



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 4, 2020

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer *LFK*

Subject: Bethlehem Steel Infrastructure Redevelopment Project
ECWA Project No. 202000115

The Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (ILDC) is currently developing an application seeking funding from the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program to construct critical infrastructure improvements necessary to further develop the former Bethlehem Steel site. The improvements will include water and sewer construction necessary for the future advanced manufacturing park development.

ILDC requested the two involved utilities (ECWA and Erie County Sewer District No. 6) to participate in the grant application process as co-applicants. The project cost is currently estimated at 3 -3.5 million Dollars and is eligible for 20% cost share, which will be provided by ILDC. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until funds have been expended, therefore there is no submission deadline, however, ILDC intends to submit a completed application in March 2020.

EDA accepts applications submitted by group of co-applicants; however, each individual co-applicant must meet EDA eligibility criteria. The application should also include information specifying how the co-applicants will work together and which portions of the scope of work each co-applicant is responsible to manage.

As co-applicant, ECWA would be required to contribute the following to the preparation of the grant application by ILDC, who would be acting as lead applicant:

1. Identify contact person and authorized ECWA representative.
2. Provide identifying information about ECWA (i.e. EIN, DUNS, SAM).
3. Sign Memorandum of Understanding that outlines ECWA's responsibility.
4. Execute mandatory federal forms form NOFO FY20 PWEAA:
 - a. SF-424 – Application for Federal Assistance.
 - b. SF-424D – Assurances.
 - c. ED-900A – Additional EDA Assurances for Construction.
 - d. Applicant's Certification Clause (Appendix A to Environmental Narrative).
 - e. CD-511 – Certification Regarding Lobbying.

LFK:jmf
Attachments
cc: R.Stoll
M.Murphy
K.Prendergast



TO: Joseph Fiegl, Erie County Sewer District No. 6
Leonard Kowalski, Erie County Water Authority
FROM: Lori Szewczyk, ECIDA
DATE: February 19, 2020
RE: Bethlehem Steel Infrastructure Redevelopment Project

Project Description

Funding Agency: Economic Development Administration – Assistance to Coal Communities Program
– Funding Opportunity Number: PWEAA2020

Applicant: Industrial Land Development Corporation (ILDC)

Potential Co-applicants: Erie County Sewer District No. 6 and Erie County Water Authority

Project Type: Construction (public sewer and water infrastructure)

Estimated Project Cost: \$3 million - \$3.5 million

Cost Share: Project is eligible for 20% cost share, which will be provided by the ILDC

Deadline: No submission deadline – Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until funds have been expended. ILDC intends to submit a completed application in March 2020

EDA accepts grant applications from eligible applicants, as described below. If an application is submitted by a group of co-applicants, each co-applicant must individually meet EDA eligible applicant criteria. Further, the application should include information that clearly specifies how the co-applicants will work together and which portions of the scope of work each co-applicant is responsible to manage.

Eligible Applicants

1. District Organization;
2. Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes;
3. State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions;
4. Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education;
5. Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.



February 24, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Leonard Kowalski
Erie County Water Authority
295 Main Street, Room 35
Buffalo, NY 14203

RE: Bethlehem Steel Infrastructure Redevelopment

Dear Leonard:

The Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (ILDC) is currently developing an application seeking funding from the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program to construct critical infrastructure improvements necessary to further redevelop the former Bethlehem Steel site. Specifically, funds will be utilized to construct public sewer and water infrastructure on the site to service the future advanced manufacturing park. Attached please find a memo that outlines the proposed grant request.

As owner of the property, ILDC is ready to act as lead applicant to prepare and administer the grant; however, the EDA requires that the entity responsible for owning/maintaining the infrastructure join as a co-applicant on the application. As co-applicant, the Erie County Water Authority would be required to contribute the following to the preparation of the grant application:

- Identify contact person and authorized representative within your organization
- Provide identifying information about your organization (i.e. EIN, DUNS, SAM)
- Sign Memorandum of Understanding that outlines co-applicant's responsibility
- Execute several mandatory federal forms for NOFO FY20 PWEAA
 - SF-424 - application for Federal Assistance
 - SF-424D - Assurances
 - ED-900A – Additional EDA Assurances for Construction
 - Applicant's Certification Clause (Appendix A to environmental Narrative)
 - CD-511 – Certification Regarding Lobbying

The ILDC requests the cooperation of the Erie County Water Authority and Erie County Sewer District No. 6 as co-applicants to move forward with the EDA funding application. Your reply is appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Cappellino