# COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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TO: EXECUTIVE/PARK/GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- FROM: Bud Taylor, Chairman
- DATE: February 2, 2016

The **Executive/Park/Governance Committees** of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency will hold a meeting on:

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 8:30 am

Location: FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth PC 16 Pearl Street, Glens Falls, NY.

#### cc: All WWIDA Members

Kara I. Lais, Esquire (with attachments) Thomas Jarrett, Jarrett Engineers (with attachments) Amanda Allen, Warren County Board Clerk (with agenda) Debra Prehoda, Washington County Board Clerk (with agenda) Scott Donnelly, The Post Star (with agenda) Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency And Counties of Warren and Washington Civic Development Corporation

# AGENDA EXECUTIVE/PARK/GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS February 9, 2016

### IDA Park Committee:

- 1. Approval of January 12, 2016 Minutes
- 2. Allen Forestry (Jarrett)
- 3. Election of Park Chairman/Contracting Officer

### IDA Executive/Governance Committee:

- 1. ICC4 West Main Mortgage Tax (Lais)
- 2. TFC Enterprises (Tree Paad) Update & Legal Billing to date (Lais)
- 3. IDA Regulation Changes Application (Lais)
- 4. North County Property Holdings PILOT payments
- 5. Letter to Legislators regarding Part R of the Article VII TED (Taylor)
- 6. Annual Review of Investment, Procurement Policies and Internal Controls
- 7. Governance & Audit/Finance Committee Meeting Modifications
- 8. Annual Compliance Report to NYS Taxation and Finance
- 9. Other Matters

CDC: Executive/Governance Committee

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Adjournment

# COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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The **Executive/Park/Nominating Committee** meeting of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency was held on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016** at the offices of FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth PC, 16 Pearl Street, Glens Falls, NY. The following were:

Present:	Bud Taylor Joseph LaFiura Matt Simpson	Chairman Secretary/Treasurer At Large Member
Absent:	Bruce Ferguson	Park and Vice Chairman
Also Present:	Kara I. Lais, Esquire Tom Jarrett Deborah Mineconzo	FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth, PC Jarrett Engineers PLLC Office Administrator

The minutes were taken by the Office Administrator.

Call to Order: Bud Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

<u>Minutes of prior Meeting</u>: Upon motion by Mr. LaFiura, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Executive/Park Committee Meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.

## Park Committee:

## R/O/W Phase I near Galusha/Lewis:

Ms. Lais reported the transfer of the roadway in Phase I near Galusha's is completed. Jeff Meyer, Attorney for Kingsbury, had Jim Lindsay sign the documents on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Allen Forestry:

As the Committee had requested Mr. Jarrett contact Jim Allen of Allen Forestry early 2016, he reported he left a voice mail message for Mr. Allen. Mr. Jarrett added he has not yet received a return call but plans to speak with him about how to approach the logging work early Spring.

## **Executive Committee:**

## Innovative Concepts Consulting, LLC:

Regarding Innovative Concepts, Ms. Lais reported they haven't signed the Preliminary Agreement yet or paid the Agency's requested Security Deposit. The developers, she added, are working with the SBA and she hasn't received any updates yet on the status. Ms. Lais will contact the developers again to get a report.

## TFC Enterprises (Tree Paad) Update:

Ms. Lais informed the Committee Ms. Garrand of TFC Enterprises advised her she is still awaiting final word from Key Bank on financing. Since the final approval has not been received, the developer doesn't want to sign the Preliminary Agreement with our Agency.

### **Officer Nominations:**

Mr. Taylor reported Mr. Ferguson hasn't decided on whether he will remain on the Board or run for Vice Chairman again as requested last month. Mrs. Mineconzo confirmed she has not received a decision from him either. The slate of officers for the election cannot be confirmed until word is received from Mr. Ferguson who is absent from today's meeting. Mrs. Mineconzo will contact Mr. Ferguson at Mr. Taylor's request.

### Meeting Schedules for 2016:

Mrs. Mineconzo informed the members the draft meeting schedules disbursed include a change to the February 2016 Board and Annual meetings. Ms. Lais would be unable to attend the currently scheduled Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting so a delay of one day to Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> was recommended. The Committee approved the change of date to the 17<sup>th</sup> and the proposed meeting schedules. The schedules will go before the full Board Tuesday for final approval.

