

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
**PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**  
 NORTHEASTERN SIGN CORPORATION [IDA Project# 4001-23-08]  
 Resolution No. IDA-23-12-43  
 December 20, 2023

A meeting of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the “SLCIDA”) was convened on December 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM., local time, at the IDA office, Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, 19 Commerce Lane, Canton, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. LaBaff and, upon roll being called, the following members of the SLCIDA were:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Blevins, Lynn	X	
Hall, Mark C.	X	
LaBaff, Ernest	X	
McMahon, Andrew	X	
Morrill, Steven	X	
Reagen, James	X	
Staples, Brian W.		X

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT: IDA Staff (Patrick Kelly, Richard Williams, Kimberly Gilbert, and Lori Sibley); IDA-LDC Staff (John Pinkerton)

After the meeting had been duly called to order, Mr. LaBaff announced that, among the purposes of the meeting, was to consider and take action on certain matters pertaining to proposed project for the benefit of NORTHEASTERN SIGN CORPORATION.

On motion duly made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Reagen, the following resolution was placed before the members of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency:

- (i) ACCEPTING AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY NORTHEASTERN SIGN CORPORATION, LIMITED WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE SLCIDA WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY FOR THE PROJECT IN THE FORM OF A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT; (iv) APPOINTING THE COMPANY AS SLCIDA’S AGENT FOR PURPOSES OF UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT (v) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; (vi) ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT PURSUANT TO SEQRA.**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the "SLCIDA") is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "State") as amended, and Chapter 358 of the Laws of 1971 of the State, as amended (collectively, the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreation facilities, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and

**WHEREAS**, NORTHEASTERN SIGN CORPORATION (the "Company") has submitted an application (the "Application") to the SLCIDA requesting the SLCIDA's assistance with the project, the terms and conditions of which are described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part thereof, and as may be more thoroughly described within the Application, and

**WHEREAS**, there has been enacted into law Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 612 of the 1975 Laws of the State of New York, as amended (the "Environmental Act"), which provides for the review of certain "actions" undertaken by State and local agencies for purposes of regulating such activities in order for proper consideration be given to the prevention of environmental damage, and

**WHEREAS**, provision of economic assistance to industrial projects by the SLCIDA is an "action" as that term is defined in the Environmental Act, which must be evaluated by the SLCIDA to determine its environmental effect, and in accordance with the Environmental Act, the SLCIDA conducted an environmental review of the project, a draft of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and

**WHEREAS**, it is contemplated that prior to taking any action the SLCIDA will (i) accept the Company's application for financial assistance in the form of a Sales and Use Tax Exemption; (ii) accept and adopt findings pursuant to SEQRA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency as follows:

Section 1. The Company has presented an Application in a form acceptable to the SLCIDA. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the SLCIDA in the Company's application, the SLCIDA hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the SLCIDA 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; and

(B) The SLCIDA has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the SLCIDA will induce the Company to develop the Project in St. Lawrence County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the SLCIDA as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the “State”) to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the SLCIDA hereby finds that, based on the Company’s application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

Section 2. The SLCIDA has reviewed the SEQR assessment and its findings for the Project and hereby confirms and determines that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Section 3. Subject to the execution of an Agency Compliance Agreement and the delivery to the SLCIDA of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the SLCIDA, the SLCIDA hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the undertaking of the Project and hereby appoints the Company, and their respective agents and other designees, as the true and lawful agent of the SLCIDA: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the SLCIDA with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the SLCIDA could do if acting in its own behalf.

Section 4. The form and substance of a proposed Agency Compliance Agreement by and between SLCIDA and the Company with respect to the Sales and Use Tax Exemption is hereby approved, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute and deliver said Agency Compliance Agreement and related documents.

Section 5. The Agency Compliance Agreement shall expire on **December 31, 2024** unless extended pursuant to the terms of the Agency Compliance Agreement.

Section 6. The public hearing, concerning the nature and location of the Facility and the contemplation of the provision of financial assistance is not required;

Section 7. Intentionally omitted;

Section 8. The officers, employees and agents of the SLCIDA are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the SLCIDA to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such 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 resolutions and to cause compliance by the SLCIDA with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the SLCIDA.

Section 9. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Blevins, Lynn	X			
Hall, Mark C.	X			
LaBaff, Ernest	X			
McMahon, Andrew	X			
Morrill, Steven	X			
Reagen, James	X			
Staples, Brian W.				X

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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**EXHIBIT A**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Applicant Name/Project Number:</b> NORTHEASTERN SIGN CORPORATION [#4001-23-08]	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Project Description (the “Project”):</b> NORTHEASTERN SIGN CORPORATION (“Company”) plans to undertake a project to Construct a 684 SF addition to the existing facility to better separate clean and dirty manufacturing processes. Also additional equipment and machinery to support the exploration.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Type of Financial Assistance Requested:</b>	Exemption from sales and use taxes on purchases and rentals of goods and services relating to the undertaking of the “Project” as described, above.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Total Amount of Project:</b>	\$270,000
<b>5.</b>	<b>Benefited Project Amount:</b>	\$164,545
<b>6.</b>	<b>Estimated value of NYS Sales &amp; local sales and use tax exemption to be provided to the Company for this Project:</b>	\$14,000
<b>7.</b>	<b>PILOT Structure</b>	N/A
<b>8.</b>	<b>Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption</b>	N/A
<b>9.</b>	<b>Full-time Equivalent Jobs to be Retained as a Result of the Project:</b>	8
<b>10.</b>	<b>Full-Time Equivalent Jobs to be Created as a Result of the Project:</b>	2
<b>11.</b>	<b>Expiration of the Financial Assistance:</b>	December 31, 2024

**SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE        )        SS.:

The undersigned, being the Secretary of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) including the resolution contained therein, held on December 20, 2023 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject in matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that 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 modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

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Mr. Ernest LaBaff