



APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Each applicant seeking assistance must complete this application and provide required supplemental forms/documentation.

Please answer all questions. Use "None" or "Not Applicable" where necessary. Information in this application may be subject to public review under New York State Law, except for information that is considered deniable by the Freedom of Information Law. This form is available at www.monroecountybusiness.org/application.

Please send completed application via email to EconomicDevelopment@monroecounty.gov. A non-refundable application fee of \$350.00 is required. Please see page 12 for additional information on costs and fees.

I. APPLICANT

A. Applicant Information

Name: Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board
 Address: 70 Carlson Road, Suite 200
 City/State/Zip: Rochester, NY 14610
 Tax Id No.: [REDACTED]
 Contact Name: [REDACTED]
 Title: Board Chairman
 Telephone: [REDACTED]
 E-Mail: [REDACTED]

B. Applicant's Legal Counsel

Name: Edward Hourihan
 Firm: Bond Schoeneck & King
 Address: 350 Linden Oaks, 3rd Floor
 City/State/Zip: Rochester, NY 14625
 Telephone: (585) 362-4712
 Email: [REDACTED]

C. Owners of Applicant Company (must total 100%). If an LLC, LP or similar, all members/partners must be listed

Name	%	Corporate Title
<u>City of Rochester, New York</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Rochester City School District</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>N/A</u>
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D. Is the business applying for assistance certified as an MWBE or service-disabled veterans' agency? Yes No

II. PROJECT

A. Address of proposed project facility

Address: Multiple Rochester City School Bldgs

Tax Map Parcel Number: _____

City/Town/Village: Rochester

School District: Rochester City School District

Zip: _____

Current Legal Owner of Property:

City of Rochester

B. Benefits Requested (Check all that apply)

- Sales Tax Exemption
- Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption
- Real Property Tax Abatement
- Industrial Revenue Bond Financing

C. Description of project (check all that apply)

- New Construction
- Existing Facility
 - Acquisition
 - Expansion
- Renovation/Modernization
- Acquisition of machinery/equipment
- Other (specify) _____

D. Proposed User(s)/Tenant(s) of the Facility

If there are multiple Users/Tenants, please attach additional pages.

Are the user and owner related entities? Yes No

Company Name: Rochester City School District

Address: 131 West Broad Street

City/State/Zip: Rochester, NY 14614

Tax ID No: 16-6002010

Contact Name: Dr. Eric Jay Rosser

Title: Superintendent of Schools

Telephone: (585) 262-8100

Email: eric.rosser@rcsdk12.org

% of facility to be occupied by user/tenant 100%

E. Owners of User/Tenant Company (must total 100%)

If an LLC, LP or similar, all members/partners must be listed

Name	%	Corporate Title
<u>City of Rochester</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Rochester City School District</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>N/A</u>
_____	_____	_____
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F. Project Timeline

Proposed Date of Acquisition: N/A

Proposed Commencement Date of Construction: N/A

Anticipated Completion Date: N/A

G. Contractor(s)

N/A

II.PROJECT (cont'd)

H. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND BACKGROUND ON USER(S) OF THE FACILITY

611110
NAICS Code: _____

The proposed project involves issuing School Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds with two primary objectives: (1) to currently refund COMIDA's outstanding City School District of the City of Rochester, Series 2013 and 2015 Bonds, and (2) to cover the costs associated with issuing these bonds.

The City School District of the City of Rochester (RCSD) has shown a consistent dedication over the past twenty years to maintaining its school facilities. Despite this commitment, the RCSD has encountered challenges due to borrowing limitations and restricted capacity to take on additional debt. While the existing buildings have been maintained to safe standards, many are now in need of significant updates to provide students with modern learning environments comparable to those in neighboring suburban districts.

The RCSD currently operates fifty school buildings, consisting of thirty-seven elementary schools and thirteen secondary schools. Nearly half of these buildings are more than seventy-five years old. Given the age and quantity of the facilities, there is an ongoing need for repairs and upgrades. Although no RCSD buildings are considered hazardous, continuous focus on long-term maintenance remains essential due to the nature and usage of these facilities.

Beyond general maintenance, it is critical for the RCSD to meet the evolving instructional demands of its educational programs. These requirements include the maintenance of low class sizes, provision of Pre-K classrooms, creation of computer and technology labs, expansion of Special Education spaces, and the inclusion of areas for school-based health centers along with Student and Family Support Centers. Implementing these improvements supports the delivery of high-quality instruction and enhances the overall learning environment for students.

Established by New York State Legislation in 2007 (Enabling Legislation), the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (RSMP) was designed to give the City of Rochester and the RCSD greater flexibility in addressing the needs of their students through alternative financing for multi-phase, multi-year projects. The RSMP encompasses several phases, each authorizing significant investments in school infrastructure:

- Phase I: Authorized \$325 million, with \$239 million allocated for "hard" construction costs and \$86 million for design, management, financing, and other "soft" program expenses.
- Phase II: Authorized \$435 million, including \$312 million for "hard" construction expenses and \$123 million for design, management, technology implementation, financing, and other "soft" costs.
- Phase III: Currently underway, this phase authorized \$600 million, allocating \$442 million to "hard" construction and \$158 million to design management, financing, and other "soft" program expenses.
- Phase IV: Planned for the future, this phase is expected to cost \$825 million and extend over a ten-year period.

The Enabling Legislation also established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (RJSCB), designating it as the agent responsible for managing RSMP projects on behalf of the City and the District.

II. PROJECT (cont'd)

- I. **Would the project be undertaken without financial assistance from the Agency?** Yes No

Please explain why financial assistance is necessary.

The Series 2013 and 2015 Bonds that are being targeted for refunding were issued by COMIDA and, as such, COMIDA's assistance is necessary to exercise the call option on the bonds to extract savings for the benefit of the City and the RCSD pursuant to the authorizing legislation signed by the Governor on November 21, 2025.

- J. **Are other facilities or related companies located within New York State?**

Yes No

Location:

Will the Project 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? Yes No

Will the Project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Project occupant located within the state?

Yes No

If Yes to either question, explain how the Agency's Financial Assistance is required to prevent the Project from relocating out of the State, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the Applicant or User's competitive position in its respective industry:

- K. **State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act Compliance**

COMIDA, in granting assistance to the Applicant, is required to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR).

Does the proposed project require discretionary permit, license or other type of approval by the state or local municipality?

- YES - Include a copy of any SEQR documents related to this Project including Environmental Assessment Form, Final Determination, Local Municipality Negative Declaration, etc.

NO

III. PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT/PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT (PILOT)

Check One:

JOBSPLUS

Requirements:

- Applicant must commit to a 10% increase in full-time equivalent employment, measured on the existing impacted employee base, over a 3 year period. The required number of jobs is N/A.

LEASEPLUS

Requirements:

- University and/or medical related facilities in which a 501(c)3 entity leases from a for-profit entity.
- Company must commit to a 10% increase in full-time equivalent employment, measured on the existing impacted employee base, over a 3 year period. The required number of jobs is N/A.

ENHANCED JOBSPLUS

Requirements:

- A minimum \$15 million investment **AND**
- A minimum of 100 new jobs

GREEN JOBSPLUS

Requirements:

- LEED® Certification – Project must be rated as Certified, Gold, Silver or Platinum by the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System.
- Company must commit to a 10% increase in full-time equivalent employment, measured on the existing impacted employee base, over a 3 year period. The required number of jobs is N/A.

SHELTER RENT

For student housing or affordable housing projects.

Local Tax Jurisdiction Sponsored PILOT

NO PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT IS SOUGHT FOR THIS PROJECT

IV. APPLICANT PROJECT COSTS

A. Estimate the costs necessary for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and/or equipment of the project by the APPLICANT.

Building Construction or Renovation

- a. Materials a. \$ _____
- b. Labor b. \$ _____

Site Work

- c. Materials c. \$ _____
- d. Labor d. \$ _____
- e. Non-Manufacturing Equipment e. \$ _____
- f. Manufacturing Equipment f. \$ _____
- g. Equipment Furniture and Fixtures g. \$ _____
- h. Land and/or Building Purchase h. \$ _____
- i. Soft Costs (Legal, Architect, Engineering) i. \$ _____
- Other (specify) j. Refunding Escrow j. \$ 51,480,645.00
- k. Costs of Issuance k. \$ 720,972.50
- l. Contingency l. \$ 5,920.67
- m. _____ m. \$ _____

Total Project Costs (must equal Total Sources) \$ _____

B. Sources of Funds for Project Costs:

- a. Tax-Exempt Industrial Revenue Bond a. \$ 52,207,539.55
- b. Taxable Industrial Revenue Bond b. \$ _____
- c. Bank Financing c. \$ _____
- d. TOTAL Public Sources d. \$ 52,207,539.55

Identify below each state and federal grant/credit totaling the amount for d.)