### **Other Matters:**

### Inquiry from Sleep Inn Developer:

Mr. Taylor mentioned a call from Ed Bartholomew yesterday regarding the owner of the Sleep Inn on Route 9. The owner plans to build a new motel near Exit 18 and was possibly interested in assistance from our Agency. The Committee decided they would not be interested in offering benefits as it is not a unique project and doesn't fit our criteria. There are also other motels planned for the Exit 18 area which also may be contacting our Agency. Mr. Taylor will advise the Sleep Inn owner.

### Letter of Support:

Mr. Taylor read his draft prepared letter for Mr. Bartholomew to include with his EPA Job Training Grant application. Mr. Bartholomew needs the letter today so approval is being seeked from the Committee. Mr. Taylor received unanimous approval to give Mr. Bartholomew his signed letter.

### Millett:

Mrs. Mineconzo will check in with John Millett to see what his plans are with his Board membership. He had planned to make a decision in January.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 am.

DATE

Joseph LaFiura, Sec/Treasurer

## INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## I. <u>SCOPE</u>

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment on behalf of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

### II. <u>OBJECTIVES</u>

The primary objectives of the Agency's investment activities are, in priority order,

- to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);
- to adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirement (liquidity); and
- ➤ to obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

## III. <u>DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</u>

The Agency's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Treasurer who shall administer the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

# IV. <u>PRUDENCE</u>

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the Agency to act effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with property execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

# V. <u>DIVERSIFICATION</u>

It is the policy of the Agency to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

# VI. <u>INTERNAL CONTROLS</u>

It is the policy of the Agency for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the Agency to transfer those funds to the treasurer within five (5) days of receipt, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Agency is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

# VII. <u>DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES</u>

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies shall be designated at the Agency's annual meeting.

# VII. <u>COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS</u>

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, '10, all deposits of the Agency, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

- 1. By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value" as provided by GML '10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy; or
- 2. By an eligible "irrevocable letter of credit" issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least

one nationally recognized statistical rating organization of by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements; or

3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims - paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least tow nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

# IX. <u>SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION</u>

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by the depository bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure Agency deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events which will enable the Agency to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the Agency, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the Agency or its depository bank or trust company.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the Agency, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the depository bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

# X. <u>PERMITTED INVESTMENTS</u>

As authorized by General Municipal Law, '11, the Agency authorizes the treasurer to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts;
- Certificates of deposit;

- Obligations of the United States of America;
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Obligations of the State of New York;
- Obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law '24.00 or '25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Agency;
- Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general State statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments.
- > Certificates of Participation (COPs) issued pursuant to GML '109-b.
- Obligations of this local government, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML ' '6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, and 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Agency within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Agency within two years of the date of purchase.

# XI. <u>AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS</u>

The Agency shall designate financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with any such financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the Agency. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers.

## XII. <u>PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS</u>

The Agency shall contract for the purchase of investments:

- 1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
- 2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific

program has been authorized by the Agency.

3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the Agency.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the Agency, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Agency by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law, '10.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the Agency, will be kept separate any apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. the agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the Agency a perfected interest in the securities.

# XIII. <u>REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS</u>

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.
- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America.
- ➢ No substitution of securities will be allowed.
- > The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

Adopted: Resolution No. 94-14, (1994)

Ratified by the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency September 25, 2006. Reviewed and re-adopted February 17, 2015.

# <u>COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON</u> <u>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY</u>

# **PROCUREMENT POLICY**

# ARTICLE I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE.

Pursuant to Section 2824 of the Public Authorities Law, The Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is required to establish and adopt a procurement policy which will apply to the procurement for goods and services not subject to the competitive bidding requirements set forth in General Municipal Law section 103 and which goods and services are paid for and used by the Agency. The primary objectives of this Procurement Policy (the "Policy") are to assure the prudent and economical use of public monies in the best interests of the taxpayers of the Counties of Warren and Washington, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

# ARTICLE II. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE.

1. <u>Procurement Subject to Competitive Bidding</u>. In order to determine if the procurement of goods or services is subject to competitive bidding, the Chairman or an authorized designee shall:

a. Make an initial determination as to whether the expenditure will be above the limits set forth in Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

b. Review the purchase request against prior years' expenditures and shall make a good faith effort to determine whether it is known or can reasonably be expected that the aggregate purchases of a similar nature will exceed the dollar amounts set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section. If so, the procurement will be subject to competitive bidding.

