



St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency

Application for Assistance (revised 12/2021)

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Agency will not take action on any application unless, in the judgment of the Agency, said application contains sufficient information upon which to base a decision whether to approve or tentatively approve an action.
2. Please answer all questions using "None" or "Not Applicable" where the question is not appropriate to the project which is the subject of this application ("the Project"). If more space is needed to answer a question, please attach a separate sheet.
3. Please note that Article 6 of the Public Officers Law declares that all records in the possession of the Agency (with certain limited exceptions) are open to public inspection and copying. If the applicant feels that there are elements of the Project which are in the nature of trade secrets or information, the nature of which is such that if disclosed to the public or otherwise widely disseminated would cause substantial injury to the applicant's competitive position, the applicant may identify such elements in writing and request that such elements be kept confidential in accordance with Article 6 of Public Officers Law.
4. The applicant will be required to pay the Agency all actual costs incurred in connection with this application and the Project contemplated herein (to the extent such expenses are not paid out of the proceeds of the Agency's bonds issued to finance the project). The applicant will also be expected to pay all costs incurred by general counsel and bond counsel to the Agency. If applicable, the costs incurred by the Agency, including the Agency's general counsel and bond counsel, may be considered a part of the project and included as a part of the resultant bond issue.
5. The Agency has established a project fee for each type of project in which the Agency participates. Unless the Agency agrees in writing to the contrary, this project fee is required to be paid by the applicant at or prior to the granting of any financing assistance by the Agency.

FEE SCHEDULE

*The forms of assistance listed below have a fee of 1% of the total bond series or project cost benefited by the Agency assistance, as applicable. A non-refundable fee of \$2,000 is payable to the SLCIDA at the time the application is submitted which will be credited toward the total fee at closing. If you are applying for multiple types of assistance only one fee of \$2,000 is due. **The non-refundable application fee for Renewable Energy Projects is \$5,000.***

- ☒ **Tax Exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds – Complete Appendix A & B**
☐ **Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) – Complete Appendix B**
☐ **Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption – Complete Appendix B**
☐ **Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Complete Appendix B**

Applicant/Company Information

Applicant Name:	LF Bioenergy LF1 LLC	Federal ID#:	
Address:	2950 N. Harwood St	Contact Name:	Eric Butler
	Suite 2200	Contact Title:	Chief Financial Officer
City/State/Zip:	Dallas, TX 75201	Contact Email:	
Telephone:		Cell:	
Alternate Phone:		Fax:	

Will the proposed project be located within the municipality of the applicant's current operations? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

FORM OF ENTITY:

- ☐ Privately Held Corporation
☐ Public Corporation (Listed as _____ on _____ Exchange)
☒ Limited Liability Company
☐ Partnership: ☐ General ☐ Limited Number of Partners: _____ General _____ Limited
☐ Other: _____

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If the entity is a Corporation, Limited Liability Company or Partnership:

Date Established: 6/15/2021 Place of Organization: DE SIC Code: _____

If the entity is currently located outside New York State, is it authorized to do business in New York State? ☒ Yes ☐ No
☐ N/A

Principal Officers:

Name	Title
<u>Brent Lilienthal</u>	<u>CEO</u>
<u>Brian Flis</u>	<u>COO</u>
<u>Eric Butler</u>	<u>CFO</u>
_____	_____

Principal Owners with 10% or more in equity holdings with a percentage ownership:

Name	Percentage
<u>LF Bioenergy LLC</u>	<u>100%</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Is the Company, or are the owners of the Company, involved in any lawsuits which could have a financial impact on the Company? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Has the Company, or any of its owners, ever been involved in bankruptcy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the owners of the Company citizens of the United States? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Has the Applicant (or any related company) been involved in any prior financing, whether by this Agency, or by a financial institution, in the county in which this project is located? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

Bank References:

Major Trade References:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Legal Counsel: Eversheds Sutherland

Contact: Ram Sunkara

Address: 700 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 700

City/State/Zip: Washington DC, 20001-3980

Telephone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Are there any concerns that may be regarded as parent companies, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the Company, including concerns in which the Company or any of its principals holds an interest greater than 5%? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide a list of names and addresses of all concerns. Attach additional pages as needed.