_____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

e. Equity e. \$ _____
TOTAL SOURCES \$ 52,207,539
(must equal Total Project Costs)

C. Has the applicant made any arrangements for the financing of this project

Yes No

If yes, please specify bank, underwriter, etc.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

V. COMPLETE FOR EACH USER/TENANT THAT IS SEEKING SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS USER(S)/TENANT(S) PROJECT COSTS

Use additional sheets as necessary

Company Name _____

A. Estimate the costs necessary for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement, and/or equipping of the project by the user(s)/tenant(s) for which a sales tax exemption is requested.

Estimated Costs Eligible for Sales Tax Exemption Benefit

- a. Materials a. \$ _____
- b. Labor b. \$ _____
- c. Non-Manufacturing Equipment c. \$ _____
- d. Manufacturing Equipment d. \$ _____
- e. Furniture and Fixtures e. \$ _____
- Other (specify): f. _____ f. \$ _____
- g. _____ g. \$ _____
- h. _____ h. \$ _____
- i. _____ i. \$ _____

Total Project Costs \$ _____

VII. PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Complete for each Applicant or User/Tenant

Company Name: Rochester City School District

Applicant: **or** **User/Tenant:**

Applicant/Tenant creating jobs must submit most recent NYS-45 or equivalent.

	Current # of jobs at proposed project location or to be relocated to project location	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PTE jobs to be RETAINED	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PTE jobs to be CREATED upon THREE Years after Project completion	Estimate number of residents of the Labor Market Area in which the Project is located that will fill the FTE and PTE jobs to be created upon THREE Years after Project Completion **
Full time (FTE)	5329			
Part Time (PTE)	43			
Total	5350.5	0	0	0

** For purposes of this question, please estimate the number of FTE and PTE jobs that will be filled, as indicated in the third column, by residents of the Labor Marker Area, in the fourth column. The Labor Marker Area includes: Monroe County, Orleans County, Genesee County, Wyoming County, Livingston County, Ontario County, Wayne County, Yates County, and Seneca County chosen at the Agency's discretion.

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Salary and Fringe Benefits for Jobs to be Retained and/or Created*:

Category of Jobs to be Retained and Created	Average Annual Salary or Range of Salary	Average Annual Fringe Benefits or Range of Fringe Benefits (stated as a percentage)
Management	N/A	
Professional	N/A	
Administrative	N/A	
Production	N/A	
Independent Contractor	N/A	
Other	N/A	

Estimated Annual Salary of **NEW** jobs

AVERAGE	
HIGH	
LOW	

* This information constitutes a “trade secret” and/or “information obtained from a commercial enterprise and which if disclosed would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the subject enterprise”, and, is thereby exempt from disclosure pursuant to New York Freedom of Information Law.

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VIII. LOCAL LABOR

To be completed by all Applicants and Users/Tenants of Projects which include the construction of new, expanded or renovated facilities:

Company Name _____

Applicant: **and/or User/Tenant:**

The County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (IDA) was established for the purpose of creating employment opportunities for, and to promote the general prosperity and economic welfare of the residents of Monroe County. The IDA offers economic incentives and benefits to qualified applicants who wish to locate or expand their businesses or facilities in Monroe County. When the IDA approves a project, it enters into agreements to extend these incentives and benefits to the applicant.

Construction jobs are vital to the overall employment opportunities and economic growth in Monroe County. The IDA believes that companies benefiting from its incentive programs should employ local laborers, mechanics, craft persons, journey workers, equipment operators, truck drivers and apprentices ("construction workers"), during the construction phase of projects.

