

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED PROJECT
AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
RELATING THERETO

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 6th day of November, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, at North Greenbush Town Hall, 2 Douglas Street, Wynantskill, in the town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, in connection with the following matters:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and MetLife Services and Solutions, LLC (collectively the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) (1) The maintenance, repair and replacement of an existing approximately 200,000 square foot facility and related improvements located at 500 Jordan Road in the Town of North Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York (collectively, the "Facility"), including but not limited to repair or replacement of the roof, sidewalks and parking lots (such maintenance, repairs and replacements being collectively referred to as the "Facility Purchases"), (2) the maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrading of the mechanical, electrical, heating and air conditioning equipment relating to the Facility (the "Mechanical Equipment"), and (3) the maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrading of the computer equipment (including mainframe, server and peripheral computer equipment) relating to the Facility (the "Computer Equipment"), including, software systems, software licenses and maintenance/support, special project capability and programming services (the "Computer Purchases"), all as covered by previously issued interim sales tax exemption letters appointing the Company as agent of the Agency and as may be purchased from time to time under a multi-year capital plan of the Company (the Facility Purchases, the Mechanical Equipment and the Computer Equipment, together with the Computer Purchases, being collectively referred to as the "Improvements") (the Facility and the Improvements being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company as an information systems computer center and related uses; (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 (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency.

The Agency has not yet made a determination pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") regarding the potential environmental impact of the Project.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location and nature of the proposed Project, or the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Robert L. Pasinella, Jr., Executive Director, Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency, 333 Broadway, Suite 330, Troy, New York 12180; Telephone: (518) 270-2914.

Dated: October 24, 2023.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 

Robert L. Pasinella, Jr., Executive Director