

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

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing (the “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 the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) on the 30th day of September, 2020 at 11:00 o’clock a.m., local time, in connection with the ASA Gouverneur NY Solar II LLC Project as described below. As a result of the (1) ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, as supplemented, (2) ban on non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason pursuant to Executive Order 202.10 issued on March 23, 2020, as supplemented and (3) suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15 issued on April 9, 2020, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Public Hearing will be held electronically via webinar rather than in person. Members of the public may attend the Public Hearing by viewing and commenting on the Project and the benefits to be granted to ASA Gouverneur NY Solar II LLC (the “Company”) by the Agency during the Public Hearing by logging into Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87832476212?pwd=SUpuVjZqRmorMk9VNhVWanJ2aG50dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 3247 6212

Passcode: 062088

The Company submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 198.9 acres of land located at 1645 US Highway 11 in the Town of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York (the “Land”); (2) the installation on approximately 17.8 acres of the Land of a 4.0 mW-AC ground-mounted photovoltaic solar energy system including panels, racking, inverters, electrical cables, grid interconnection, site preparation, access roads and any other required improvement (collectively, the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility of certain items of machinery, equipment, fixtures, furniture and other incidental tangible personal property (the “Equipment”), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar energy generating facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”); (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 (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 (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of St. Lawrence County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real

property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to 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.

Minutes of the Public Hearing will transcribed and posted on the Agency's website (www.slcida.com). Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Patrick J. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, 19 Commerce Lane – Suite 1, Canton, New York 13617; Telephone: (315) 379-9806 and electronically at pkelly@slcida.com.

Dated: September 15, 2020.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: Patrick J. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer