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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-22-25-01
OF THE MEMBERS OF
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TO APPROVE AN AL TECH LOAN, EDA CARES ACT FUNDS, OR CRLF LOAN TO
TRI-COUNTY HOLDING CORPORATION**

April 22, 2025

Resolution authorizing an AL Tech Revolving Loan Fund, EDA Cares Act Fund or CRLF loan for Tri-County Holding Corporation, in the amount of \$250,000.00.

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency ("CCIDA") has been presented with an AL Tech Revolving Loan Fund, EDA Cares Act Fund or CRLF application from Tri-County Holding Corporation (the "Company") for the purpose of Real Estate Financing. The loan request is in the amount of **\$250,000.00**. The loan term is 20 years ("Term") at 4.00% interest (the "Loan") with principal and interest payments made monthly, and

WHEREAS, the loan shall be secured by (i) A 2nd lien mortgage position on the real estate located at 540 Route 39, Forestville, NY 14062 (SBL #s 101.00-2-26, 101.00-2-24 and 101.00-2-23.2), behind the banks 1st mortgage, up to \$675,000 (ii) a subordinate lien position on all business assets including, but not limited to, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, inventory, and accounts receivable behind the bank, and

WHEREAS, Key Man Life Insurance is waived, and

WHEREAS, Personal Guarantee is waived, and

WHEREAS, the Company shall maintain fire and hazard insurance on all company assets, with CCIDA listed as assignee and loss payee in an amount equal to the outstanding indebtedness to CCIDA at all times over the course of the loan, and

WHEREAS, a Transaction Screen may be acceptable in lieu of a Phase I Environmental, and

WHEREAS, this loan request is contingent upon the financing of other lenders and the commitment and financing documents of other lenders are to be satisfactory to the CCIDA, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrative Director, Chairman, or any officer of CCIDA, are hereby authorized by the Members to sign any and all documents and other instruments necessary in order to effectuate the above.

By _____
Chairman

Date _____

CCIDA LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency
BWB Building
201 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor Lawrence R. Taylor Board Room
Jamestown, NY 14701
Live Streamed via YouTube and Zoom
April 10, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Applicants: Tri-County Holding Corporation

CCIDA Staff: Rich Dixon, Shelby Bilskie, Rosie Strandburg, Kristine Morabito, Kayla Strandburg, Jeanette Lo Bello

Loan Committee Members: Gary Henry, Greg Noon, Michele Calimeri, & Sagan Sheffield-Smith

Loan Committee Members Absent: Kevin Brombacher, Jim Domagola, Scott Crist

CCIDA Counsel: Lisa Cole (Phillips Lytle)

Guests: PJ Azzarella, Treasurer – Tri-County Holding Corporation

Gary Henry

Good Morning. It's April 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. I'd like to welcome everybody to the CCIDA Loan Review Committee. We are at the BWB Building, 201 West Third Street, Jamestown NY. We are also streaming Live via YouTube and Zoom. We'll go ahead and start with Roll Call.

Loan Review Committee - (4 Members Present)

Gary Henry, Greg Noon, Michele Calimeri, & Sagan Sheffield-Smith

Gary Henry

You should have already received the minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting and had a chance to review those we have a motion to accept those minutes?

Michele Calimeri

So moved.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a second?

Sagan Sheffield-Smith

Second.

Gary Henry

All those in favor say Aye.

Loan Review Committee

Aye (Unanimous)

Gary Henry

Opposed? The minutes have been approved. Next I will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session.

Michele Calimeri

So moved.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a second?

Greg Noon

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. All those in favor say Aye.

Loan Review Committee

Aye (Unanimous)

Gary Henry

Opposed? Ok, we will enter into Executive Session.

Executive Session In: 11:05 a.m.

Executive Session Out: 11:27 a.m.

Gary Henry

We are back into open session and I'd like to report that no votes or actions were taken, therefore no notes are recorded during Executive Session. We'll continue into New Business IV A. AL Tech, EDA Cares Act Funds, and/or CRLF Loans to Tri-County Holding Corporation. Rosie, would you like to tell us what that recommendation is?

