



News From

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Monroe County Executive

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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.

*“The significant equipment investments made by these two companies represent company growth and increased momentum in our local economy,” said **County Executive Maggie Brooks**. “I thank them for their continued commitment to expanding their business in Monroe County and providing jobs for local residents.”*

The following projects were approved by COMIDA:

Drapery Industries, Inc. (EquiPlus)
180 St. Paul Street
Rochester, New York 14604

Founded in 1966, Drapery Industries Inc. (DPI) is a manufacturer of specialized drapery products sold to the design/build community, commercial establishments, and other institutions. In addition to traditional fabric window treatments, products also include stage curtains, cubicle curtains, shades and blinds. DPI will be relocating to a new facility which will support continued growth and improved efficiencies. DPI will invest \$202,000 in production equipment, façade improvements, technology & security upgrades, and furniture and fixtures. DPI expects to add 2 additional FTEs. The company has been approved for a GreatRebate through the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation and is seeking approval of the EquiPlus.

DDS Utilities, Inc. (EquiPlus)
240 Commerce Drive
Rochester, New York 14623

DDS Utilities, Inc. (DDSU) performs electrical, communication and gas construction throughout the region. DDSU is proposing to purchase a new heavy duty truck, a utility vehicle and related equipment for a combined cost of \$65,000. DDSU employs 123 FTE and expect to create 2 new FTE positions. The companies have been approved for a GreatRebate on the equipment purchase through the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation and are seeking approval of the EquiPlus. DDSU was previously approved for the GreatRate and GreatRebate program in 2007, at which time the company employed 75 FTE.

DDS Constructors, LLC (EquiPlus)
240 Commerce Drive
Webster, New York 14623

DDS Constructors, LLC (DDSC) is a construction company that provides site planning, site design and construction services. DDSC is proposing to purchase a GPS system and three loaders for a combined cost of \$250,000. DDSC employs 52 FTE and expects to create 4 new FTE positions. DDSC has been approved for a GreatRate on the equipment purchase through the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation and is seeking approval of the EquiPlus. DDSC was previously approved for the GreatRebate program in 2006 and the GreatRate program in 2007, at which time the company employed 40 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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