# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, EXTENDING AGENT APPOINTMENT TERM AND AMENDMENT TO BASIC DOCUMENTS AND MODIFICATION AGREEMENT 255 RIVER STREET LLC PROJECT

A regular meeting of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Quackenbush Building located at 333 Broadway in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York on February 13, 2020 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairman of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

#### PRESENT:

John H. Clinton, Jr. Chairman
Michael Della Rocco Vice Chairman
Cynthia A. Henninger Secretary/Treasurer

Ronald Bounds Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

### ABSENT:

Douglas Baldrey Member Renee Powell Member James Church Member

## AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Robert L. Pasinella, Jr. Executive Director

Robin LaBrake Assistant

Peter Kehoe, Esq. Agency Counsel M. Cornelia Cahill, Esq. Special Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Ronald Bounds, seconded by Cynthia Henninger, to wit:

#### Resolution No. 0220-7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, EXTENDING TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF 255 RIVER STREET, LLC, AS AGENT, AND B.B.A. INC., AS SUBAGENT, OF RENSSELAER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN THIRD MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND AMENDED UNIFORM PROJECT BENEFITS AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING AND COMPLETING THE 255

# RIVER STREET LLC PROJECT, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 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 128 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-d 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, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial 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, on August 30, 2018 (the "Closing"), the Agency entered into a lease agreement dated as of August 1, 2018 (the "Lease Agreement") by and between 255 River Street LLC (the "Company") for the purpose of undertaking a project (the "Project"), said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 0.128 acre parcel of land located at 255 River Street (tax map no. 101.45-5-6) in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Land") and an approximately 30,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the renovation and reconstruction of the Existing Facility into approximately eight (8) micro-office suites on the river level, approximately one or two office/retail suites on the 1st floor and approximately nineteen (19) class A residential rental units on the 2nd to 5th floors, together with related amenities and improvements (collectively, the "Facility"), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property, including without limitation, tenant improvements and finishes (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a mixed use facility comprised of office, retail and residential space and associated uses and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease of the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously with the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement, (A) the Company executed and delivered to the Agency (1) a certain lease to agency dated as of August 1, 2018 (the "Lease to Agency" or the "Underlying Lease") by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company leased to the Agency the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on the Land (collectively, the "Leased

Premises"), and (2) a bill of sale dated as of August 1, 2018 (the "Bill of Sale to Agency"), which conveyed to the Agency all right, title and interest of the Company in the Equipment; (B) the Company and the Agency executed and delivered (1) a payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of August 1, 2018 (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility, (2) a uniform project benefits agreement dated as of August 1, 2018 (the "Uniform Project Benefits Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company regarding the granting of the financial assistance and the potential recapture of such assistance and that complied with the requirements of Section 859-a(6) of the Act, and (3) a certain recapture agreement dated as of August 1, 2018 (the "Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency, required by the Act, regarding the recovery or recapture of certain sales and use taxes; (C) the Agency filed with the assessor and mailed to the chief executive officer of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form 412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) (the "Real Property Tax Exemption Form") relating to the Project Facility and the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (D) the Agency filed with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance the form entitled "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency for Sales Tax Purposes" (the form required to be filed pursuant to Section 874(9) of the Act) (the "Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report"); (E) the Agency and B.B.A. Inc. (the "Contractor") entered into (1) a certain agency indemnification agreement dated as of September 1, 2018 (the "Contractor Agency and Indemnification Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Contractor and (2) a certain recapture agreement dated as of September 1, 2018 (the "Contractor Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Contractor; and (F) the Agency filed a Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report (the "Contractor Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report") with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (the above enumerated documents being collectively referred to as the "Basic Documents"); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the construction of the Project Facility and the acquisition of Equipment, pursuant to correspondence dated July 24, 2019 (the "Request"), the Company requested that the Agency modify the terms of the Basic Documents in order to extend the Completion Date (as defined in the Basic Documents) from August 31, 2019 to November 30, 2019 and thereby extend the appointment of the Company as agent, and the Contractor as sub-agent, of the Agency for sales and use tax purposes until November 30, 2019 (the "Modification"); and

