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Christine Vargas, President Vargas Associates Inc. 40 Humboldt Street, Suite 101 Rochester, New York 14609

Re:

February 19, 2019

County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Imagine Monroe Powered By COMIDA ("COMIDA") Vargas Associates Inc. Project located at 40 Humboldt Street in the City of Rochester, New York

Dear Ms. Vargas:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed herewith please find documentation which provides for sales tax exemption for your ongoing project referenced above until the date of December 31, 2019. Please review the enclosed package carefully to ensure full compliance with State sales tax requirements so you do not jeopardize your Company's benefits.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed or otherwise, please feel free to contact me or my paralegal, Lori Palmer at 419-8681.

Very truly yours,

Rachel Baranello Rachel C. Baranello

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NOTICE

Please be advised NYS has now required IDAs to recapture from the approved project applicant, excess sales tax savings over and above the amount stated in the original sales tax package.

Therefore, please examine the amount of sales tax savings carefully because you (as the approved project applicant) will be required to reimburse NYS for any amount received over and above what was stated on the Form ST-60.

If you anticipate that your project sales tax amount will exceed the amount initially anticipated, please contact the Executive Director at COMIDA immediately [(585) 753-2000] whereupon the IDA will consider if a revised Form ST-60 can be issued.

VERY IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ THIS SALES TAX EXEMPTION PACKAGE CAREFULLY, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE EXPIRATION DATE AND APPROVED AMOUNT.

The value of the sales tax exemption benefits claimed by the Company <u>must not</u> exceed the amount noted on the ST-60 Form.

SIMPLIFIED INSTRUCTIONS

VARGAS ASSOCIATES INC.

February 19, 2019

- 1. Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement ("Agent Agreement") sign. Give a copy of fully executed Agent Agreement to appointed agents. Per Section 4 of the Agent Agreement please return a copy of the Certificate of Insurance naming the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Imagine Monroe Powered By COMIDA as an additional insured to Rachel C. Baranello, Esq. (rbaranello@harrisbeach.com) and Lori A. Palmer (lpalmer@harrisbeach.com) or via regular mail to Lori Palmer at Harris Beach PLLC, 99 Garnsey Road, Pittsford, New York 14534.
- 2. ST-60 Form which is blank as to "Name of IDA project operator or agent" MAKE NUMEROUS COPIES OF THIS BLANK FORM. For your self-appointed agents, (A) insert the name, address and tax ID of assigned agent in blank area of form, and (B) place the date you appointed said assigned agent in the 2nd set of "boxes" under Project Information where it asks for "Date project operator or agent appointed". Please then submit this form to Lori Palmer via email for signature by COMIDA. COMIDA will return the signed form to you. Give a copy of this form to the appointed agent, keep a copy for your records and send the original to the State (address on form) within 30 days of appointment. These directions are to be used by the agent as well when naming sub-agents (if any). All agents must have an ST-60 filed with NYS within 30 days of appointment.
- 3. Form ST-123 (Exhibit B-1 to Agent Agreement) MAKE NUMEROUS COPIES OF THIS FORM. The Company will use this form to purchase items directly from a vendor. You should fill in the top left side of the form with the respective vendor's name and address and sign and date the bottom of the form. Give a copy of signed form to the vendor and keep a copy for your files.
- 4. Form ST-123 (Exhibit B-2 to Agent Agreement) MAKE NUMEROUS COPIES OF THIS BLANK FORM for each agent you appoint, insert the name and address of said agent in the box at the top right; fill in the date you appointed said agent in the box under Project Information where it asks for the date (left side of middle box). Then keep a copy of the form you have filled in for your records and give a copy to your appointed agent. ***Give a copy of this blank form to appointed agents for them to use when purchasing items from vendors they should also make numerous copies as they will be required to fill in the vendor's name and address and sign and date the bottom of the form for each of their vendors.
- 5. Form ST-340 (Exhibit C to Agent Agreement) Must be filled out and mailed by the end of February of each year until the Appointment letter provided by COMIDA expires. Send this form to the State at the address at the bottom of the form, with a copy to COMIDA.
- 6. Form ST-60 with Direct Appointment box checked (Company's name appears in 2nd set of boxes) keep a copy for your records and use a copy for each direct-vendor purchase. The original has been mailed to the State on your behalf.

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How to Use the Sales Tax Exemption Package:

- A. If making a purchase directly from a vendor, you must give the vendor a copy of the Form ST-123 (#3 above) and a copy of the ST-60 initially filed on your behalf by Harris Beach (#6 above). This serves as proof to the vendor that you are exempt from sales tax for this project. The vendor will keep these copies for their files. Remember to keep a copy of the Form ST-123 and a copy of the ST-60 filed on your behalf, in your files.
- B. When appointing an agent, contractor or subcontractor, you must use the blank Form ST-123 included in this packet (#4 above) [REMEMBER TO MAKE NUMEROUS COPIES OF THIS FORM AS YOU MAY APPOINT MANY AGENTS AND WILL NEED TO DO THIS FOR EACH], fill in the name and address of each agent in the box at the top right of the form and fill in the date of appointment of said agent (bottom left side of middle box).
- (i) The agent will then use this form [AGENT WILL NEED TO MAKE NUMEROUS COPIES OF THIS FORM AS WELL] when purchasing items directly from vendors by filling in the top left box with the vendor's name and address and signing the bottom of the form. Agents should keep a copy of each ST-123 form they give so they can have for future reference.
- C. When appointing an agent, contractor or subcontractor, you must fill in the middle section (appearing blank at this time) of the Form ST-60 included in this packet (#2 above), with the agent's, contractor's or subcontractor's information, including their Tax ID number. You must then send the form to Lori Palmer for signature by the Agency. The Agency will sign each form and return to Lori who will then send the signed form to you and then you must mail a copy of this completed form to NYS at the address on that form. This must be done for each agent, contractor or subcontractor you appoint within thirty (30) days of the appointment of said agent. Give your agent, contractor or subcontractor a copy of what you file and keep a copy for your files. You should make extra copies of this blank ST-60 with the middle section blank for future use.
- D. When your agent, contractor or subcontractor is purchasing directly from a vendor, they must give the vendor a copy of the Form ST-123 the agent/contractor/subcontractor has filled in for that respective vendor (see B(i) above). This Form ST-123 should be the only proof the vendor needs that your agent, contractor or subcontractor is exempt from sales tax for this project. Your agent, contractor or subcontractor should keep copies of these forms for their files and future use.

AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Agent Agreement"), is made as of the 19th day of February, 2019, by and between the **COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A IMAGINE MONROE POWERED BY COMIDA**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at 50 West Main Street, Suite 8100, Rochester, New York 14614 (the "Agency"), and **VARGAS ASSOCIATES INC.**, a New York corporation having offices at 40 Humboldt Street, Suite 101, Rochester, New York 14609 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 55 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York pursuant to Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of (i) the interior renovation/expansion of the Company's existing space located at 40 Humboldt Street in the City of Rochester, New York including, but not limited to, the addition of an employee café, larger kitchenette and additional restroom (the "Improvements"); and (ii) the acquisition and installation of various machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures and personal property including, but not limited to, new lighting, audio/visual equipment and updated sprinkler and fire alarm systems (collectively, the "Equipment" and, together with the Improvements, the "Facility"). The Facility will be initially owned and/or operated by the Company; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted on February 19, 2019 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of undertaking the Project subject to the Company entering into this Agent Agreement; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution, the Agency has conferred on the Company in connection with the Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of an exemption from all New York State and local sales and use tax for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition and installation of the Equipment in, on, or about the Facility (the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 859-a and 874 of the Act, the Agency requires, as a condition and as an inducement for it to provide any Financial Assistance, that the Company enter into this Agent Agreement for the purposes of, among other things, governing administration of and providing assurances with respect to the provision and recapture of said Financial Assistance upon the terms herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company; and

WHEREAS, no agent status in favor of the Company or any subagent thereof, nor any amount of Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company by the Agency prior to the effective date of this Agent Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. Purpose of Project and Scope of Agency. The purpose of the Agency's provision of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Project to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Monroe County, New York, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment, and other commitments of the Company contained herein and in the Company's Application.

Pursuant to the Resolution, the Agency has appointed the Company as agent to undertake the Project. The Company hereby agrees to limit its activities as agent for the Agency under the authority of the Resolution to acts reasonably related to the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment, all for incorporation and installation thereof in and around the Facility. Pursuant to the Resolution and this Agent Agreement, the Company has the power to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses including but not limited to the individuals and entities described on Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, the "Subagent"). The Company shall have the right to amend Schedule A from time-to-time and shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency. The Company's right to appoint subagents is expressly conditioned upon updating of Schedule A hereto, along with the timely filing of Form ST-60 (non-primary) for each subagent, with such updated Schedule A and a copy of and proof of filing of such ST-60 (non-primary) being immediately filed with the Agency. The right of the Company and all duly appointed subagents to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on December 31, 2019, unless extended as contemplated by the Resolution. The aggregate amount of work performed by the Company and all subagents as agent for the Agency shall not exceed the amounts identified in the Resolution and Section 2(h) of this Agent Agreement.

All contracts entered into by the Company and all subagents thereof as agent for the Agency shall include the language contained within Schedule B attached hereto. Failure by the Company and/or any subagent thereof to include such language may disqualify the agent status and sales tax exemptions derived by virtue of this Agent Agreement. The Company, for itself and on behalf of all duly appointed subagents, hereby agrees that all contracts entered into by the Company and any subagents thereof shall be available to the Agency for inspection and confirmation of the foregoing mandatory language.

- 2. <u>Representations and Covenants of the Company.</u> The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Agency to proceed with the Project:
- (a) The Company is a corporation, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York (the "State"), has the authority to enter into this Agent Agreement and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement.

- (b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Agent Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature upon any of the property of the Company under the terms of any such instrument or agreement.
- (c) The Facility and the operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, and building laws and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Facility, and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any liability or expenses resulting from any failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection (c).
- (d) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, to which the Company is a party, and in which an adverse result would in any way diminish or adversely impact on the Company's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Agent Agreement.
- The Company covenants that the Facility will comply in all respects with all environmental laws and regulations, and, except in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, (i) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Facility except in compliance with all material applicable laws, (ii) that the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Facility or onto any other property, (iii) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Facility, (iv) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Facility, and (v) that no investigation, order, agreement, notice, demand or settlement with respect to any of the above is threatened, anticipated, or in existence. The Company, upon receiving any information or notice contrary to the representations contained in this Section, shall immediately notify the Agency in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (other than the Company), representatives, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, orders, liabilities, penalties, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related in any way to any violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the representations contained in this Section. In the event the Agency in its reasonable discretion deems it necessary to perform due diligence with respect to any of the above, or to have an environmental audit performed with respect to the Facility, the Company agrees to pay the expenses of same to the Agency upon demand.
- (f) Any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall be located in the City of Rochester, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.
- (g) In accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the policies of the Agency and the Resolution, the Company covenants and agrees that it may be subject to a Recapture Event Determination (as hereinafter defined) resulting in the potential recapture and/or termination of any and all Financial Assistance, as described below, if the

Company receives, or any duly appointed subagents receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, and it is determined by the Agency that:

- (1) the Company or its Subagents, if any, authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; or
- (2) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized by the Agency to be taken by the Company or its Subagents, if any; or
- (3) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or
- (4) the Company has made a material false or misleading statement, or omitted any information which, if included, would have rendered any information in the application or supporting documentation false or misleading in any material respect, on its application for Financial Assistance.
- (5) the Company fails to meet and maintain the thresholds and requirements representing certain material terms and conditions as set forth herein, being the purposes to be achieved by the Company with respect to the Agency's determination to provide Financial Assistance to the Project and required by the Agency to be complied with and adhered to, as evidenced by submission, as so required by the Agency, of written confirmation certifying and confirming on an annual basis beginning in the first year in which Financial Assistance is so claimed, through the conclusion of the later of either: (i) two (2) years following the construction completion date or (ii) the termination of this Agent Agreement (said date hereinafter referred to as the "Project Completion Date" and the time period so referenced being hereinafter defined as the "Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period").

In order to certify and verify the foregoing, the Company shall provide annually, to the Agency, a certified statement and documentation: (i) enumerating the full-time equivalent jobs retained and the full-time equivalent jobs created as a result of the financial assistance, by category, including full-time equivalent independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, (ii) indicating that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that was provided in the application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if it is not still accurate, providing a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created, and (iii) such other information, as so requested from time to time, to enable the Agency to assess the progress of the Project toward achieving the investment, job retention, job creation, or other objectives of the Project indicated in the Application for Financial Assistance.

The Company shall annually complete and submit to the Agency the Annual Certification Report in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E**. **Failure by the Company to complete and submit said form to the Agency by February 15 of each year during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder, whereby the Agency, in its sole and absolute discretion, may terminate this Agent Agreement and undertake a Recapture Event Determination.**

The findings made by the Agency with respect to Sections 2(g)(1), (2), (3) and/or (4) and/or failure to provide the written confirmation as required by Section 2(g)(5) with respect to the thresholds and requirements as identified in Section 2(g)(5), above, and/or failure to meet the thresholds and requirements as identified in Section 2(g)(5) above, may potentially be determined by the Agency, in accordance with the Agency's "Recapture Policy", to constitute a failure to comply with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, and/or a failure to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services or Agency Financial Assistance in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project, and/or a failure to comply with the Agency's policies and Resolution (collectively, findings and determinations made as described herein with respect to Sections 2(g)(1), (2), (3) and/or (4) and/or the failure under Section 2(g)(5) to submit the required certification and/or the failure to meet the required thresholds and requirements as specified in Section 2(g)(5) hereof are hereby defined as a "Recapture Event Determination"). If the Agency makes a Recapture Event Determination, the Company agrees and covenants that it will (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any or all Financial Assistance obtained by the Company and (ii) promptly pay over any or all such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Agency shall then redistribute such amounts to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction(s). The Company further understands and agrees that in the event that the Company fails to pay over such amounts to the Agency, the New York State Tax Commissioner and/or local taxing authorities may assess and determine the Financial Assistance due from the Company, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

- (h) In accordance with the Resolution and the Cost-Benefit Analysis (the "CBA") attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, the Company further covenants that the purchase of goods and services relating to the Project and subject to New York State and local sales and use taxes are estimated in an amount up to \$299,150, and, therefore, the value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized and approved by the Agency, subject to Section 2(g) of this Agent Agreement, cannot exceed \$23,932 unless subsequently modified and approved by the Agency.
- (i) The Company further covenants and agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (NYS Form ST-60), in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, for each Subagent, if any, and such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and forward said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment.
- (j) The Company acknowledges and agrees that all purchases made in furtherance of the Project shall be made using "IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibits B-1 and B-2**), and it shall be the responsibility of the Company (and not the Agency) to complete NYS Form ST-123. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it shall identify the Project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and further indicate on such bills or invoices that the Company is making purchases of tangible personal property or services for use in the Project as agent of the Agency. For purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the bill or invoice should state, "I, [NAME OF COMPANY OR SUBAGENT], certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A IMAGINE MONROE POWERED BY COMIDA and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in VARGAS ASSOCIATES INC. PROJECT located at 40 Humboldt Street in the City of Rochester, New York, IDA Project Number 2602-

- 19-012A". For convenience purposes, in the instance where the vendor does not print on each invoice the acknowledgment as described in the prior sentence, an "Invoice Rider" (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B-3**) can be utilized for record keeping purposes.
- (k) The Company further covenants and agrees to file an annual statement with the State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (NYS Form ST-340, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions the Company and its Subagents, if any, have claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on the Company with respect to the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 874(8). The Company further covenants and agrees that it will, within thirty (30) days of each filing, provide a copy of same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February 15th of each year. The Company understands and agrees that the failure to file such annual statement will result in the removal of the Company's authority to act as agent for the Agency.
- (l) The Company acknowledges and agrees that, except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder.
- (m) The Company covenants and agrees that at all times during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period, it will (i) maintain its existence and not dissolve, (ii) continue to be a limited partnership subject to service of process in the State and either organized under the laws of the State, or organized under the laws of any other state of the United States and duly qualified to do business in the State, (iii) not liquidate, wind-up or dissolve or otherwise sell, assign, or dispose of all or substantially all of its property, business or assets. This Agent Agreement may not be assigned in whole or part without the prior written consent of the Agency.
- (n) The Company confirms and acknowledges under the penalty of perjury that as of the date hereof, the Company, as owner, occupant, or operator of the Project receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency in connection with the Project, is in substantial compliance with all applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations. The Company agrees that it will, throughout the term of this Agent Agreement, promptly comply in all material respects with all statutes, codes, laws, acts, ordinances, orders, judgments, decrees, injunctions, rules, regulations, permits, licenses, authorizations, directions and requirements of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governments, departments, commissions, boards, companies or associations insuring the premises, courts, authorities, officials and officers, foreseen or unforeseen, ordinary or extraordinary, which now or at any time hereafter may be applicable to the Facility or any part thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Facility or any part thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may in good faith contest the validity of the applicability of any requirement of the nature referred to this Section 2(n). In such event, the Company, with the prior written consent of the Agency (which shall not be unreasonably conditioned, delayed or withheld) may fail to comply with the requirement or requirements so contested during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Agency shall notify the Company that it must comply with such requirement or requirements.