Name: LF Bioenergy LLC

Address: 2950 N Harwood St, Suite 2200

City/State/Zip: Dallas, TX 75201

Nature of Relationship: Parent Company % Ownership 100

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Business History

Provide a brief history of the Company including changes in ownership operations, overview of operating performance, location and size of current operations, products and/or services, major accounts, principal competitors, and major events affecting sales and/or expenses:

LF Bioenergy LF1 LLC is a startup and there is no operating history of the project. The parent company is involved in the development of RNG projects and is not currently involved in any other business.

Site Information

<p>Project Address: 925 Co. Rt 54</p> <p>City/State/Zip: North Lawrence, NY 12967</p> <p>Town: Town of Lawrence</p> <p>Village/City:</p> <p>School District: Brasher Falls Central School District</p> <p>Tax Map Parcel: 46.001-1-44.1</p>	<p>Note utilities currently on site:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Water</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Sewer</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Electric</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Telecom</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gas</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric	<input type="checkbox"/> Telecom	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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Who is the current legal owner of the proposed site?	Stauffer Farms
What is the size of the existing facility and site, if applicable?	n/a
What is the size of the proposed facility and site?	8 acres
What is the current zoning of the project site?	Agricultural
Does the project require local planning or permitting approvals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please explain:	St Lawrence County and North Lawrence Township approval
Will the project meet zoning regulations after completion?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, explain what zoning changes will be needed:	
Identify any Federal, State or local regulatory agencies or boards that will need to approve your project, or will oversee your operations:	NYSDEC, USFWS, OSHA
Will a site plan application need to be filed? If yes, please include a copy, if prepared.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the company completed the required SEQR application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If yes, what is the date of the application?	2/7/2022

Project Description

Description of the project: (check all that apply)

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New construction
<input type="checkbox"/> Addition to an existing facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Renovation and modernization of an existing facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of an existing facility | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase of new machinery and equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Refinancing of an existing project
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
|--|--|

Project Type for all end users at project site: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Retail
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of an existing facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility For Aging
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Tenant
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/> Civic Facility (not for profit)
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Solid Waste Disposal Facility |
|--|---|

What is the proposed commencement date of construction or acquisition of the project? **Project has commenced and construction will start Q1 2022**

What is the timetable for the project including when the project will be in full use? **COD Q1 2023**

Provide a brief description of the Project. Please identify specific uses and activities occurring within the project location. List proposed products to be manufactured and/or services to be rendered and the markets for those goods and services. Include impact on Company in terms of its operations, profitability, marketing, and other significant operating financial factors. Attach additional pages as needed.

Project is to fund an anaerobic digester to process cow manure from Stauffer Farms. The Project will support the Stauffer Dairy Farm operation of approximately 4,500 dairy cows and will provide an additional revenue stream to the farmers.

The use of anaerobic digesters for manure management will provide long-term sustainability and utilize technology that will create more environmentally friendly operations. Stauffer Farms has contracted with the Applicant and its Affiliates to develop, build, own and operate an anaerobic digester on their dairy. This dairy desire to improve the quality of their operation and develop a sustainable future for their children and grandchildren. The dairy's manure flushing systems collect manure into existing storage pit systems. This diluted manure is pumped to sloped screens in order to separate the solids from the water for digestion. The slurry is then reintroduced into the new manure handling system beginning at the thickening pits. A hydrolyzer and its pair of agitators are used to maintain a homogeneous mixture and promote hydrolysis. Once the material in the hydrolyzer has undergone sufficient hydrolysis (approximately 5 days), the hydrolyzer pump delivers the mixture to the anaerobic digester for processing. Output of the project will be renewable natural gas which will be sold under contracts.

Does the Applicant intend to lease or sublease more than 10% (by area or fair market value) of the Project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the Project include facilities or property that is primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities? ☐ Yes (*complete shaded box below*) ☒ No

If the answer to the previous question is yes, what percentage of the cost of the Project will be expended on such facilities or property primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the Project? _____

If more than 33.33%, indicate whether any of the following apply to the Project:

Will the Project be operated by a not-for-profit corporation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the Project likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region in which the Project will be located? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Would the Project occupant, but for the contemplated financial assistance from the Agency, locate the Project and related jobs outside of New York State? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the predominant purpose of the Project to make available goods or services which would not, but for the Project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the City, Town or Village within which the Project will be located because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Is the proposed project a Franchise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide a Franchise Agreement.

Will the Project be located in a census tract or block numbering area (or census tract or block number area contiguous thereto) which, according to the most recent census data, has 1) a poverty rate of at least 20% for the year in which the data relates, or at least 20% of household receiving public assistance, and 2) an unemployment rate of at least 1.25 times the statewide unemployment rate for the year in which the data relates? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does the applicant have other facilities or related companies located in New York State, outside of the jurisdiction in which the project will take place? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, will this other facility or company be closed or have operations reduced as a result of this proposed project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are there any current occupants of this proposed site that will have their operations affected (including reduced or discontinued) as a result of this proposed project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain: _____

If the answer to either of the previous two questions is yes, indicate whether any of the following apply to the Project:

Is the Project reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Company or such Project Occupant in its industry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Is the Project reasonably necessary to discourage the Company or such Project Occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State of New York? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain: _____

Has the applicant actively sought sites and/or facilities in another state? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please explain: _____

Does the project involve pollution control or processing primarily for solid waste disposal? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe the type of pollution to be abated, existing methods of abatement, or the proposed method of abatement, construction and equipment to be financed: **Methane captured by the digester will be cleaned to produce a renewable natural gas to be delivered to a natural gas pipeline and used as a renewable fuel.**

Is there a likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the financial assistance provided by the Agency?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If the Project could be undertaken without financial assistance provided by the agency, then provide a statement below indicating why the Project should be undertaken by the Agency: **Tax-exempt financing will provide a lower cost of capital and provide greater efficiencies for the host farm and the agricultural community.**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Include the following items as attachments as necessary.

COMPANY INFORMATION: (Prior to Closing)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Entity formation documents as appropriate (DBA Certificate, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Certificate of Formation, Operating Agreement, Partnership Agreement)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Copy of Environmental Assessment Forms (Agency will provide assistance as needed)
FINANCIAL INFORMATION:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Company profit and loss statements, balance sheets, and capital statements for the last 2 years. If the business is a sole proprietorship, provide copies of the IRS 1040 and Schedule C. If accountant prepared financial statements are available, they should also be provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Company Annual Reports (form 10-k) for the two most recent fiscal years
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Quarterly reports and current reports since most recent Annual Report, if any

Project Costs, Sources and Uses of Funding

Estimate the costs necessary for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvements and equipping of the project.

Project Costs:

Item/Use of Funds	Amount		
Land Acquisition			Acres
Building Purchase			Square Feet
Construction or Renovation (Materials)			
Construction or Renovation (Labor)			
Site Work			
Machinery & Equipment	\$18,600,000		
Furniture & Fixtures			
Working Capital/Inventory			
Other: Capitalized Interest/ Debt Service Reserve Fund	\$3,690,000		
Subtotal Project	\$22,290,000		
Cost of Issuance	\$1,130,000		
Agency's Fee (1% of Bond or Benefited Project Amount)	\$180,000		
Subtotal Project	\$23,600,000		

Sources of Funding:

Source	Amount	Rate	Term	Percentage
Company Equity	\$5,600,000	N/A	N/A	23.73%
Bank Loan				
SLCIDA-LDC Loan				
Other: Tax-Exempt Bond Financing	\$18,000,000	N/A		76.27%
Other:				
Other:				
Other:				
Total	\$23,600,000	%		100%

Please provide a list of all New York State incentives that have been approved, or are pending approval, as part of this project (example: Grants, Tax Credits, etc...)

N/A

Please identify participating lenders:

Lender: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Contact Title: _____
 Contact Email: _____
 Telephone: _____

Lender: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Contact Title: _____
 Contact Email: _____
 Telephone: _____

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Job Creation

Please complete the following chart for the permanent jobs created by the Project. Enter data as follows:

For purposes of this application, we are providing the following guidelines to help you calculate employment levels:

- Full Time: Any permanent employee who works 30 or more hours each week, and does so on a regularly-scheduled basis.
- Part Time Temporary/Seasonal: Any employee who works fewer than 30 hours each week, and does so on an occasional, temporary or as-needed basis.

- A:** Insert the number of full time and part time jobs that currently exist within your company at the time of application.
B: Indicate the average annual wage for each job type listed in A (full time, part time, or other).
C: Indicate the average annual Benefit for each job type listed in A (full time, part time, or other).
D: Insert the number of jobs to be created during year 1 of the project for each job type (full time, part time, or other).
E: Insert the number of jobs to be created during year 2 of the project for each job type (full time, part time, or other).
F: Insert the number of jobs to be created during year 3 of the project for each job type (full time, part time, or other).
G: The total number of jobs to be created for each job type (full time, part time, or other).

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Jobs	Current Jobs	Average Annual Wage	Average Annual Benefit Cost	Number of Jobs Created Year 1	Number of Jobs Created Year 2	Number of Jobs Created Year 3	Total New Jobs Created
Full Time							
Management	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Professional	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Administrative	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Production	0			2	0	0	2
Independent Contractor	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Other:		\$	\$				
Total	0			2	0	0	2
Part Time							
Management	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Professional	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Administrative	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Production	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Independent Contractor	0	\$	\$	0	0	0	0
Other:		\$	\$				
Total		\$	\$				

If you classified any of the above jobs as "Other", please clarify job type, benefits offered, etc.: _____

Of the new jobs to be created, how many of those vacancies do you expect to fill with St. Lawrence County residents? 2

Please list any benefits currently provided to your full/part time employees (e.g. medical, dental, vision or life insurance; retirement program; etc.) medical, dental, vision or life insurance; retirement program

Indicate the number of construction jobs that will be created as a direct result of this project: 75 over 6 months

RECAPTURE POLICY

APPROVED JUNE 29, 2016

Policy:

It is the policy of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the "SLCIDA") to ensure responsible provision of public benefits to companies for job creation/retention projects. In furtherance of this, SLCIDA wishes to set forth criteria which will assist the SLCIDA in evaluating project performance and determine the appropriateness of recapturing, limiting or terminating a contract with a recipient of IDA benefits.

Applicability:

This policy shall apply to all projects which the SLCIDA has authorized.

Procedure:

All SLCIDA project applicants are required to submit, on a quarterly basis, a copy of the form NYS-45. The NYS-45 will act as a general indicator of the status of the project's employment performance.

All SLCIDA project applicants are required to submit, on an annual basis and no more than 45 days after the end of the calendar year, a "St. Lawrence County IDA Project Report" documenting the position of the project at the end of the calendar year. The report shall include such information as: jobs projected to be created/retained; estimated salary of jobs to be created/retained; current number of Full Time and Part Time and/or Seasonal jobs; number of construction jobs created through the year; exemptions from taxes and Payment in Lieu of Tax made; and status of bond financing related to the project.

SLCIDA will utilize both of the aforementioned reports, in addition to information compiled throughout the project (site visits; follow-ups; phone/email and general correspondence) to gauge the status of the project in relation to the original commitment of the company as stated in the project application. The project will undergo further review should significant deficiencies be found in any area. SLCIDA will request from project applicants justification for deficiencies/shortfalls, and will compare justifications against industry standards, current market conditions and current economic conditions. Said information will be used by SLCIDA to determine whether the project applicant/project operator did all that it could to meet the obligations outlined in the application and project agreements.

SLCIDA, in its sole discretion and on a case-by-case basis, may determine with respect to a particular project to require the project applicant to agree to the recapture by SLCIDA of the value of any or all exemptions from taxation granted with respect to the project by virtue of the SLCIDA's involvement. Events that SLCIDA may determine will trigger recapture may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. sale or closure of a facility;
2. significant reduction in employment levels;
3. significant change in use of facility;
4. significant change in business activities or project applicant or operator, including a shift of production activity or relocation of operations to a facility outside of SLCIDA's jurisdiction;
5. material non-compliance with or breach of terms of the SLCIDA transaction documents, or of zoning or land use laws or regulations or federal, state, or local environmental laws or regulations;
6. failure to respond to SLCIDA inquiries and/or requests regarding non-compliance with provision of quarterly and/or annual follow-up reporting documents; or
7. failure to respond to SLCIDA inquiries and/or requests concerning any information regarding the project or the project applicant or any project operator.

Upon the occurrence of any of the event triggers listed above, the SLCIDA will send written notice to the project applicant, demanding provision of, or requesting an explanation for failure to provide, information requested by SLCIDA.

Should SLCIDA find that (a) significant deficiencies in the achievement of the economic benefits promised as described in the application and the project agreements have occurred and (2) there appears to be no justification satisfactory to the SLCIDA to explain the deficiencies, the SLCIDA may determine to undertake any enforcement action available to the SLCIDA under the SLCIDA's agreements to seek redress for the deficiencies.

Enforcement action taken by SLCIDA may include, but shall not be limited to:

1. Requesting cure of the deficiency by a final notice letter.
2. Forwarding an event of default notice as described in the project agreements.
3. Notifying the appropriate New York State agencies of the project operator's failure to comply.
4. Terminating any or all of the project agreements.
5. Reducing the value of financial assistance moving forward.
6. Terminating any future financial assistance.
7. Requiring that the value of all of the financial assistance utilized to date to be repaid in full or in part, with interest.

All recaptured amounts of Financial Assistance shall be redistributed to the appropriate affected taxing jurisdictions, unless agreed to otherwise by such affected taxing jurisdictions.

APPENDIX A – Bond Financing

Please complete this section if you are applying for Bond Financing.

Bond Counsel: Hodgson Russ
Name of Firm: Hodgson Russ
Address: 677 Broadway Suite 301
Albany, NY 12207
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Bond Counsel Contact: Christopher Canada
Bond Counsel Contact Email: [REDACTED]

If the Company is asking the Agency to issue its qualified small issue private activity bonds (colloquially known as “small issue IDBs”), what is the dollar value of “capital expenditures” (as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code) that the Company or any related company or person, has expended/will expend within this County?

Over the last three years \$4,200,000
During the present year (2022) \$14,400,000
First year after project completion _____
Second year after project completion _____
Third year after project completion _____

Has the company made any arrangements for the marketing or purchasing of the bonds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide information: **Piper Sandler has been engaged to assist in the filing of the application and to support if the marketing/sales process.**

What is your total estimated interest expense (assuming taxable interest)? _____

What is your total estimated interest expense (assuming tax exempt interest rate)? _____

For modeling purposes, a 7% interest rate has been assumed.

APPENDIX B

Please complete this section if you are applying for any of the following:
 Lease Transaction, Bond Financing ▪ Payment in Lieu of Taxes
 Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption ▪ or ▪ Sales and Use Tax Exemption.

MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION BENEFIT: Amount of mortgage that would be subject to mortgage recording tax:

Mortgage Amount (Include sum total of construction/permanent/bridge financing): \$ n/a

Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption benefit
 (product of mortgage amount as indicated above multiplied by .0075%): \$ n/a

SALES AND USE TAX: Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to the 8% State and Local Sales and Use Tax in St. Lawrence County – said amount to benefit from the Agency's Sales and Use Tax exemption benefit.

ESTIMATED COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR SALES TAX EXEMPTION BENEFIT:

Construction/Renovation: Materials	\$1,066,166
Site Work	
Non-Manufacturing Equipment	
Furniture & Fixtures	
Machinery & Equipment	\$612,000
Construction/Renovation: Labor	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$1,678,166

Estimated State and Local Sales and Use Tax Benefit (product of .08 multiplied by the total figure above): **\$134,253**

INFORMATION FOR ESTIMATED REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION BENEFIT:

What is the pre-project assessment of the property? _____
 What is the estimated post-project assessment? _____
 What is the property tax ID# _____

ESTIMATED OTHER BENEFITS:

Sales Tax Revenue

If the project will result in the manufacturing or selling of a new product, estimate the amount of annual sales taxes that will be generated on retail sales of the new product. Otherwise, enter "N/A" _____

If the project will result in increased production or sales of an existing product, estimate the amount of annual sales tax that will be generated on the retail sales of the increased production. Otherwise, enter "N/A". n/a

Real Property Taxes

Estimate the amount of annual real property taxes that will be payable on the Project (at the end of the PILOT Agreement, if any). Otherwise, enter "N/A". n/a

REAL PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT: Identify and describe if the Project will utilize a real property tax exemption benefit OTHER THAN the Agency's PILOT benefit: **NY Section 483-e**

IDA PILOT Benefit: Agency staff will indicate the amount of PILOT Benefit based on estimated Project Costs as contained herein and anticipated tax rates and assessed valuation, including the annual PILOT Benefit abatement amount for each year of the PILOT benefit year and the sum total of PILOT Benefit abatement amount for the term of the PILOT depicted on **Cost/Benefit Analysis** attached.

