

# APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Name of Applicant: Edelweiss Dairy LLC

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## I. Eligibility Questionnaire - Applicant Background Information

Answer all questions. Use "None" or "Not Applicable" where necessary.

### A) Applicant Information-company receiving benefit:

Applicant Name: Edelweiss Dairy LLC  
Applicant Address: 10826 Osmun Road  
City/Town: Freedom State: NY Zip: 14065  
Phone: (716) 560-8312  
E-mail: ilovemyfarm@yahoo.com

### B) Business Organization (check appropriate category):

Corporation  Partnership   
Public Corporation  Joint Venture   
Sole Proprietorship  Limited Liability Company   
Other (specify) Partnership LLC  
Year Established: 2016 State in which Organization is established: NY

### C) Individual Completing Application:

Name: John M. Borer  
Title: Member  
Address: 10826 Osmun Road  
City/Town: Freedom State: NY Zip: 14065  
Phone: (716) 560-8312 E-Mail: ilovemyfarm@yahoo.com

### D) Company Contact (if different from individual completing application):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### E) Company Counsel:

Name of Attorney: Bob Kutzuba  
Firm Name: Ward & Kutzuba  
Title: Partner  
Address: 364 Main Street P.O. Box 321  
City/Town: Arcade State: NY Zip: 14009  
Phone: (585) 492-1178 E-Mail: wardkutzuba.com

### F) Benefits Requested (select all that apply):

1. Exemption from Sales Tax  Yes or  No
2. Exemption from Mortgage Tax  Yes or  No
3. Exemption from Real Property Tax  Yes or  No
4. Tax Exempt Financing \*  Yes or  No

\* (typically for not-for-profits & small qualified manufacturers)

**G) Applicant Business Description:**

Describe in detail company background, history, products and customers. Description is critical in determining eligibility:

Edelweiss Dairy LLC was formed in 2016 as an off-shoot of Edelweiss Farms, Inc. As a multi-generational family farming business, the formation of Edelweiss Dairy LLC has allowed the third generation to work into ownership. Edelweiss Dairy LLC is a dairy farm wholesaling milk, meat, and grain products to business partners in Cattaraugus County and surrounding areas.

Estimated % of sales within Cattaraugus County: 2 0%

Estimated % of sales outside Cattaraugus County but within New York State: 8 0%

Estimated % of sales outside New York State but within the U.S.: n/a

Estimated % of sales outside the U.S.: n/a

(\*Percentage to equal 100%)

For your operations, company, and proposed project, what percentage of your total annual supplies, raw materials and vendor services are purchased from firms in Cattaraugus County 25 %

Identify vendors within Cattaraugus County for major purchases:

Wiley Well Drilling, Garnatt Asphalt, Rock City Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Peirce Milling, Haley Concrete, D&H Trucking

**II. Eligibility Questionnaire - Project Description & Details**

**A) Project Location**

Address of Proposed Project Facility: 10826 Osmun Road

City/Town: Freedom School District: Pioneer Central Schools

SBL Number(s) for proposed Project 044200

Current Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the current real estate taxes on the proposed Project site? \$14,396.92

If amount of current taxes is not available, provide assessed value for each

Land: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Buildings(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *If available include a copy of current tax receipt.*

Are Real Property Taxes current at project location?  Yes or  No. If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Applicant or any related entity currently hold fee title have an option/contract to purchase the Project site?  Yes or  No If No, indicate name of present owner of the Project site: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present use of the proposed Project site (vacant land, existing building, etc.):

Vacant Land

**B) Project Description**

Provide a narrative of the purpose of the proposed Project (new build, renovations, expansion), square footage of existing buildings (if any) and new construction contemplated and/or equipment purchases. Identify specific uses occurring within the project. Describe any and all tenants and any/all end users: (This information is critical in determining project eligibility. Add an attachment if necessary.):

The purpose of the new build is to update 50 year old facilities to provide a healthier atmosphere for our cattle. The new build will also provide cleaner, more efficient work environments for our employees. The new parlor will help us milk cows more efficiently, allowing them to produce more milk. The manure processing facility will allow us to recycle bedding for reuse. The facility would also be capable of providing sand-free manure for two methane digesters, if the Dairy were to enter an agreement with an RNG company.