- 3. Hold Harmless Provision. The Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency and its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (other than the Company), representatives, successors and assigns harmless from and against, any and all (i) liability for loss or damage to property or injury to or death of any and all persons that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Facility or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence on, in or about the Facility or breach by the Company of this Agent Agreement or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, acquiring, installing, owning and leasing of the Equipment or of the Facility, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the fault or negligence on the part of the Agency, or any of its respective executive director, directors, members, officers, agents or employees and irrespective of the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability, except that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Agency or any other person or entity to be indemnified.
- 4. <u>Insurance Required</u>. Effective as of the date hereof and until the expiration or termination of the right of the Company to act as agent of the Agency hereunder, the Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained by its subagent or subcontractors, certain insurance against such risks and for such amounts as are customarily insured against by businesses of like size and type, and paying, as the same become due and payable, all premiums in respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:
- (a) Insurance against loss or damage by fire, lightning and other casualties, with a uniform standard extended coverage endorsement, such insurance to be in an amount not less than the full replacement value of the Facility, exclusive of excavations and foundations, as determined by a recognized appraiser or insurer selected by the Company; or as an alternative to the foregoing, the Company may insure the Facility under a blanket insurance policy or policies covering not only the Facility but other properties as well, provided a periodic appraisal is performed and provided to the Agency.
- (b) Workers' compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Agency or the Company is required by law to provide, covering loss resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company who are located at or assigned to the Facility.
- (c) Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities imposed by law or assumed in any written contract (including the contractual liability assumed by the Company under Section 5.2 of the Leaseback Agreement) and arising from personal injury and death or damage to the property of others caused by any accident or occurrence, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of damage to the property of others, excluding liability imposed upon the Company by any applicable workers' compensation law. Such liability limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary and excess liability policies. Such primary general liability insurance may have a \$500,000 self-insured retention and such excess liability policy may have a commercially reasonable deductible. Such liability insurance

requirements may be satisfied by blanket policies in the aggregate amount of not less than \$3,000,000.

- 5. Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance. (a) All insurance required by Section 3.4(a) hereof shall name the Agency as a named insured and all other insurance required by Section 3.4 shall name the Agency as an additional insured. All insurance shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the Company and authorized to write such insurance in the State. Such insurance may be written with commercially reasonably deductible amounts comparable to those on similar policies carried by other companies engaged in businesses similar in size, character and other respects to those in which the Company is engaged. All policies evidencing such insurance shall provide for payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interest may appear. The Company shall cause all contractors and agents of the Company undertaking the Project to carry and provide evidence of insurance as required within Section 4(a) and 4(b) of this Agent Agreement, with the Agency named as an additional insured. All insurance requirements in Section 4 may be satisfied by blanket policies subject to the reasonable approval by the Agency; provided, however, that approval or acceptance by a commercial lender (if any) in connection with the financing of the Project shall not require approval by the Agency. All or some of Section 4 insurance requirements may be satisfied by an Owner Controlled Insurance Program ("OCIP") subject to approval by the Agency; provided, however, that approval or acceptance by a commercial lender in connection with the financing of the Project shall not require approval by the Agency.
- (b) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers indicating that such insurance is in force and effect, and all policies (if applicable), shall be deposited with the Agency on the date hereof. At least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Agent Agreement.
- 6. This Agent Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute a single instrument.
- 7. All notices, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid, or by a nationally-recognized overnight courier, addressed as follows:

To the Agency: County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency d/b/a

Imagine Monroe Powered by COMIDA

50 West Main Street, Suite 8100 Rochester, New York 14614 Attn: Executive Director

With a copy to: Harris Beach PLLC

99 Garnsey Road

Pittsford, New York 14534 Attn: Rachel C. Baranello, Esq. To the Company:

Vargas Associates Inc. 40 Humboldt Street

Rochester, New York 14609 Attn: Christine Vargas, President

or at such other address as any party may from time-to-time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

- 8. This Agent Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Monroe County, New York.
- 9. The warranties, representations, obligations and covenants of the Company under this Agent Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional and shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Agent Agreement, shall be deemed to have been relied upon by the Agency, and shall survive the delivery and termination of this Agent Agreement to the Agency, regardless of any investigation made by the Agency.
- 10. By executing this Agent Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (a) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's general counsel or bond/transaction counsel, (b) other consultants retained by the Agency, if any, in connection with the Project; and (c) with respect to Agency's enforcement of any event of default or failure to comply with the terms of this Agent Agreement (including reasonable attorney fees). The Company further covenants and agrees that the Company is liable for payment to the Agency of all charges referred to above, as well as all other actual costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in undertaking the Project notwithstanding the occurrence of any of (i) the Company's withdrawal, abandonment, cancellation or failure to pursue the Project; (ii) the inability of the Agency or the Company to procure the services of one or more financial institutions to provide financing for the Project, or (iii) the Company's failure, for whatever reason, to undertake and/or successfully complete the Project.

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[Signature Page to Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agent Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A IMAGINE

Name: Jeffrey R. Adair

Title: Executive Director

VARGAS ASSOCIATES INC.

Name: Christine Vargas Title: President

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS¹

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¹ FOR EACH AGENT APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY, A NYS FORM ST-60 MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY THE COMPANY WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE IDA UNIT INDICATING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH AGENT OF THE COMPANY.

SCHEDULE B

MANDATORY AGENT AND SUBAGENT CONTRACT LANGUAGE

"This contract is being entered into by [NAME OF COMPANY OR NAME OF SUBAGENT] (the "Agent"), as agent for and on behalf of the COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A IMAGINE MONROE POWERED BY COMIDA (the "Agency"), in connection with a certain project of the Agency for the benefit of VARGAS ASSOCIATES INC., consisting in part of the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and Equipment all for incorporation and installation in certain premises located at 40 Humboldt Street in the City of Rochester, New York (the "Premises"). The acquisition of the machinery and equipment to be incorporated and installed in the Premises and all services and rentals of equipment related to the acquisition and equipping of the Project shall be exempt from all New York State and local sales and use taxes if the acquisition thereof is effected in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached sales tax exemption information letter of the Agency; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement by and between Vargas Associates Inc. and the Agency, dated as of February 19, 2019. This contract is non-recourse to the Agency, and the Agency shall not be directly, indirectly or contingently liable or obligated hereunder in any manner or to any extent whatsoever. By execution or acceptance of this contract, the vendor/contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth is this paragraph."

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF NYS FORM ST-60 TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPANY AND FILED WITH THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT FOR EACH OF ITS SUBAGENTS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF APPOINTMENT

[See Attached Page]



Department of Taxation and Finance

IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes

ST-60

For IDA use only

The industrial development agency or authority (IDA) **must** submit this form within **30 days** of the appointment of a project operator or agent, whether appointed directly by the IDA or indirectly by the operator or another agent.

IDA informa	tion							
Name of IDA Co	ounty of Monroe Industrial Dev	velopment Agency d	/b/a	IDA project numbe	r (use OSC r	numbering system for pro	jects after 1	998)
	nagine Monroe Powered By Co			2602-19-012A				
Street address				Telephone number				
50 West Main	Street, Suite 8100			(585) 753-2	000			
City		State ZIP cod	e	Email address (opt	tional)			
Rochester		NY 1461	4					
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	rator or agent informati	ion	I		1= .			-
Name of IDA project	ct operator or agent		Mark an X in the appointed by the		Employe	er identification or Social	Security nur	mber
Street address				Telephone number	F	Primary operator of		26
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City		State ZIP cod	е	Email address (opt	tional)			
Project info	rmation							
Name of project	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							_
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Street address of p								
40 Humboldt S								
City	vicet	State ZIP coo	Θ.	Email address (op	tional)			_
Rochester (City	w)	NY 1460	S	Email address (op	uonary			
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Print name of office	er or employee signing on behalf of the	IDA	Print title					
Jeffrey R. Adai			Executive	Director				
Signature				Date		Telephone number		
all de dat a modifi						(585) 753-2000		

Instructions

When to file

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date they appoint any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and use tax exemptions.

Requirements to file

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the primary project operator or agent. If the IDA authorizes a project operator or agent to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA should not file this form if they do not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

If an IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, they must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

If the information on this form changes

If an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an agent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA, within 30 days, must send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no longer valid, and the effective date of the change. They must attach to the letter a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA should not send a letter for a form that is not valid merely because the *Completion date of project* has passed.

Mailing instructions

Mail completed form to:

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS ALBANY NY 12227-0866

Private delivery services – See Publication 55, Designated Private Delivery Services.

Privacy notification

New York State Law requires all government agencies that maintain a system of records to provide notification of the legal authority for any request for personal information, the principal purpose(s) for which the information is to be collected, and where it will be maintained. To view this information, visit our website, or, if you do not have Internet access, call and request Publication 54, *Privacy Notification*. See *Need help?* for the Web address and telephone number.

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Dial 7-1-1 for the New York Relay Service

EXHIBIT B-1

NYS FORM ST-123 FOR COMPANY

[See Attached Page]



New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

New York State Sales and Use Tax

IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014

Requirements for Industrial De	evelopment Agencies a	ind Authorities,				
Name of seller			Name of agent or project operato	r		
			Vargas Associates Inc.			
Street address			Street address	955 90203		
			40 Humboldt Street, Su	ite 101		
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code	City, town, or village Rochester		State New York	ZIP code < 14609
			Agent or project operator sales to	ax ID number (see instructions)	
Mark an X in one: Sing	gle-purchase certificate	Blar	nket-purchase certificate (va	alid only for	the project lis	sted below)
To the seller: You must identify the project or or project operator of the IDA		for such purch	nases and indicate on the bi	ill or invoice	that the IDA	or agent
Project information						
I certify that I am a duly appointed in the following IDA project and th	I agent or project operator	of the named ID	OA and that I am purchasing the	e tangible pe	rsonal property	or services for u
in the following IBA project and the	at such purchases quality	as exempt from	sales and use taxes under my	agreement	with the IDA.	
Name of IDA County of Monroe Industria	l Development Agency	d/b/a Imagine	Monroe Powered By COMI	DA		
Name of project Vargas Associates Inc. Pro	ject			IDA project nu 2602-19-0	mber (use OSC nu 12A	mber)
Street address of project site 40 Humboldt Street						
City, town, or village Rochester (City)					State NY	ZIP code 14609
Enter the date that you were app project operator (mm/dd/yy)	02 /	19 /2019	Enter the date that agent or p status ends (mm/dd/yy)		12	/ 31 / 2019
Exempt purchases (Mark an X in boxes that apply						
A. Tangible pers	onal property or service	es (other than u) used to comp	itility services and motor veh elete the project, but not to o	nicles or tan	gible persona completed pro	al property oject
B. Certain utility used to comp	services (gas, propane plete the project, but no	e in containers t to operate the	of 100 pounds or more, ele e completed project	ctricity, refr	igeration, or s	steam)
N/A C. Motor vehicle	or tangible personal p	roperty installe	d in a qualifying motor vehi	cle		
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Signature of purchaser or purchaser's					Dat	
Type or print the name, title, and relat	ionship that appear in the sign	nature hov				

Instructions

To the purchaser

You may use Form ST-123 if you:

- have been appointed as an agent or project operator by an industrial development agency (IDA) and
- the purchases qualify for exemption from sales and use tax as described in the IDA contract.

You may use Form ST-123 as a single-purchase certificate or as a blanket certificate covering the first and subsequent purchases qualifying for the project listed.

Agent or project operator sales tax ID number — If you are registered with the Tax Department for sales tax purposes, you must enter your sales tax identification number on this certificate. If you are not required to be registered, enter **N/A**.

Industrial development agencies and authorities (IDAs) are public benefit corporations under General Municipal Law Article 18-A and the Public Authorities Law, for the purpose of promoting, developing, encouraging, and assisting in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities in New York State.

