

St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency

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PROJECT ACTIVITY REPORT

Project: St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc.
Project Address: 45 Blanchard Road
Potsdam, New York 13676
Application Date: 02/28/12, 02/28/13
Board Approval Date: 05/15/12 (2012 CDEIP), 04/30/13 (2013 CDEIP), 06/04/13 (SLCIDA-CDC)
Assistance Date: 09/10/12 (2012 CDEIP), 05/17/13 (2013 CDEIP), 06/20/13 (SLCIDA- CDC)

Project Overview:

The St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc. applied for funds to replace the live fire training structure they operate in Potsdam. The original structure was condemned by engineers, and determined unsafe, demolished and removed, leaving firefighters no place to conduct live fire training as required by New York State Office of Homeland Security, National Fire Protection Association Standards' (NFPA), and Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA). Currently volunteer firefighters throughout St. Lawrence County have to travel to Jefferson, Franklin and Lewis Counties in order to receive this vital training requirement. This adds significant burdens relating to the time and cost of travel for this training.

2012 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Grant: Phase 1 - Construction of the new fire training center's foundation (including cost for site work, materials and labor). The footprint of this foundation is approximately 1,000 sq ft. Project costs for phase 1 are expected to be \$66,126 (of which the applicant will contribute \$23,144).

2013 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Grant: Phase 2 – Purchase of materials and labor necessary for construction of a 22 ft x 14 ft single-story slab-on-grade structure. The building will be steel framed with special high temperature insulated interior panels, temperature monitoring systems and exterior features designed for conducting live fire training. Project costs for phase 2 are expected to be \$92,976 (of which the applicant contribution is \$30,976).

Actions Taken:

Proposed Financial Assistance:

St. Lawrence County IDA Civic Development Corporation: Interim Financing.....	\$290,000
St. Lawrence County IDA Civic Development Corporation: Permanent Financing	\$90,000
2013 Community Development & Environmental Improvement Program: Grant Award.....	\$60,000
2012 Community Development & Environmental Improvement Program: Grant Award.....	\$42,982

Economic Indicators:

- **Community Investment:** The project will ensure communities receive adequate fire protection, therefore reducing operational risks and lowering insurance costs. Communities will also see a direct impact on the local economy through the purchase of goods and services from local businesses to supply the training center with needed materials.
- The structure will serve to train the over 2,000 firefighters and EMS personnel that comprise the 41 fire departments in St. Lawrence County. This training facility will also facilitate training needs of law enforcement, local industry, and educational institutions in the area.
- **Financing Leveraged:** The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Local Development Corporation's bridge financing will enable the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility to access \$200,000 in grant funds from Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) through Senator Ritchie and Assemblywoman Russell.