2. <u>Determination</u>. If the procurement is not subject to competitive bidding, as determined in section (1) above, then prior to commencing any procurement of goods and services, the Chairman or an authorized designee shall prepare a written statement setting forth a determination that (a) competitive bidding is not required for such procurement, and, if applicable, (b) such procurement is not subject to the requirements of this Policy. Such written statements shall be maintained in a specially designated file at the Agency offices and shall also be filed with the purchase order or contract of the goods or services.

3. <u>Procedures for the Purchase of Goods under \$10,000.</u>

4.

a.	\$0.01 - \$500	May be purchased at the discretion of the Chairman or the authorized designee.	
b.	\$501 - \$3,000	Upon Agency approval, may be purchased from the vendor providing the lowest quote after receiving and documenting at least three (3) verbal quotes.	
c.	\$3,000 - \$9,999	Upon Agency approval, may be purchased from the vendor providing the lowest quote after receiving at least three (3) written, faxed, or e-mailed quotes.	
Proc	Procedures for the Purchase of Public Works or Services under \$20,000.		
a.	\$0.01 - \$1,000	May be purchased at the discretion of the Chairman or the authorized designee.	
b.	\$1,001 - \$5,000	Upon Agency approval, may be purchased after receiving and documenting at least three (3) verbal quotes.	
c.	\$5,001 - \$19,999	Upon Agency approval, may be purchased after receiving at least three (3) written, faxed, or e-mailed quotes.	

5. a. <u>Verbal Quote.</u> The documentation of a verbal quote shall include, at a minimum, the date, item or service desired, price quoted, name of vendor, name of vendor's representative, if any, delivery or service date.

b. <u>Written Quote.</u> The vendor should provide, at a minimum, the date, description of item or details of service, price quoted, name of vendor, contact information, delivery or service date.

c. <u>Award of Contract</u>. Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible vendor whose goods and/or services meet the specifications.

# 6. <u>Circumstances Justifying an Award to other than Lowest Quote</u>.

- a. Delivery or service requirements.
- b. Specification requirements.
- c. Quality.
- d. Past vendor performance.
- e. Unavailability of three (3) or more vendors who are able to provide a quote.
- f. It is in the best interests of the Agency to consider only one vendor who has previous expertise with respect to the particular procurement.

When an award is made to a vendor who did not provide the lowest quote, the reason why it is in the best interests of the Agency must be set forth and justified in writing, by the Chairman or an authorized designee, and maintained in a specially designated file at the Agency offices and shall also be filed with the purchase order or contract of the goods or services.

# ARTICLE III. EXCEPTIONS FROM BIDDING.

1. <u>Emergency</u>. An emergency exists if the delay caused by soliciting quotes would endanger the health, welfare or property of the municipality or of the citizens. With approval of the Chairman, such emergency shall not be subject to competitive bidding or the procedures stated herein. The Chairman shall obtain a verbal quote, at a minimum, which shall be documented and shall also include a description of the facts giving rise to the emergency and that it meets the criteria set forth herein. Said documentation may also include the opinions of Counsel regarding the exception from bidding.

2. <u>Professional Services</u>. This category includes services which require special education and/or training, license to practice or are creative in nature. Examples include: lawyers, doctors, accountants, engineers, artists, etc. The Agency may seek Requests for Proposals for such services. In its selection, the Agency should consider cost, experience, expertise, reputation, staffing, location and suitability for the needs of the Agency. The Chairman shall prepare, in writing, the basis for the selection and the description of the professional service. Said documentation may also include the opinions of Counsel regarding the exception from bidding.

3. <u>Sole Sources</u>. In this situation, there is only one possible source from which to procure goods and/or services and it is shown that the item needed has unique benefits compared to other goods and/or services available in the marketplace; no other item

provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits; and considering the benefits the cost is reasonable. The Agency should adopt a resolution describing the goods and/or services and waiving the bidding requirements prior to procurement and should provide evidence that, as a matter of fact, there is no competition available. Said documentation may also include the opinions of Counsel regarding the exception from bidding.

