency or other public assistance. Please provide the Agency 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 Agency and other tax credits included indicating below average return on investment rates compared to regional industry averages):

G) Briefly summarize the demonstrated support that you intend to receive from local government entities. Please provide the Agency documentation of this support in the form of signed letters from these entities:

H) Please indicate other factors that you would like the Agency to consider such as: structure or site that presents significant public safety hazard and or environmental remediation costs, site or structure is located in 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:

## **APPENDIX D**

#### Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1 - 3

Please go to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's web site

(http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits\_ej\_operations\_pdf/seafpartone.pdf) to download the most recent version of the Short Environmental Assessment Form. Fill out this form, print it, and attach to application.