What other benefits will the Project bring to the community and region?

- ☐ This project will result in the building of a new plant or the expansion of an existing facility.
- ☐ This project will result in the reoccupation of a formerly-vacant building.
- ☒ This project directly contributes to "green" or "environmentally friendly" technology.
- ☐ This project will result in bringing new inventions, licenses or products to market.

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☐ This project will result in expansion of infrastructure capacity.

Other: _____

REPRESENTATIONS BY THE APPLICANT:

The Applicant understands and agrees with the Agency as follows:

- A. Job Listings. In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the project receives any financial assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreement, new employment opportunities created as a result of the project will be listed with the NYS Department of Labor, Department of Employment Services and with the administrative entity of the local workforce investment area created by the Federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in which the project is located.
- B. First Consideration for Employment. In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the project receives any financial assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreement, where practicable, the Applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in WIOA programs who shall be referred by those WIA entities for new employment opportunities created as a result of said project.
- C. Annual Sales Tax Filings. In accordance with Section 874(8) of New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the project receives any financial assistance from the Agency, in accordance with Section 874(8) of the General Municipal Law, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the annual form prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance describing the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or subcontractors retained by the Applicant, and to provide a copy of such filing to the Agency.
- D. Quarterly Employment Reports. The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the project receives any financial assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed with the Agency on a quarterly basis, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site.
- E. Absence of Conflicts of Interest. The Applicant has received from the Agency a list of all members, officers and employees of the Agency. No member, officer or employer of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction contemplated by this application, except as hereinafter described:
- F. Hold Harmless. The Applicant hereby releases the Agency and its members, directors, officers, servants, agents and employees thereof from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by (a) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the attached Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the Project described therein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested therein are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction and/or installation of the Project described therein and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project, including without limitation the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing.
- G. Recapture. The Applicant understands and agrees that the Agency can impose on the Company penalties or sanctions for projects that do not meet performance standards or project goals as outlined on the Agency's Recapture Policy on Page 9 of this Application. Said penalties/sanctions may include the return by the Company of all or part of the benefits received.
- H. Affirmation. The Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York State General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if Financial Assistance is provided for the proposed project:

862. Restrictions on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.

The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving Financial Assistance for the proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any Financial Assistance and the reimbursement of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement with the Project.

The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges that as of the date of this Application, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law.

The grounds of deponent's belief relative to all matters in the said application which are not stated upon his own personal knowledge, are investigations which deponent has caused to be made concerning the subject matter of this application as well as the information acquired by deponent in the course of his duties as an officer of and from the books and papers of said corporation.

As an officer of said Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "applicant") deponent acknowledges and agrees that the applicant shall be and is responsible for all costs incurred by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") acting on behalf of the attached whether or not the application, the project it describes, the attendant negotiations and ultimately the necessary issue of bonds are ever carried to a successful conclusion. If, for any reason whatsoever, the applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails to act 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 Agency or Applicant are unable to find buyers willing to purchase the total bond issue required, then upon presentation of invoice, Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, or assigns all actual costs involved in conduct of the application, up to that date and time, including but not necessarily limited to fees of bond counsel for the Agency and fees of general counsel for the Agency. Upon successful conclusion and sale of the required bond issue, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency an administrative fee set by the Agency and not to exceed an amount equal to 1% of the total project cost benefited by the Agency's assistance. The cost incurred by the Agency and paid by the applicant, including bond counsel and Agency general counsel fees, and the administrative fee, may be considered as a cost of the project and included as part of the resultant bond issue. The application fee shall be credited toward this amount.

For Solar Projects, the Applicant, within 60 days of Board approval shall make payment of 1/2 of the Agency fee and 1/3 of the Agency Counsel fee. The Applicant will then have one year to close on the project.

CERTIFICATION:

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.:

Eric Butler, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That I am the Chief Financial Officer of LF Bioenergy LF1LLC and that I am duly authorized on behalf of the Applicant to bind the Applicant.
2. That I have read the attached Application, I know the contents thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Application and the contents of this Application are true, accurate and complete.

(Signature of Officer)

Subscribed and affirmed to
me under penalties of perjury

This 18th day of February, 2022.

(Notary Public)

JOSHUA HAWTREE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID [REDACTED]
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 02/19/2024