4. <u>True Lease</u>. The Chairman shall obtain written quotes and shall prepare a cost benefit analysis of leasing versus purchasing. Said documentation may also include the opinions of Counsel regarding the exception from bidding.

5. <u>Insurance</u>. The Chairman shall, at a minimum, obtain several verbal quotes, as defined herein. An analysis regarding why a particular selection was made should be prepared and documented. Said documentation may also include the opinions of Counsel regarding the exception from bidding.

# ARTICLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. The Agency shall annually review this Policy.

2. The unintentional failure to comply with the provisions of this Policy and the applicable law shall not be grounds to void action taken or give rise to a cause of action against the Agency or any director, officer, member or employee thereof.

This Policy was duly adopted by the Members of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency on September 25, 2006.

Reviewed and re-adopted February 17, 2015.

# COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### **INTERNAL CONTROLS PROCEDURES:**

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLES:**

All invoices are entered by the Office Administrator into Quickbooks for payment.

Checks are prepared by the Office Administrator for signature by the Treasurer (Chairman or Vice Chairman in his absence).

All payables for the month are listed on the monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon approval by the Board, the Treasurer of the Agency signs the checks and reviews the accompanying invoice, signing off on vouchers or invoices when indicated.

Any checks from the main operating account that are greater than \$600.00 require signatures by two officers.

Exception: Occasionally, because of due dates and resulting late payment charges, checks may be prepared, signed by the Treasurer and disbursed before the monthly Board meeting. This is often the case with PILOT payments to governmental entities. In these cases, the payment should still be noted on the agenda for approval by the Board at the following meeting. This would also include the Administrator's weekly pay.

#### **PROJECT PILOT PAYMENTS:**

Projects in our PILOT program are invoiced by the Office Administrator in January (Property & Special District Taxes), June (Village Taxes) and September (School Taxes) according to the project's individual agreements. A report of all PILOT invoices is distributed to the Board for their information. The PILOT billing is reviewed at year end by the engaged CPA.

Any water and/or sewer maintenance charges are invoiced to the project during the year as received from the governmental entities.

Upon receipt of payment from the developers, the Agency via the Office Administrator prepares checks usually from the escrow (PILOT) account for payment to the appropriate government entities. Checks from this account require one signature by the Treasurer (or other officer in his absence). PILOT payments are listed on the Board Meeting agenda for review by the full Board at their monthly meeting.

#### **BANK RECONCILIATIONS:**

The Office Administrator performs the bank reconciliations on all accounts through Quickbooks. The resulting reconciliation report and bank statement are given the Treasurer for review and sign off every month.

#### **PAYROLL:**

The Office Administrator prepares a weekly timesheet ending with each Friday. The Office Administrator inputs her weekly net pay for processing via the Glens Falls National Bank internet banking program. The Office Administrator is paid on the Monday following the previous week of employment by direct deposit.

The timesheet and bank direct deposit confirmation is reviewed and signed off by the Treasurer. All payroll related payments (net pay, EFTPS & PROMPTAX) are noted on the Board Meeting agenda under payables for formal approval every month. Payments via the internet for EFTPS & PROMPTAX are input by the Office Administrator. Quarterly Payroll Forms are prepared as required (by the Office Administrator or contracted accountant) and reviewed and signed by the Agency Treasurer. As required by NYS the quarterly NYS-45 forms are electronically submitted after approval by the Treasurer. The resulting Web form is printed down and initialed by the Treasurer after review.

#### EMPLOYEE PAID TIME OFF:

The Office Administrator is paid for holidays, personal/sick days and vacation per her/his employee contract. Personal/sick/vacation time is approved by an officer and noted on the weekly timesheet. A spreadsheet for the employment year of time off is kept for review and signed off by the Secretary/Treasurer at the end of the employment year.

#### W-2s and 1099's:

The required forms are prepared annually (by the Office Administrator or contracted accountant). The transmittal form along with all pertinent copies are reviewed and appropriately signed by the Treasurer for mailing.