WHEREAS, the Request was granted pursuant to a Resolution of the Agency adopted on September 12, 2019 and the Agency, the Company and the Contractor entered into a Modification Agreement with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to correspondence dated October 30, 2019 (the "Second Request"), the Company requested that the Agency modify the terms of the Basic Documents and the Modification, in order to further extend the Completion Date from November 30, 2019 to March 1, 2020, and thereby extend the appointment of the Company as agent and the Contractor as subagent, of the Agency for sales and use tax purposes until March 1, 2020 (the "Second Modification"); and

WHEREAS, the Second Request was granted pursuant to a Resolution of the Agency adopted on November 14, 2019 and the Agency, the Company and the Contractor entered into a Second Modification Agreement with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to correspondence dated January 17, 2020 and February 7, 2020 (the "Third Request"), the Company has requested that (1) the Agency modify the terms of the Basic Documents and the Second Modification Agreement, in order to further extend the Completion Date from March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, and thereby extend the appointment of the Company as agent and the Contractor as sub-agent of the Agency for sales and use tax purposes until September 30, 2020, (2) with respect to additional Project costs, grant increased Financial Assistance in the amount of \$63,000 of sales and use tax exemption benefits and \$19,000 of mortgage recording tax exemption, (3) amend and restate the Uniform Project Benefits Agreement to reflect the additional Project Costs, the increased Financial Assistance, the extended Completion Date and to reflect that job creation numbers will begin within nine months of the extended Completion Date (as amended, the "Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement") (all of the foregoing, collectively, the "Third Modification"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Third Modification, the Company has requested that the Agency enter into a certain third modification agreement (the "Third Modification Agreement"), by and among the Company, the Contractor and the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must determine the potential environmental significance of the Third Modification;

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

- <u>Section 1.</u> Based upon an examination of the Third Modification, the Agency hereby makes the following determinations:
  - (A) The Third Modification constitutes a "Type II action" pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(20), and therefor that, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(1)(i), the Agency has no further responsibilities under SEQRA with respect to the Request.
  - (B) That since compliance by the Agency with the Third Modification will not result in the Agency providing more than \$100,000 of "financial assistance" (as such quoted term is defined in the Act) to the Company, Section 859-a of the Act does not require a public hearing to be held with respect to the Third Modification.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The Agency, based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Basic Documents, hereby finds and determines that:

- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;
- (B) The Third Modification will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Rensselaer County and the State of New York and improve their standard of living and will serve the public purposes of the Act.
- Section 3. Subject to (A) compliance with the terms and conditions of the Basic Documents, (B) evidence of current certificates of insurance and policies indemnifying the Agency, and (C) payment by the Company of all fees and expenses of the Agency in connection with the delivery of the Third Modification Agreement and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement, including the fees of Agency Counsel and Special Counsel, the Agency hereby (A) consents to the Third Modification and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement and (B) determines to enter into the Third Modification Agreement and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement.
- <u>Section 4.</u> The Third Modification Agreement and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director and the Agency Counsel and shall be in substantially similar form to such prior documents of the Agency.
- Section 5. Subject to the satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3 hereof, the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Second Modification Agreement, the Forms ST-60 to be filed in connection therewith, and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement, and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) or Executive Director shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) or Executive Director to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.
- Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Third Modification Agreement and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Third Modification Agreement and the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement binding upon the Agency.
- <u>Section 7.</u> Neither the members nor officers of the Agency, nor any person executing the Third Modification Agreement or the Amended and Restated Uniform Project Benefits Agreement on behalf of the Agency, shall be liable thereon or be subject to any personal liability

or accountability by reason of the execution, issuance or delivery thereof or the transaction contemplated thereby.

## <u>Section 8.</u> 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:

| John H. Clinton, Jr. | VOTING | AYE           |
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| Michael Della Rocco  | VOTING | AYE           |
| Cynthia A. Henninger | VOTING | AYE           |
| Ronald Bounds        | VOTING | AYE           |
| Douglas Baldrey      | VOTING | ABSENT        |
| James Church         | VOTING | <b>ABSENT</b> |
| Renee Powell         | VOTING | ABSENT        |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

| STATE OF NEW YORK    | )      |
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|                      | ) SS.: |
| COUNTY OF RENSSELAER | )      |

I, the undersigned Secretary of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on February 13, 2020 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I 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, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I 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, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Cynthea a Henninger Secretary

(SEAL)