_____ **100% Local Labor**

Applicants receiving IDA benefits *must* ensure that the it and/or its contractor/developer hire **100% of its construction workers from the local labor market.**

_____ **Local Labor Market**

For the purpose of this policy, the local labor market is defined as construction workers residing in the following counties in New York State: Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

_____ **Bid Processing**

Local participation in qualified projects receiving IDA economic incentives and benefits is vital to the economic growth of Monroe County. As such, all applicants/contractors/developers of a qualified project with a minimum \$5,000,000 investment must place any and all invitations to bid in the Builders Exchange of Rochester Plan Room (<https://robex.com/planroom/>) two weeks before the bids are due.

_____ **Monitoring**

A third-party auditing firm ("Project Monitor") will be engaged to monitor construction work commencing on the date benefits are granted by resolution of the IDA Board.

Once approved for IDA benefits, all applicants will be required to provide to the Project Monitor and the Exemption Processor (as hereinafter defined) the following information:

1. Contact information for the applicant's representative who will be responsible and accountable for providing information about the bidding and awarding of construction contracts relative to the applicant's project; and
2. Description of the nature of construction jobs created by the project, including in as much detail as possible, the number, type and duration of construction positions.

All Monroe County IDA projects are subject to local monitoring by the IDA and the Project Monitor. Proof of residency or copy of drivers' license shall be checked by the Project Monitor during the Project Monitor's periodic inspection of the project.

The Project Monitor shall issue a report to the IDA staff immediately when an applicant or applicant's contractor is not in compliance with this labor policy. IDA staff shall advise the IDA Board of non-compliance by email or at the next scheduled meeting. If a violation of policy has occurred, the Project Monitor shall notify the applicant and contractor of such non-compliance and give applicant a warning of violation and 72 hours in which to correct such violation. Upon evidence of continued non-compliance or additional violations, the IDA and/or the Project Monitor shall notify the applicant that the project is in violation of the Monroe County IDA Labor Policy and is subject to IDA Board action which may result in the revocation, termination and/or recapture of any or all benefits conferred by the IDA.

Signage

The applicant/contractor/developer of an IDA approved project shall be required to maintain a sign, provided by the Project Monitor, on the project site at all times during construction. This sign shall be located in an area that is accessible to onsite workers and visitors, which should be clear and legible.

Exemption Process

In some instances, use of 100% local labor may not be possible for any of the following reasons:

- Warranty issues related to installation of specialized equipment whereby the manufacturer requires installation by only approved installers (a copy of the equipment warranty confirming the use of specific installers must be provided). The granting of an exemption for the use of non-local labor on warranty related grounds is expressly conditioned on either (i) said non-local sub-contractors being enrolled in a New York State certified apprenticeship program (proof of such enrollment shall be provided to the IDA upon request) or (ii) the hiring of an apprentice/apprentices or local construction laborer(s) to assist in the installation.
- Specialized construction is required and no local contractors or local construction workers have the required skills, certifications or training to perform the work (proof of communication with local contractors, or details of the specialized construction must be provided);
- Significant cost differentials in bids whereby use of local labor significantly increases the cost of the project. Three (3) bids are required and a cost differential of 25% is deemed significant. Where there is a significant cost differential, that if the local labor contractor agrees to reduce the bid to the average of the two bids, no waiver will be granted. However, if the average is still 25% or more, a waiver will be granted (copies of all bids/proposals received, including pricing, must be provided to confirm cost differential).
- No local labor available for the project (if local bids were solicited with no response, please provide a copy of the bid, explain how it was advertised, and list who the bids were requested from).

The request to secure an exemption for the use of non-local labor must be received from the applicant on the exemption form provided by the IDA or the 3rd party exemption monitor (the "Exemption Processor") and received by the Exemption Process forty-five (45) days in advance of work commencing. The request will be reviewed by the Exemption Processor and forwarded to the IDA, at which time the IDA's Executive Director shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the exemption. The Exemption Processor shall report each authorized exemption to the Board of Directors at its monthly meeting.

The applicant has read the Labor Policy and agrees to adhere to it without changes and shall require its construction manager, general contractor and sub-contractors who are not exempt to acknowledge the same.

The foregoing terms have been read, reviewed and understood by the Applicant or User/Tenant and all appropriate personnel. Furthermore, the undersigned agrees and understands that the information contained herein must be transmitted and conveyed in a timely fashion to all applicable subcontractors, suppliers and materialman. Furthermore, the undersigned agrees to post and maintain a sign, provided by COMIDA, in a prominent, easily accessible location, identifying the project as a recipient of COMIDA assistance and the local labor requirements associated with this assistance.