### **PROJECTS – JOB COUNTS:**

The number of full time equivalent (FTE) jobs for each current project is given the Chairman of the Audit & Finance Committee and should be reviewed by the Committee on an annual basis. This information is based on the surveys submitted by the developers to the Agency at each year end.

#### PARIS REPORTING:

The Office Administrator inputs all appropriate information required by the PAAA of 2005 and PARA of 2009 at year end. This website requires several screens of information be input regarding policies and projects of the Agency. All information is reviewed at year end by the Agency's retained independent accountant. PARIS input is certified by either the CFO or his designee.

The Office Administrator is responsible for keeping the Agency's website compliant with all PAAA and PARA regulations.

#### **INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Three reports are given each month to all the Board Members regarding the financial status of the Agency as follows: Balance Sheet, Monthly P & L and Actual vs Budget P & L. The reports are directly generated from the Quickbooks software.

### As reviewed and approved by Executive/Governance Committee February 10, 2015

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TO:	Attn: Commissioner NYS Department of Taxation and Finance
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	Thomas DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller 110 State Street Albany, NY 12236
Ladie	s and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our Agency's Annual Compliance Report, signed by our Chairman, pursuant to GML Section 875 for year ending 2015. A copy has also been attached to our PARIS Annual Report Communications.

Sincerely,

Deborah Mineconzo, Office Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Kara Lais, Counsel for our Agency Harold Taylor, Chairman WWIDA Rob Lynch, CFO/CEO WWIDA

### Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency Annual Compliance Report Pursuant to Paragraph (d) of Section 875(3) of the General Municipal Law

Paragraph (d) of Section 875(3) of the General Municipal Law ("GML") requires that Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") prepare an annual compliance report (A) detailing the terms and conditions of paragraph (a) of GML Section 875(3) and (B) the Agency's activities to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain New York State sales and use tax exemption benefits described in paragraph (b) of GML Section 875(3).

With respect to item (A) above, the Agency confirms, for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 ("Fiscal Year 2015"), that:

 (1) the Agency has included the terms and conditions set forth in GML Section 875(3) within its resolutions and project documents establishing any project or appointing an agent or project operator; and

(2) every such agent, project operator, or other person or entity has agreed to such terms as a condition prior to receiving or benefiting from New York State sales and use tax exemption benefits.

With respect to (B) above, the Agency confirms, for the Fiscal Year 2015, the following:

(1) <u>New York State Sales and Use Tax Exemption Benefits Recovered,</u> <u>Recaptured, Received, or otherwise obtained during Fiscal Year 2015:</u>

(a) During Fiscal Year 2015, it did not come to the attention of the Agency that any agent, project operator or other person or entity that has enjoyed state sales and use tax exemption benefits provided by Agency (each, an "IDA Agent") has taken state sales and use tax exemptions under any of the following circumstances (tax exemptions taken under any of the following circumstances are hereinafter referred to as "Improper Exemptions"):

(i) state sales and use tax exemptions to which such IDA Agent is not entitled;

(ii) state sales and use tax exemptions which are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by such IDA Agent;

(iii) state sales and use tax exemptions which are for property or services not authorized; or

(iv) state sales and use tax exemptions which are taken in cases where such IDA Agent failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by such IDA Agent's agreement with the Agency.

(b) Since the Agency was not aware during Fiscal Year 2015 that any IDA Agent has taken any Improper Exemptions, the Agency was not entitled during Fiscal Year 2015 to recover any New York State sales and use tax exemption benefits, together with relevant penalties and interest pursuant to GML Section 875(3)(b) (collectively, the "Recovered Amounts").

(c) Since the Agency was not entitled during Fiscal Year 2015 to recover any Recovered Amounts, the Agency did not forward any Recovered Amounts to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance ("NYSDTF") during Fiscal Year 2015.

(2) <u>New York State Sales and Use Tax Exemption Benefit Recaptures</u> <u>Requested during Fiscal Year 2015:</u>

(a) Since the Agency was not entitled during Fiscal Year 2015 to recover any Recovered Amounts, the Agency did not issue a request to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain New York State sales and use tax exemption benefits from any IDA Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agency has caused this report to be executed in its name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: \_

Title: