

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED PROJECT
AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
RELATING THERETO

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the “Act”) will be held by the County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) on the 13th day of May, 2020 at 10:00 o’clock a.m., local time. As a result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and the state ban on meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 220.10 issued on March 23, 2020, the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public meetings pursuant to Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 and the authorization to hold public hearings by remote access pursuant to Executive Order 220.15 issued on April 9, 2020, the Public Hearing scheduled for May 13th, 2020 in connection with the matter described below (the “Project”) will be held electronically via conference call and video conference rather than in person. Members of the public may listen to, view and participate in the Public Hearing and comment on the Project and the financial assistance requested by the Project applicant from the Agency by dialing in by telephone number: **1 (224) 501-3412 and entering access code 844-326-933** or you can join this Public Hearing from your computer, tablet or smartphone via **GoToMeeting video conference call by logging into <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/844326933>**. If you are new to GoToMeeting, you can get the app now and be ready when the Public Hearing starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/844326933>. Comments may also be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically. Minutes of the Public Hearing will be transcribed and posted on the Agency’s website.

Skyline Hospitality LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the “Company”), has presented an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 6.1503 acres of land located at 4882 State Highway 28 (Tax Map No. 146.00-1-26.04) in the Town of Hartwick, Otsego County, New York (the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of a new building to contain approximately 60,000 square feet of space (the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment therein and thereon (collectively, the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company as a hotel facility and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Otsego County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency’s uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures

for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed and installed by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the “Agreement”) requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency.

The Agency, by resolution adopted on April 23, 2020, has (A) concurred in the determination that the Town of Hartwick Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) is the “lead agency” under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Planning Board issued on March 5, 2019, in which the Planning Board determined that the Project would not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the environment, and therefore, that an environmental statement need not be proposed with respect to the Project.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location or nature of the proposed Project, or the Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Jody Zakrevsky, Chief Executive Officer, County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency, 189 Main Street, Suite 500, Oneonta, New York 13820; Telephone: (607) 267- 4010.

Dated: April 28, 2020.

COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: s/Jody Zakrevsky
Chief Executive Officer