Furthermore, the undersigned realizes that failure to abide by the terms herein could result in COMIDA revoking all or any portion of benefits it deems reasonable in its sole discretion for any violation hereof.

Thomas Richards

(APPLICANT COMPANY)

(TENANT COMPANY)

Tom Richards

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Signature, Title, Date

Signature, Title, Date

IX. FEES

Transaction Type	Fees
Real Property Tax Abatement (PILOT Agreement) including Sales Tax Exemption* and/or partial Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption.	Application Fee: Non-refundable \$350.00 IDA Fee: 0.75% of the total project cost Legal Fee: 33% of the IDA fee. Minimum fee of \$4,000.
Sales Tax Exemption* and/or partial Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption	Application Fee: Non-refundable \$350.00 IDA Fee: 0.50% of the total project cost Legal Fee: 33% of the IDA fee. Minimum fee of \$4,000 if transaction includes mortgage recording tax exemption. Minimum fee of \$750 if transaction is sales tax exemption only.
Small Business Sales Tax Exemption (Non-retail projects with total project costs under \$500,000)	Application Fee: Non-refundable \$350.00 IDA Fee: Flat fee of \$750 (\$500 for certified M/WBE or certified service disabled Veterans) Legal Fee: Flat fee of \$750
Bond: Taxable or Tax-Exempt Including any/all of the following: 1. PILOT Agreement 2. Sales Tax Exemption 3. Partial Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption	Application Fee: Non-refundable \$350.00 IDA Fee: 1.25% of the total project cost Legal Fee: 33% of the IDA fee. Designated Bond Counsel fee is based on the complexity and amount of the transaction.
Bond: Taxable or Tax-Exempt	Application Fee: Non-refundable \$350.00 IDA Fee: 1.00% of the total project cost Legal Fee: 33% of the IDA fee. Designated Bond Counsel fee is based on the complexity and amount of the transaction.

*If the sales tax benefits are required prior to closing, a non-refundable twenty-five percent (25%) of the IDA fee and Legal fees are payable at that time. This amount will be applied towards the IDA fee and Legal fee.

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X. CERTIFICATION

The undersigned company officer and/or user/tenant officer each hereby certifies, on behalf of the company and/or user/tenant, respectively (each singularly and together, the "Applicant"), as follows:

- A. The information contained in this Application, including employment information, is true and correct. The Applicant is aware that any material misrepresentation made in this Application constitutes an act of fraud, resulting in revocation of COMIDA benefits.
- B. The undersigned, on behalf of the Applicant, hereby certifies that the Applicant, and all parties which have ownership of the Applicant are current and will remain current on all real property, federal, state, sales, income and withholding taxes throughout the term of any agreements made in connection with this Application.
- C. Absence of Conflicts of Interest – The Applicant has received from the Agency a list of the members, officers and employees of the Agency. No member, officers or employees of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction contemplated by this Application, except as herein described: _____
- D. Compliance with N.Y. GML Sec. 862(1): Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York 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.
- E. Compliance with Applicable Laws: 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.
- F. False and Misleading Information: 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 the Project.
- G. Recapture: Should the Applicant not expend as projected or hire as presented, the Agency may view such information/status as failing to meet the established standards of economic performance. In such events, some or all of the benefits taken by the Applicant will be subject to recapture.
- H. Pay Equity: The Applicant and/or user/tenant officer certifies on behalf of the company and/or user/tenant (the Applicant) has not been the subject of an adverse finding under the equal pay laws within the previous five years, has disclosed any pending equal pay claims against the company at time of application, and shall disclose to COMIDA any pending claims or adverse findings under the equal pay laws during the term of COMIDA financial assistance agreement.
- I. Applicant hereby releases the COMIDA ("Agency") 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, this Application, regardless of whether or not this Application or the Project described herein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested herein are favorably acted upon by the Agency; (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction, renovation and/or equipping of the Project described herein; and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project; including, without limiting 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. Applicant hereby understands and agrees, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, that any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency in connection with the Project may be subject to recapture by the Agency under such terms and conditions as will be set forth in the Agent Agreement to be entered into by and between the Agency and the Applicant. The Applicant further represents and warrants that the information contained in this Application, including without limitation, information regarding the amount of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, is true, accurate and complete.

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