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BROOKS ANNOUNCES PROJECTS APPROVED BY COMIDA

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced that the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) today approved assistance for five local economic development projects.

“As we see an increasing interest by many companies to grow and expand in our region, we are also seeing an increase in the number of jobs in our community,” said **Brooks**. *“Not only is this good news for our residents, but it is great news for our local economy and for protecting our quality of life.”*

The following projects were approved by COMIDA:

Jimmie’s Meat Packing Co., Inc. (Tax Exempt Industrial Revenue Bond w/ JobsPlus)
2299 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road
Rochester, New York 14623

Jimmie’s Meat Packing Co. Inc. (Jimmie’s) is proposing to purchase the former Conti Packing Company, Inc. plant which is located on 8 acres of land at 2299 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road in the Town of Henrietta. Jimmie’s intends to renovate the 28,000 square foot manufacturing facility and will also be investing in new manufacturing equipment to expand the plants capacity. Jimmie’s projects to create 74 new jobs within three years and is seeking approval of up to \$4.75 million in a tax exempt industrial revenue bond to finance the project. Jimmie’s is also seeking a JobsPlus property tax abatement for the project.

McDonald Springs of Rochester, Inc. (Lease/Leaseback – Sales Tax Only)
80 Pixley Industrial Parkway
Rochester, New York 14624

McDonald Springs of Rochester, Inc. (McDonald) was founded in 1983 as a full-service heavy truck repair facility specializing in the service and installation of suspensions and truck mounted equipment. In 2006 McDonald purchased a 6,000 square foot facility located on 2 acres at 80 Pixley Industrial Park in the Town of Gates. In December 2007, a fire caused extensive damage to the shop and destroyed service equipment, inventory and several customer vehicles. McDonald is proposing to rebuild the shop and offices for \$580,000, and an additional \$60,000 for equipment. McDonald is seeking sales tax exemption only. The \$640,000 project will impact 6 existing employees and is projected to create 2 new FTE within three years.

Townline Associates, LLC (Lease/Leaseback with JobsPlus)
3055 Brighton Henrietta Townline Road
Rochester, New York 14623

Tenant: Fieldtex Products, Inc.
3055 Brighton Henrietta Townline Road
Rochester, New York 14623

Townline Associates proposes to construct a 15,000 square foot addition to the existing 36,000 square foot building at 3055 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd. The tenant is Fieldtex Products, Inc., a textile manufacturing company which produces a diverse line of industrial carrying cases for the military, health care and electronics industries. This space is needed for additional manufacturing space as well as distribution of medical supplies, including an expanded shipping/receiving department. The \$1,400,000 project will impact 106 existing employees and is projected to create 34 new FTE within three years. The JobsPlus requirement is 11 FTE.

Citicasters (Lease/leaseback – Sales Tax Exemption Only)
207 Midtown Plaza
Rochester, New York 14604

Citicasters (a wholly owned subsidiary of Clear Channel Rochester Radio) was notified in early 2008 that they will be evicted from their current 25,501 square foot space at Midtown Plaza due to the City of Rochester's plans for demolition of this building. As a consequence, Citicasters will need to construct a brand new broadcast facility and accompanying offices. Citicasters will be tenants of the HSBC Plaza and occupying 3 floors for a total of 31,971 square feet. The new facility will function in the same capacity as the previous and Citicasters will continue to broadcast seven radio stations. Citicasters is seeking sales tax exemption only. The \$3,541,570 project will impact 96 existing FTE.

Adrian and Patti Metzger (Lease/Leaseback with JobsPlus)
218 Mushroom Blvd.
Rochester, New York 14623

Tenant/Project Metzger Gear, Inc.
Location: 218 Mushroom Blvd.
Rochester, New York 14623

Adrian and Patti Metzger propose to add a 6,000 square foot addition to their existing 11,250 square foot facility on two acres of land at 218 Mushroom Blvd. in the Town of Henrietta. The property houses Metzger Gear, Inc. The company provides service and sales of heavy duty trucks. The expansion is due to an increase in service related business. The \$403,000 project is projected to create 3 new FTE within three years. The applicant seeks approval of JobsPlus property tax abatement based on the local labor and suppliers rule. The JobsPlus job creation requirement is 2 FTE.

The EquiPlus program combines the investment incentives of the GreatRate and GreatRebate programs with the sales tax exemptions offered through COMIDA. Companies that receive GreatRate or GreatRebate benefits through MCIDC for the purchase of equipment can receive an additional sales tax exemption on the purchase of that equipment through COMIDA.

COMIDA also offers property tax abatement through JobsPlus, Green JobsPlus and LeasePlus. The property tax abatement applies only to an increase in assessment in property value for each project.

COMIDA is a not-for-profit, public benefit corporation and governmental agency. Its purpose is to actively promote, encourage, attract and develop job opportunities in the community, by encouraging established businesses to expand locally and attracting new industries to the Monroe County area. COMIDA incentives apply toward the purchase of land and construction of new facilities, the expansion of existing buildings, the purchase of new machinery and equipment, as well as the renovation of existing facilities.

COMIDA does not lend any money to these projects, and projects receiving assistance are required to use 100% local labor. Assistance is provided through tax exemptions and abatements, and access to lower interest rates through tax-exempt bond issues. COMIDA provides this assistance without any taxpayer dollars. Income is generated by the fees charged to applicants. These monies have been reinvested in the community to advance economic growth and job creation.

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