



News From

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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 three local economic development projects.

“These three projects reflect the momentum in our local economy and indicate that we continue to move in a positive direction,” said **Brooks**. *“COMIDA is a proud partner in these job creation efforts and I’d like to thank these companies for their commitment to growing and expanding their business in Monroe County.”*

The following projects were approved by COMIDA:

LiDestri Foods, Inc. (Lease/leaseback)
815 W. Whitney Road
Fairport, NY 14450

Project Address: 1000 Lee Road
Rochester, NY 14615

LiDestri Foods, Inc. (LiDestri) is a private label and contract manufacturer of food products, primarily sauces, dips and salsas. LiDestri is expanding and considering the purchase of a 652,090 square foot facility on a 44.75 acre parcel in the Eastman Business Park (formerly building #642) in the Town of Greece. The project will include the purchase and renovation of the building at a cost of \$5.15 million. An additional \$5.35 million will be spent on equipment and other costs. A facility in Columbia, South Carolina is also under consideration. LiDestri currently has production facilities in Fairport, NY; Dundee, NY; New Jersey and California. The project will impact 425 jobs locally and create 60 new FTE over three years. The JobsPlus requirement is 43.

Taksum Associates, LLC (Lease/Leaseback)
PO Box 507
Getzville, NY 14068

Tenant/Address: United Uniform Co., Inc.
1132 Scottsville Road
Rochester, NY 14624

Taksum Associates, LLC (Taksum) intends to purchase and renovate a 3,200 square foot building on a .68 acre site located at 1132 Scottsville Road in Chili. Taksum also will build a 4,000 square foot addition to the front of the building. Updates will also be made to the parking lot, fencing, landscaping and signage. The building tenant will be United Uniform Co., Inc. (United). United is an apparel wholesaler that specializes in uniforms and related equipment for public safety and municipalities. United has its

headquarters in Amherst, NY with leased locations in Rochester and Syracuse. The \$985,000 project will impact 3 existing FTE and is projected to create 1 new FTE within three years. The applicant seeks approval of JobsPlus property tax abatement based on the local labor and supplier rule. The JobsPlus job creation requirement is 1 FTE.

Gregory Street Transfer, LLC (Lease/leaseback)
75 Thruway Park Drive
West Henrietta, New York 14586

Tenant: Various (mixed use)
Project Address: 661 South Avenue
Rochester, New York 14620

Gregory Street Transfer LLC proposes to develop a new mixed use building located at 661 South Avenue in the City of Rochester's South Wedge neighborhood. The 40,000 square foot building will consist of 7,000 square feet of leasable commercial space with the second, third and fourth floors being devoted to a mix of 33 market rate studio, one and two bedroom rental units. This \$4.8 million project is expected to create 4 new FTE over the next three years. The applicant seeks approval of JobsPlus based on the use of 100% local labor and suppliers to construct the project. The JobsPlus job creation requirement is 1 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.

JobsPlus is a tax abatement program that, in addition to sales tax exemption and/or mortgage tax exemption, provides 90% abatement on increased assessment associated with the project in the first year, decreasing 10% per year for a ten-year period.

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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