

**TO:** City of Albany Industrial Development Finance Committee  
**FROM:** City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Staff  
**RE:** 39 Columbia Street Assoc. LLC - IDA Application Summary  
**DATE:** September 11, 2019

**Applicant:** 39 Columbia Street Assoc. LLC

**Managing Members (% of Ownership):** Tom Rossi, John Blackburn, and Jeffrey Buell (Each owner controls the General Partnership equally).

**Project Location:** 39 Columbia Street, Albany, NY

**Project Description:** The project involves the renovation of 39 Columbia Street. The project will take what is currently a 60,000 SF vacant office building and create 39 market rate apartments and a 15,000 SF restaurant/retail commercial space.

**Estimated Investment:** \$5,322,264 (est)

**Community Benefits:** Please see the attached CAIDA Project Evaluation and Assistance Framework Staff Analysis for more detail on the Community Benefits metrics below.

- *Revitalization:* The project is located in a Targeted Geography within the City, notably Downtown and in a high vacancy census tract.
- *Job Creation:* The project is committing to the creation of 50 permanent and 39 construction jobs.
- *Investment:* The project is anticipating a project cost of more than \$5 million.

**Employment Impact:**

- Projected Permanent: 50 FTE jobs
- Projected Retained: 50 FTE
- Projected Construction: 39 jobs

**Type of Financing:** Straight Lease

**Amount of Bonds Requested:** None

**Estimated Total Purchases Exempt from Sales Tax:** \$2,750,000

**Estimated Total Mortgage Amount:** N/A

**Requested PILOT:** N/A (Applicant is seeking as-of-right 485a through the City of Albany.)

**Estimated Value of Tax Exemptions:**

- NYS Sales and Compensating Use Tax: \$212,890
- Mortgage Recording Taxes: N/A
- Real Property Taxes: N/A
- Other: N/A

**Baseline Requirements:**

- Application: Complete
- Meets NYS/CAIDA Requirements: Yes
- Albany 2030 Alignment:
  - Increase job opportunities for all residents.
  - Encourage investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing.
- Planning Approval Status: Full Planning Board approval
- Meets Project Use Definition: Yes
- Meets “But For” Requirement: Yes, affidavit signed.

**Cost Benefit Analysis:** See attached Exhibit A: Description of The Project Evaluation and Expected Public Benefits.

**Estimated IDA Fee**

- Fee amount: \$26,611

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