IDAs are exempt from the payment of sales and use tax on their purchases, in accordance with Tax Law section 1116(a)(1). However, IDAs do not normally make direct purchases for projects. Commonly, IDAs instead appoint a business enterprise or developer, contractor, or subcontractor as its agent or project operator. Such purchases made by the agent or project operator, acting within the authority granted by the IDA, are deemed to be made by the IDA and therefore exempt from tax.

Example 1: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment necessary for completion of the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X rents a backhoe and a bulldozer for site preparation, purchases concrete and lumber to construct a building, and purchases machinery to be installed in the building. All these purchases by contractor X as agent of the IDA are exempt from tax.

Example 2: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment to be incorporated into the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X makes the same purchases as in Example 1. Since the concrete, lumber, and machinery will actually be incorporated into the project, contractor X may purchase these items exempt from tax. However, rental of the backhoe and bulldozer is not exempt since these transactions are normally taxable and the IDA agreement does not authorize contractor X to make such rentals as agent of the IDA.

A contractor or subcontractor not appointed as agent or project operator of an IDA must present suppliers with Form ST-120.1, Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate, when making purchases that are ordinarily exempt from tax in accordance with Tax Law sections 1115(a)(15) and 1115(a)(16). For more information, see Form ST-120.1.

Exempt purchases

To qualify, the purchases must be made within the authority granted by the IDA and used to complete the project (not to operate the completed project).

- A. Mark box A to indicate you are purchasing tangible personal property and services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) exempt from tax.
- B. Mark box B to indicate you are purchasing certain consumer utility services used in completing the project exempt from tax. This includes gas, electricity, refrigeration, and steam; and gas, electric, refrigeration, and steam services.
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Misuse of this certificate

Misuse of this exemption certificate may subject you to serious civil and criminal sanctions in addition to the payment of any tax and interest due. These include:

- · A penalty equal to 100% of the tax due:
- · A \$50 penalty for each fraudulent exemption certificate issued;
- Criminal felony prosecution, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence; and
- Revocation of your Certificate of Authority, if you are required to be registered as a vendor. See TSB-M-09(17)S, Amendments that Encourage Compliance with the Tax Law and Enhance the Tax Department's Enforcement Ability, for more information.

To the seller

When making purchases as agent or project operator of an IDA, the purchaser must provide you with this exemption certificate with all entries completed to establish the right to the exemption. You **must** identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser.

As a New York State registered vendor, you may accept an exemption certificate in lieu of collecting tax and be protected from liability for the tax if the certificate is valid. The certificate will be considered valid if it is:

- · accepted in good faith;
- · in your possession within 90 days of the transaction; and
- properly completed (all required entries were made).

An exemption certificate is accepted in good faith when you have no knowledge that the exemption certificate is false or is fraudulently given, and you exercise reasonable ordinary due care. If you do not receive a properly completed certificate within 90 days after the delivery of the property or service, you will share with the purchaser the burden of proving the sale was exempt.

You must also maintain a method of associating an invoice (or other source document) for an exempt sale with the exemption certificate you have on file from the purchaser. You must keep this certificate at least three years after the due date of your sales tax return to which it relates, or the date the return was filed, if later.

Privacy notification

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This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

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EXHIBIT B-2

NYS FORM ST-123 FOR SUBAGENTS OF COMPANY

[See Attached Page]



New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

New York State Sales and Use Tax

ST-123

(2/14)

IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate

Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014

This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed. Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. See TSB-M-14(1.1)S, Sales Tax Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities, for more information. Name of seller Name of agent or project operator Street address Street address City, town, or village State ZIP code City, town, or village State ZIP code Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions) Blanket-purchase certificate (valid only for the project listed below) Single-purchase certificate Mark an X in one: To the seller: You must identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser. Project information I certify that I am a duly appointed agent or project operator of the named IDA and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the following IDA project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes under my agreement with the IDA. Name of IDA County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Imagine Monroe Powered By COMIDA Name of project IDA project number (use OSC number) Vargas Associates Inc. Project 2602-19-012A Street address of project site 40 Humboldt Street City, town, or village State ZIP code Rochester (City) 14609 Enter the date that you were appointed agent or Enter the date that agent or project operator / 2019 status ends (mm/dd/yy) project operator (mm/dd/yy) Exempt purchases (Mark an X in boxes that apply) A. Tangible personal property or services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project B. Certain utility services (gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, refrigeration, or steam) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements and issue this exemption certificate with the knowledge that this document provides evidence that state and local sales or use taxes do not apply to a transaction or transactions for which I tendered this document and that willfully issuing this document with the intent to evade any such tax may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence. I understand that this document is required to be filed with, and delivered to, the vendor as agent for the Tax Department for the purposes of Tax Law section 1838 and is deemed a document required to be filed with the Tax Department for the purpose of prosecution of offenses. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of tax exclusions or exemptions claimed and the accuracy of any information entered on this document. Signature of purchaser or purchaser's representative (include title and relationship) Date Type or print the name, title, and relationship that appear in the signature box

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EXHIBIT B-3

INVOICE RIDER FORM

Ι,		, the
	of	certify that I am
a duly appointed agent of the C	ounty of Monroe Industrial l	Development Agency d/b/a Imagine
Monroe Powered by COMIDA	(the "Agency") and that I a	m purchasing the tangible personal
property or services for use in t	e following Agency Project	t and that such purchases qualify as
exempt from sales and use to	xes under the Agent and	Financial Assistance and Project
Agreement, dated as of Februar	19, 2019, by and between	the Agency and Vargas Associates
Inc.		
Name of the Project:	Vargas Associat	es Inc. Project
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Street address of the Proj		
	City of Rochesto Monroe County	, New York 14609
IDA OSC project numbe	: 2602-19-012A	

EXHIBIT C

NYS FORM ST-340 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMPANY AND FILED ANNUALLY WITH THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15TH OF EACH YEAR

[See Attached Page]



Department of Taxation and Finance

ST-340

Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Claimed by Agent/Project Operator of Industrial Development Agency/Authority (IDA)

For period ending December 31, _____ (enter year)

	Project information	on			
Name of IDA agent/project operator				tion number (EIN)	
Vargas Associates Inc.		05	-0598479		
Street address 40 Humboldt Street, Suite 101			one number 5) 746-6	450	
City Rochester		State NY		ZIP code 4609	
Name of IDA County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Imagine Monroe Powered By COMIDA Street address of project site	Name of project Vargas Associates Inc	. Project		IDA project nur 2602-19-0	
40 Humboldt Street					
City Rochester (City)		State NY		ZIP code 4609	
Date project began 02/19/2019		Completion date of pr		Actual	Expected
Danuagan	stative information				
Renreser	stative information	(not required)			
Represer Authorized representative, if any	ntative information	(not required)			
	ntative information				
	ntative information	Title	one number		
Authorized representative, if any	ntative information	Title)	ZIP code	
Authorized representative, if any Street address	Certification	Title Telept)		
Authorized representative, if any Street address	Certification a, and correct, and that no by false or fraudulent inform by a substantial fine and po	Title Telept (State material information with this dopsible jail senter	ion has becument moce. I also	ZIP code een omitted. I n	felony or
Authorized representative, if any Street address City I certify that the above statements are true, complete statements with the knowledge that willfully providing other crime under New York State Law, punishable b	Certification a, and correct, and that no by false or fraudulent inform by a substantial fine and po	Title Teleph (State material information with this doposible jail senter on this document	ion has becument moce. I also	ZIP code een omitted. I n	felony or

If you do not annually file a complete report, we may remove your authority to act as an IDA agent/project operator.

Mail completed report to:

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS ALBANY NY 12227-0866

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Instructions

General information

Who must file

The General Municipal Law (GML) and the Public Authorities Law require the agent/project operator (also known as the *project occupant*) of an Industrial Development Agency or Authority (IDA) to file an annual report with the Tax Department. The agent/project operator required to file this report is the person **directly** appointed by the IDA to act for and to represent the IDA for the project. The agent/project operator is ordinarily the one for whom the IDA project was created.

There is usually only one agent/project operator directly appointed by the IDA for an IDA project. However, if the IDA directly appoints multiple agents/project operators, each agent/project operator must file this form (unless they are related corporations).

Only the agent/project operators directly appointed by the IDA must file Form ST-340. Contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents appointed by the agent/project operators should **not** themselves file Form ST-340. However, the agent/project operators must include on Form ST-340 information obtained from such contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as described below

What you must report

The report must show the **total value** of all state and local **sales** and **use taxes exempted** during the calendar year, as a result of the project's designation as an IDA project. This includes:

- the value of the exemptions the agent/project operator (you) obtained; and
- the value of the exemptions obtained by your contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others, whether or not appointed as agents of the IDA.

Include only the **total combined** exemptions obtained by the above people. A breakdown of the total is not required. However, since the report must include the value of the exemptions they obtained, you must keep records of the amounts others report to you.

You must make it clear to the contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others that they must keep accurate tax information and have it available, so that you can comply with the annual reporting requirements.

Do not include on this report the amount of any sales and use tax exemptions from other provisions of the Tax Law (for example, manufacturer's production equipment exemption, research and development exemption, or contractor's exemption for tangible personal property incorporated into a project of an exempt organization).

When the report is due

You must file Form ST-340 on a calendar-year basis. It is due by the last day of February of the following year. The reporting requirement applies to IDA projects started on or after July 21, 1993.

Project information

At the top of the form, identify the reporting period by entering the year in the space provided. If an address is required, always include the ZIP code.

Name of IDA agent/project operator: Enter your name, address, employer identification number (EIN), and telephone number.

Name of IDA and IDA project number: Enter the name and address of the IDA. If more than one IDA is involved in a particular project, you must file a separate report for the tax exemptions attributable to each IDA. Also enter the ID project number.

Name of project: Enter the name of the project and the address of the project site. If you are involved in more than one project, you

must file a separate report for each project, even if authorized by the same IDA.

Date project began: Enter the date the project started (this means the earliest of the date of any bond or inducement resolution, the execution of any lease, or any bond issuance). Include month, day, and year.

Completion date of project: Enter the date installation, lease, or rental of property (for example, machinery or computers) on the project ended, or the date the project is expected to be completed. Mark an \boldsymbol{X} in the appropriate box to indicate if the date entered is actual or expected.

Total sales and use tax exemptions: Enter the total amount of New York State and local sales and use taxes exempted during the reporting period as a result of the project's receipt of IDA financial assistance (if none, enter 0). This includes exemptions obtained at the time of purchase, as well as through a refund or credit of tax paid. Include the sales and use taxes exempted on purchases of property or services incorporated into or used on the exempt project. This includes the taxes exempted on purchases made by or on behalf of the agent/project operator, the general contractor for the project, and any subcontractors, consultants, or others. Do not enter total purchases.

Representative information

If applicable, enter the name, address, title (for example, attorney or accountant), and telephone number of the individual you authorize to submit this report. This section is not required.

Certification

Enter the name and title of the person signing on your behalf (for example, the IDA agent/project operator's officer, employee, or other authorized representative). Your officer, employee, or authorized representative must sign and date the report.

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EXHIBIT D

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

[Attached]





Board Report

Table 1: Basic Information

Project Applicant	Vargas Associates, Inc.
Project Name	Vargas Associates
Project Industry	Administrative and Support Services
Type of Transaction	Tax Exemptions
Project Cost	\$585,370
Employment at Application (Annual FTEs)	13
Direct Employment Expected to Result from Project (Annual FTEs)	4
Direct Employment Required for PILOT (Annual FTEs)	1

Table 2: Estimated State & Regional Benefits / Estimated Project Incentives Analysis (Discounted Present Value*)

Total State and Regional Benefits	\$167,11	
Total Project Incentives	\$	
State and Regional Benefits to Incentives Ratio		7:1
Projected Employment	State	Region
Total Employment	11	11
Direct**	4	4
Indirect***	0	0
Induced****	1	1
Temporary Construction (Direct and Indirect)	6	6

Table 3: Estimated State & Regional Benefits (Discounted Present Value*)

Total State and Regional Benefits	\$167,118
Income Tax Revenue	\$100,041
Property Tax/PILOT Revenue	\$0
Sales Tax Revenue	\$63,800
IDA Fee	\$3,277

Table 4: Estimated Project Incentives (Discounted Present Value*)

Total Project Incentives	\$23,932
Sales Tax	\$23,932

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^{*} Figures over 10 years and discounted by 2%

** Direct - The recipient of IDA assistance adds new jobs to the regional economy and/or retains jobs at risk of being lost to another region, Investments that result in displacing existing jobs (e.g., most retail and many service sector industries) do not fall under this definition.

** Indirect - The recipient of IDA assistance makes purchases from regional firms, which stimulates suppliers to add jobs and payroll that are new to the regional economy or are saved from being lost to competitors

outside the region.

**** Induced - The recipient of IDA assistance by adding to and/or retaining payroll stimulates household spending that is new to the regional economy and/or saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.

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EXHIBIT E

FORM OF ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION LETTER

Company name and address	s:	
Project Name: VARGA	S ASSOCIATES INC. PR	ОЈЕСТ
Job Information		
Current number of full-time e contractors or employees of in	quivalent employees ("FTE") andependent contractors that wo	retained at the project location, including FTE ork at the project location, by job category:
Category	FTE	Average Salary and Fringe Benefits or Ranges
Management		
Professional		
Administrative		·
Production		
Other		
Other		
Current number of full-time e contractors or employees of in	equivalent employees ("FTE") adependent contractors that wo	created at the project location, including FTE ork at the project location, by job category:
Category	FTE	Average Salary and Fringe Benefits or Ranges
Management		
Professional		
Administrative		

A copy of the NYS 45 form for the project location is required to be submitted with this report. If the NYS 45 form is not available for the specific project location or the form does not accurately reflect the full time jobs created, an internal payroll report verifying the total jobs by employment category as outlined above at the location is required with this submission.

Production

Other Other

Financing information				
Has the Agency provided project financing assistance (generally through issuance of a bond or note)	Yes	No		
If financing assistance was provided, please provide:				
 Original principal balance of bond or note issued 	\$		_	
 Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31 	\$			
 Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31 	\$			
Final maturity date of the bond or note			_	
Sales Tax Abatement Information Did your Company or any appointed subagents receive Sales Tax for your Project During the prior year?	Abatement	Yes	No	
If so, please provide the amount of sales tax savings received by tl Company and all appointed subagents	ne	\$		_
(Attach copies of all ST-340 sales tax reports that were so Company and all subagents for the reporting period. Plea subagents for the reporting period)	ubmitted to se also attac	New You hed all S	k State b T-60's file	y the d for
Mortgage Recording Tax Information Did your company receive Mortgage Tax Abatement on your Proj during the prior year?	ect	Yes	No	
(note this would only be applicable to the year that a mortgage Agency did not close a mortgage with you during the reporting pe	was placed riod, the answ	upon the ver should	Project, so be no)	if the
The amount of the mortgage recording tax that was exempted duri	ing the reporti	ng period	:	
PILOT INFORMATION:				
City/Town Property Tax without PILOT School Property Tax without PILOT	5 5 5	_		
Total PILOT Payments made for reporting period:	\$			

County PILOT City/Town PILOT Village PILOT School PILOT TOTAL PILOTS	\$ \$ \$ \$	
Net Exemptions (Subtract Total PILOTS from TOTAL Property	y Taxes Without PILOT)	

Whether paid separately or lump sum to Agency for distribution, please provide break down of allocation

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information on this form is correct. I further certify that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for the categories of jobs retained and the jobs created that was provided in the Application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if not, I hereby attach a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in enforcement of provisions of my agreement, including but not limited to voidance of the agreement and potential claw back of benefits.

Signed	·
Name:	
Title:	71 1 2 10 5
	(Authorized Company Representative)
Date:	

of PILOT Payment to individual taxing jurisdictions:

February 19, 2019

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99 GARNSEY ROAD PITTSFORD, NY 14534 (585) 419-8800

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NYS Tax Department, IDA Unit Building 8, Room 657 W. A. Harriman Campus Albany, New York 12227

> Re: County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency Appointment of Project Operator or Agency

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find New York State Form ST-60 - IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent for:

Vargas Associates Inc.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Lori A. Palmer Paralegal

Enclosure

cc:

Imagine Monroe Christine Vargas



Department of Taxation and Finance

IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes

The industrial development agency or authority (IDA) must submit this form within 30 days of the appointment of a project operator or agent, whether appointed directly by the IDA or indirectly by the operator or another agent.

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IDA information								
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Street address				Telephone numb	er			
50 West Main Street, Suite 8100				(585) 753-	2000			
City	State	ZIP code	e	Email address (o	ptional)			
Rochester	NY	14614	1					
Project operator or agent informa	tion							
Name of IDA project operator or agent			Mark an X in the	e box if directly	Emp	oloyer identification	or Social Security num	ber
Vargas Associates Inc.			appointed by th	e IDA:	X 05-	0598479		-
Street address				Telephone number	er	Primary o	pperator or agent?	
40 Humboldt Street, Suite 101				(585)746-6	6450		Yes X No	7
City	State	ZIP code	e	Email address (o	ptional)			_
Rochester	NY	14609	9					
Project information								_
Name of project								
Vargas Associates Inc. Project								
Street address of project site								-
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Instructions

When to file

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date they appoint any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and use tax exemptions.

Requirements to file

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the primary project operator or agent. If the IDA authorizes a project operator or agent to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA should not file this form if they do not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

If an IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, they must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

If the information on this form changes

If an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an agent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA, within 30 days, must send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no longer valid, and the effective date of the change. They must attach to the letter a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA should not send a letter for a form that is not valid merely because the *Completion date of project* has passed.

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