Rosie Strandburg

Yes. Thank you. I would like to put a recommendation before you, to be presented to the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency's Board of Directors. The resolution prepared would be a resolution authorizing an AL Tech Revolving Loan Fund, EDA Cares Act Fund or CRLF loan for Tri-County Holding Corporation, in the amount of \$250,000.00, for the purpose of Land and Building. The loan term would be for 20 years at 4.00% interest with principal and interest payments made monthly. The loan would be secured by a Subordinate Lien Position to a commercial bank, TBD, on the mortgage, up to \$675,000, and all business assets including, but not limited to, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, inventory, and accounts receivable. This loan request is contingent upon commitment and financing documents of other lenders, and are to be satisfactory to the CCIDA.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a motion for that recommendation?

Michele Calimeri

So moved.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a second?

Greg Noon

Second.

Gary Henry

We'll go ahead and do a Roll Call Vote.

Loan Review Committee

Aye (Unanimous)

Gary Henry

So the recommendation is unanimously approved. Do we have any other old business to come before committee? Hearing none, we'll consider the meeting adjourned. Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned – 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rosie Strandburg, Project Manager

Tri-County Holding Corporation - Due Diligence Resolution

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session on April 22, 2025, at 10:30 A.M., local time, at the offices of the Agency located at 201 West 3rd Street, Jamestown, County of Chautauqua, New York (the “IDA Office”).

The meeting was called to order by the _____ and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Gary Henry	Chairman
Daniel Heitzenrater	Vice Chair
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	Treasurer
Amy Harding	Secretary
Daniel DeMarte	Member
Tom Harmon	Member
John Healy	Member
Kevin Muldowney	Member

NOT PRESENT:

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise	Administrative Director/CEO
Shelby Bilskie	Chief Financial Officer
Milan K. Tyler, Esq.	Counsel

The attached resolution no. 04-22-25-02 was offered by _____, seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY ACTION TOWARD THE
ACQUISITION AND STRAIGHT LEASING OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR TRI-COUNTY
HOLDING CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF
A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Act”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, TRI-COUNTY HOLDING CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the “Applicant”), presented an application for financial assistance (the “Application”) to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 540 Route 39 and Hanover Road, Forestville, Town of Hanover, County of Chautauqua, New York (the “Land”), (2) the demolition of the existing improvements on the Land, (3) the construction of an approximately 12,816 square foot building on the Land (the “Building”), together with related improvements to the Land, and (4) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and building materials necessary for the completion thereof (the “Equipment” and together with the Land and the Building, collectively, the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing for use as a tourism destination project consisting of a country club clubhouse including bar and restaurant space; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations made by the Applicant therein, in certain supplemental documents and at this

meeting, including, without limitation, representations of the Applicant that: (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; (B) the completion of the Project and the leasing and operation of the Project Facility by the Applicant and/or its designee will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant, such designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the “State”) to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant, such designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility in the State; (C) although the Project Facility may constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project, (i) the Project Facility is likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region in which the Project Facility is located and, therefore, is a “tourism destination” project as that term is used in the Act, and (ii) the predominant purpose of the Project would be to make available goods or services which would not, but for the Project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the town within which the Project Facility would be located because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services; (D) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State; and (E) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and improve their standard of living, and prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, among other things, a final determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following determinations by the Agency that: (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project and the Financial Assistance have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the “SEQR Act”) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto (the “Regulations” and together with the SEQR Act, collectively, “SEQRA”), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project or the Project Facility (collectively, the “Applicable Laws”); and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Applicant to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, by undertaking the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; and

WHEREAS, although a resolution authorizing the undertaking of the Project has not yet been submitted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the “Preliminary Agreement”) relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency hereby authorizes the Administrative Director/CEO of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project: (A) to establish a time, date and place (if applicable) for a public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said Public Hearing to be held in the city, town or village within which the Project Facility is or will be located, subject to Applicable Laws; (B) to cause notice of said Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of said Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units within which the Project Facility is or will be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of and to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said Public Hearing, pursuant to the Act, to be given to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and of each city, town, village, school district and other affected tax jurisdiction in which the Project Facility is or will be located; (D) to conduct the Public Hearing or to authorize a hearing officer to conduct the Public Hearing in accordance with the Act; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said Public Hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and (F) to otherwise comply with all other procedural and other requirements imposed on the Agency pursuant to Applicable Laws with respect to the Project and/or the Financial Assistance.

Section 2. The Applicant is hereby authorized to conduct such environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary or convenient to enable the Agency to make its determination whether to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; provided, however, that such authorization shall not entitle or permit the Applicant to commence the acquisition, construction, installation or equipping of the Project Facility unless and until the Agency shall determine that all requirements of Applicable Laws have been fulfilled. The officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby directed to proceed to do such things or perform such acts as may allow the Agency to proceed to its final consideration of the Project. This Resolution constitutes an authorization to conduct concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning with respect to the Project within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and a determination of compliance with technical requirements within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to constitute, either an approval by the Agency of the Project for the purposes of the Act or SEQRA or a commitment by the Agency to approve the Project or to grant the Financial Assistance.

Section 3. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof shall be paid by the Applicant as set forth in the Preliminary Agreement.

Section 4. The findings of the Agency set forth herein are expressly conditioned upon full compliance of the Applicant, the Project and the Project Facility with all Applicable

Laws, and the Applicant shall be required to provide evidence of same satisfactory to the Agency prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance.

Section 5. If, following full compliance with all Applicable Laws, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the “Future Resolution”) determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance, or any portion thereof, with respect to the Project and the Applicant complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to a deed, lease agreement, assignment of lease, license, bill of sale and/or other documentation to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant (the “Company Lease”); (B) lease (with the obligation to purchase), license or sell the Project Facility to the Applicant or its designee pursuant to an agency lease agreement or an installment sale agreement (the “Agency Lease”) to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant; and (C) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 6. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented at this meeting) are in all respects approved, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer’s approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting, and the Agency hereby ratifies and approves any action heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the Preliminary Agreement.

Section 7. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency, and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as and when executed.

Section 8. The law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, Jamestown, New York, is hereby appointed Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Applicant, to work with the Applicant, counsel to the Applicant, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 9. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Gary Henry	VOTING
Dan Heitzenrater	VOTING
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	VOTING
Amy Harding	VOTING
Daniel DeMarte	VOTING
Tom Harmon	VOTING
John Healy	VOTING
Kevin Muldowney	VOTING

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly _____.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA)

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 22, 2025 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting; and (E) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 22nd day of April, 2025.

[Assistant] Secretary

[Vice] Chairman

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

THIS PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT (this “Preliminary Agreement”) dated as of the 22nd day of April, 2025, between the COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency"), a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and TRI-COUNTY HOLDING CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the “Applicant”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant presented a draft application for financial assistance (the “Application”) to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Proposed Project”) consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 540 Route 39 and Hanover Road, Forestville, Town of Hanover, County of Chautauqua, New York (the “Land”), (2) the demolition of the existing improvements on the Land, (3) the construction of an approximately 12,816 square foot building on the Land (the “Building”), together with related improvements to the Land, and (4) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and building materials necessary for the completion thereof (the “Equipment” and together with the Land and the Building, collectively, the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing for use as a tourism destination project consisting of a country club clubhouse including bar and restaurant space; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency held a meeting on April 22, 2025 and approved a resolution (the “Preliminary Resolution”) requiring the execution and delivery of this Preliminary Agreement by the Applicant and authorizing its execution and delivery by the Agency, and authorizing the Agency to pursue preliminary action toward the undertaking of the Proposed Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Agency and the Applicant agree as follows:

Article 1. Representations; No Commitments.

Section 1.01. The Applicant hereby represents to the Agency that:

(A) Based on the proposed use of the Project Facility, the economic effects of the Proposed Project on the area in which it is situated, the employment reasonably expected to be created by the acquisition, construction, installation, equipping and operation of the Project Facility, and an analysis of how the Proposed Project would contribute to the realization of the public purposes of promoting job opportunities in the County of Chautauqua (the “County”), and the prevention of economic deterioration in the County, the Proposed Project would constitute a commercial facility with a significant impact on the area in which it is situated, and would advance the Agency’s purposes by promoting job opportunities and preventing economic deterioration in the County. Therefore, the Proposed Project would constitute a "project" within the meaning of the Act.

(B) The execution, delivery and performance by the Applicant of this Preliminary Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary company action, and this Preliminary Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Applicant and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Applicant enforceable against the Applicant in accordance with its terms.

(C) Although the Project Facility may constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Proposed Project, (i) the Project Facility is likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region in which the Project Facility is located and, therefore, is a “tourism destination” project as that term is used in the Act, and (ii) the predominant purpose of the Proposed Project would be to make available goods or services which would not, but for the Proposed Project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the city within which the Project Facility would be located because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services. For purposes of this representation, retail sales shall mean: (A) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law primarily engaged

in the retail sale of tangible personal property, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph four of subdivision (b) of Section 1101 of the New York Tax Law; or (B) sales of a service to such customers.

(D) The undertaking of the Proposed Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant, any designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant, any designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York. Therefore, the provisions of subdivision (1) of Section 862 of the Act would not be violated as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant.

(E) Each owner, occupant or operator that would receive Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable federal, state and local tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

(F) As of the date of this Preliminary Agreement, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) thereof.

(G) The granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project would be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Proposed Project in the County.

(H) The Applicant would not undertake the Proposed Project in the County without the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency.

(I) The Project Facility is located entirely within the boundaries of the Town of Hanover, is not located within the boundaries of any incorporated village or city, and is located within the boundaries of the Forestville Central School District.

(J) The Applicant plans to invest a total of at least \$2,530,000 in the Project Facility.

Section 1.02. This Preliminary Agreement does not commit the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant to the Applicant any Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project. The members of the Agency shall decide, in their sole and absolute discretion, whether or not to undertake the Proposed Project and to grant such Financial Assistance, and then only following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of

applicable laws, rules and regulations and the policies and procedures of the Agency (collectively, "Legal Requirements") have been fulfilled.

Article 2. Undertakings on the Part of the Agency.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Applicant, and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency agrees as follows:

Section 2.01. The Agency agrees to review the Application and to proceed with its consideration of the Proposed Project and the Financial Assistance relating to the Proposed Project, subject to the conditions contained in this Preliminary Agreement, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 1.02 above and the following conditions:

(A) The Agency shall receive, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency, such rulings, approvals, resolutions, consents, certificates, opinions of counsel and other instruments and proceedings as shall be specified by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project and the various documents to be executed in connection with the Proposed Project;

(B) The Applicant shall provide the Agency and all other "involved/interested agencies" with all information and statements that may be required by said respective entities to ensure compliance by said entities with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA");

(C) The Applicant shall comply with and shall provide the Agency with all information, documentation and statements required for the Agency to comply with the requirements of all Legal Requirements; and

(D) The Applicant shall pay or reimburse the Agency for all expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project (including, without limitation, counsel fees and disbursements).

Article 3. Undertakings on the Part of the Applicant.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Applicant agrees as follows:

Section 3.01. The Applicant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency) and hold the Agency (and its members, officers, agents, attorneys and employees) harmless from any and all liability, damages, causes of actions, losses, costs or expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with: (A) review, examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the Application, regardless of whether or not the Application, the Proposed Project or the Financial Assistance are favorably acted upon by the Agency, and (B) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Application or the Proposed Project; including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) all fees and expenses of the

Agency's general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants (if deemed necessary or advisable by the Agency) heretofore or hereafter incurred, and (ii) all other expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any suits, actions or proceedings that may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Agency decides not to proceed with consideration of the Application or the proposed Project or the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper or requested action or withdraws, abandons, cancels, or neglects the Application or if the Applicant is unable to secure third party financing, if required, or otherwise fails to conclude the Proposed Project, then upon presentation of an invoice by the Agency, its agents, attorneys or assigns, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, attorneys or assigns, as the case may be, all fees and expenses reflected in any such invoice.

Section 3.02. The Applicant agrees that each of the Agency's general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Preliminary Agreement, and that each of them may (but shall not be obligated to) enforce the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Preliminary Agreement, whether by lawsuit or otherwise, to collect the fees and expenses of such party or person incurred by the Agency (whether or not first paid by the Agency) with respect to the Application. The Applicant further agrees that the Agency may (but shall not be obligated to) directly enforce the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Preliminary Agreement against the Applicant, whether by lawsuit or otherwise, to collect such fees and expenses.

Section 3.03. The Applicant will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as the Agency may deem necessary to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as the Agency may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

Section 3.04. This Preliminary Agreement is intended to facilitate discussion regarding the Proposed Project, and neither this Preliminary Agreement nor any discussions or course of conduct between the parties or their representatives shall constitute an agreement, offer or legally binding commitment by the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant the Financial Assistance. This Preliminary Agreement does not purport to summarize or contain all the conditions, covenants, representations, warranties and other provisions that would be contained in the definitive documentation between the Agency and the Applicant relating to the Proposed Project.

Article 4. General Provisions.

Section 4.01. (A) All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given (i) when mailed by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, (ii) when delivered by hand delivery to the undersigned, or (iii) one (1) day after deposit with Federal Express or other nationally recognized overnight courier for delivery, addressed as follows:

(1) To the Agency:

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency
201 West 3rd Street, Suite 115
Jamestown, NY 14701
Attn: Mark Geise

(2) To the Applicant:

Tri-County Holding Corporation
540 Route 39
Forestville, NY 14062
Attn: Daniel Jaszka Jr.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Preliminary Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

TRI-COUNTY HOLDING
CORPORATION

COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name: Shelby Bilskie
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Pomfret III PV, LLC - Due Diligence Resolution

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session on April 22, 2025, at 10:30 A.M., local time, at the offices of the Agency located at 201 West 3rd Street, Jamestown, County of Chautauqua, New York (the “IDA Office”).

The meeting was called to order by the _____ and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Gary Henry	Chairman
Bradley Walters	Vice Chairman
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	Treasurer
Daniel Heitzenrater	Secretary
Amy Harding	Member
Daniel DeMarte	Member
Tom Harmon	Member
Kevin Muldowney	Member

NOT PRESENT:

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise	Administrative Director/CEO
Shelby Bilskie	Chief Financial Officer
Milan K. Tyler, Esq.	Counsel

The attached resolution no. 04-22-25-03 was offered by _____, seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY ACTION TOWARD THE
ACQUISITION AND STRAIGHT LEASING OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR POMFRET III
PV, LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND
DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH
TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Act”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, POMFRET III PV, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign limited liability company (the “Applicant”), presented an application for financial assistance (the “Application”) to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 11.98 acre portion of a parcel of land located at 4825 Webster Road, Town of Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on a tracking steel structure, (ii) inverters, (iii) transformers, (iv) underground and overhead electrical lines, (v) fencing, and (vi) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the “Improvements”), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the “Equipment” and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 1.4 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase),

license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations made by the Applicant therein, in certain supplemental documents and at this meeting, including, without limitation, representations of the Applicant that: (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; (B) the completion of the Project and the leasing and operation of the Project Facility by the Applicant and/or its related designee will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant, such related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant, such related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility in the State; (C) the Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; (D) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State; and (E) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and improve their standard of living, and prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, among other things, a final determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following determinations by the Agency that: (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project and the Financial Assistance have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto (the "Regulations" and together with the SEQR Act, collectively, "SEQRA"), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the portion of the Financial Assistance consisting of an exemption from real property taxes, if granted, will represent a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and guidelines with respect to the making of payments in lieu of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed deviation has not yet been accepted by the Agency, and would still need to be approved by the Agency at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Applicant to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, by undertaking the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; and

WHEREAS, although a resolution authorizing the undertaking of the Project has not yet been submitted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency hereby authorizes the Administrative Director/CEO of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project: (A) to establish a time, date and place (if applicable) for a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said Public Hearing to be held in the city, town or village within which the Project Facility is or will be located, subject to Applicable Laws; (B) to cause notice of said Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of said Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units within which the Project Facility is or will be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of and to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said Public Hearing, pursuant to the Act, to be given to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and of each city, town, village, school district and other affected tax jurisdiction in which the Project Facility is or will be located; (D) to conduct the Public Hearing or to authorize a hearing officer to conduct the Public Hearing in accordance with the Act; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said Public Hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and (F) to otherwise comply with all other procedural and other requirements imposed on the Agency pursuant to Applicable Laws with respect to the Project and/or the Financial Assistance.

Section 2. The Applicant is hereby authorized to conduct such environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary or convenient to enable the Agency to make its determination whether to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; provided, however, that such authorization shall not entitle or permit the Applicant to commence the acquisition, renovation, installation or equipping of the Project Facility unless and until the Agency shall determine that all requirements of Applicable Laws have been fulfilled. The officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby directed to proceed to do such things or perform such acts as may allow the Agency to proceed to its final consideration of the Project. This Resolution constitutes an authorization to conduct concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning with respect to the Project within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and a determination of compliance with technical requirements within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to constitute, either an approval by the Agency of the Project for the purposes of the Act or SEQRA or a commitment by the Agency to approve the Project or to grant the Financial Assistance.

Section 3. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof shall be paid by the Applicant as set forth in the Preliminary Agreement.

Section 4. The findings of the Agency set forth herein are expressly conditioned upon full compliance of the Applicant, the Project and the Project Facility with all Applicable Laws, and the Applicant shall be required to provide evidence of same satisfactory to the Agency prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance.

Section 5. If, following full compliance with all Applicable Laws, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance, or any portion thereof, with respect to the Project and the Applicant complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to a deed, lease agreement, assignment of lease, license, bill of sale and/or other documentation to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant (the "Company Lease"); (B) lease (with the obligation to purchase), license or sell the Project Facility to the Applicant or related designee pursuant to an agency lease agreement or an installment sale agreement (the "Agency Lease") to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant; and (C) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 6. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented at this meeting) are in all respects approved, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting, and the Agency hereby ratifies and approves any action heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the Preliminary Agreement.

Section 7. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency, and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as and when executed.

Section 8. The law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, Jamestown, New York, is hereby appointed Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Applicant, to work with the Applicant, counsel to the Applicant, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 9. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of

this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Gary Henry	VOTING
Bradley Walters	VOTING
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	VOTING
Dan Heitzenrater	VOTING
Kevin Muldowney	VOTING
Amy Harding	VOTING
Daniel DeMarte	VOTING
Tom Harmon	VOTING

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly _____.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA)

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 22, 2025 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting; and (E) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 22nd day of April, 2025.

[Assistant] Secretary

[Vice] Chairman

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

THIS PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT (this "Preliminary Agreement") dated as of the 22nd day of April, 2025, between the COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency"), a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and Pomfret III PV, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Pomfret III PV, LLC and/or an entity or entities formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Applicant").

WITNESSETH:

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sales and use taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency held a meeting on April 22, 2025, and approved a resolution (the “Preliminary Resolution”) requiring the execution and delivery of this Preliminary Agreement by the Applicant and authorizing its execution and delivery by the Agency, and authorizing the Agency to pursue preliminary action toward the undertaking of the Proposed Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Agency and the Applicant agree as follows:

Article 1. Representations; No Commitments.

Section 1.01. The Applicant hereby represents to the Agency that:

(A) Based on the proposed use of the Project Facility, the economic effects of the Proposed Project on the area in which it is situated, the employment reasonably expected to be created by the acquisition, renovation, installation, equipping and operation of the Project Facility, and an analysis of how the Proposed Project would contribute to the realization of the public purposes of promoting job opportunities in the County of Chautauqua (the “County”), and the prevention of economic deterioration in the County, the Proposed Project would constitute a commercial facility with a significant impact on the area in which it is situated, and would advance the Agency’s purposes by promoting job opportunities and preventing economic deterioration in the County. Therefore, the Proposed Project would constitute a "project" within the meaning of the Act.

(B) The execution, delivery and performance by the Applicant of this Preliminary Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary company action, and this Preliminary Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Applicant and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Applicant enforceable against the Applicant in accordance with its terms.

(C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Proposed Project. For purposes of this representation, retail sales shall mean: (A) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph four of subdivision (b) of Section 1101 of the New York Tax Law; or (B) sales of a service to such customers.

(D) The undertaking of the Proposed Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant, any related designee or any other occupant of

the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant, any related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York. Therefore, the provisions of subdivision (1) of Section 862 of the Act would not be violated as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant.

(E) Each owner, occupant or operator that would receive Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable federal, state and local tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

(F) As of the date of this Preliminary Agreement, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) thereof.

(G) The granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project would be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Proposed Project in the County.

(H) The Applicant would not undertake the Proposed Project in the County without the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency.

(I) The Project Facility is located entirely within the boundaries of the Town of Pomfret and is not located within the boundaries of any other incorporated village or city. The Project Facility is located entirely within the boundaries of the Brocton Central School District

(J) The Applicant plans to invest a total of at least \$2,958,123 in the Project Facility.

Section 1.02. This Preliminary Agreement does not commit the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant to the Applicant any Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project. The members of the Agency shall decide, in their sole and absolute discretion, whether or not to undertake the Proposed Project and to grant such Financial Assistance, and then only following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of applicable laws, rules and regulations and the policies and procedures of the Agency (collectively, "Legal Requirements") have been fulfilled.

Article 2. Undertakings on the Part of the Agency.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Applicant, and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency agrees as follows:

Section 2.01. The Agency agrees to review the Application and to proceed with its consideration of the Proposed Project and the Financial Assistance relating to the Proposed Project, subject to the conditions contained in this Preliminary Agreement, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 1.02 above and the following conditions:

(A) The Agency shall receive, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency, such rulings, approvals, resolutions, consents, certificates, opinions of counsel and other instruments and proceedings as shall be specified by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project and the various documents to be executed in connection with the Proposed Project;

(B) The Applicant shall provide the Agency and all other “involved/interested agencies” with all information and statements that may be required by said respective entities to ensure compliance by said entities with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, “SEQRA”);

(C) The Applicant shall comply with and shall provide the Agency with all information, documentation and statements required for the Agency to comply with the requirements of all Legal Requirements; and

(D) The Applicant shall pay or reimburse the Agency for all expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project (including, without limitation, counsel fees and disbursements).

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Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Applicant agrees as follows:

Section 3.01. The Applicant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency) and hold the Agency (and its members, officers, agents, attorneys and employees) harmless from any and all liability, damages, causes of actions, losses, costs or expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with: (A) review, examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the Application, regardless of whether or not the Application, the Proposed Project or the Financial Assistance are favorably acted upon by the Agency, and (B) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Application or the Proposed Project; including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) all fees and expenses of the Agency’s general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants (if deemed necessary or advisable by the Agency) heretofore or hereafter incurred, and (ii) all other expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any suits, actions or proceedings that may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Agency decides not to proceed with consideration of the Application or the proposed Project or the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper or requested action or withdraws, abandons, cancels, or neglects the

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Section 3.03. The Applicant will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as the Agency may deem necessary to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as the Agency may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

Section 3.04. This Preliminary Agreement is intended to facilitate discussion regarding the Proposed Project, and neither this Preliminary Agreement nor any discussions or course of conduct between the parties or their representatives shall constitute an agreement, offer or legally binding commitment by the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant the Financial Assistance. This Preliminary Agreement does not purport to summarize or contain all the conditions, covenants, representations, warranties and other provisions that would be contained in the definitive documentation between the Agency and the Applicant relating to the Proposed Project.

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County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency
201 West 3rd Street, Suite 115
Jamestown, NY 14701
Attn: Mark Geise

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POMFRET III PV, LLC

COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: _____
Name: Jonathan Rappe
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: _____
Name: Shelby Bilskie
Title: Chief Financial Officer