Will the completion of the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state OR in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state?  Yes or No

If the Proposed Project is located in a different municipality within New York State in which current operations are being undertaken, is it expected that any of the facilities in any other municipality will be closed or be subject to reduced activity?  Yes or No  If Yes, you will need to complete Section V, *The Inter-municipal Move Determination*

Is the project reasonably necessary to prevent the project occupant from moving out of New York State?  Yes or  No. If yes, explain and identify out-of-state locations investigated, type of assistance offered and what competitive factors led you to inquire about sites outside of New York State? Provide supporting documentation if available: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you contacted or been contacted by other Local, State and/or Federal Economic Development Agencies?  Yes or  No. If yes, indicate the Agency and nature of the inquiry below: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the reasons why the Agency’s financial assistance is necessary, and the effect the Project will have on the Applicant’s business or operations. Focus on competitiveness issues, project shortfalls, etc... Your eligibility determination will be based in part on your answer (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Without the Agency's funding, the project will take much longer to complete as traditional financing costs much more and takes longer to acquire.

Confirm by checking the box, below, if there is likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the financial assistance provided by the Agency? In other words, by way of example only, you would check the “yes” box if you believe, in the event the Agency was unable to provide financial assistance, that it is likely that you would not undertake the Project.  Yes or  No

If the Project could be undertaken without financial assistance provided by the Agency, then provide a statement in the space provided below indicating why the Project should be undertaken by the Agency:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the Applicant is unable to obtain financial assistance for the Project, what will be the impact on the Applicant and Cattaraugus County? Edelweiss will not be able to finish the project to its potential and won't be able to hire additional labor.

**C) Site Characteristics**

Will the Project meet zoning/land use requirements at the proposed location?  Yes or  No

Describe the present zoning/land use: Agricultural

If a change in zoning/land use is required, provide details/status of any request for change of zoning/land use requirements: N/A

Has a project related site plan approval application been submitted to the appropriate planning department?  Yes or  No

If Yes, include the applicable municipality's and/or planning department's approval resolution, the related State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") "negative declaration" resolution, if applicable, and the related Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), if applicable.

If No, list the CCIDA as, or ensure that the CCIDA is listed as, an "Involved Agency" on the related EAF that will be submitted to the appropriate municipality and/or planning department for site plan approval and provide to the EAF to the lead agency and to the CCIDA.

If No, because site plan approval is not otherwise required, complete and submit the EAF along with this Application to the CCIDA.

Is the proposed project located on a site where the known or potential presence of contaminants is complicating the development/use of the property?  Yes or  No If yes, explain:

Has a Phase I Environmental Assessment been prepared or will one be prepared with respect to the proposed project site?  Yes or  No If yes, provide a copy.

**D) Project Type**

Select Project Type/Use for all end users at project site (you may check more than one)

- |                                  |                          |                           |                                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Acquisition of Existing Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> | Life Care Facility (CCRC) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Affordable/Workforce Housing     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Market Rate Housing       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Assisted Living                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed Use                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Back Office                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Multi-Tenant              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Civic Facility (not for profit)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Renewable Energy          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Commercial                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Research/Design           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Senior Housing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retail                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Facility for Aging               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Warehousing               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Industrial/Manufacturing         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other <u>Dairy</u>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Tourism Facility/Project         | <input type="checkbox"/> |                           |                                     |

Will customers personally visit the Project site for either of the following economic activities indicated below? If yes with respect to either economic activity indicated below, complete Section IV, Retail Questionnaire.

Retail Sales:  Yes or  No

Services:  Yes or  No

\*For purposes of this question, the term "retail sales" means (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law (the "Tax Law") primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101(b)(4)(i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

For the proposed Project Facility, indicate the square footage for each of the uses outlined below:

**\*\*If applicant is paying for FFE for tenants, include in cost breakdown**

	Square Footage	Cost	% of Total Cost of Project
Manufacturing/Processing			n/a
Warehouse			n/a
Research & Development			n/a
Commercial			n/a
Retail (see retail questionnaire)			n/a
Office			n/a
Renewable Energy			n/a
Specify Other – Freestall barns and parlor	656,180	16,500,000	51%

What is the estimated project timetable (provide dates):

1. Start date: acquisition of equipment or construction of facilities: March 2024
2. Estimated completion date of project: November 2024
3. Project occupancy – estimated starting date of occupancy: November 2024

**E) Overall Project Costs**

Estimated costs in connection with Project:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Land and/or Building Acquisition                        | \$ _____             |
| _____ acres _____ square feet                              |                      |
| 2. New Building Construction <u>656,180</u> square feet    | \$ <u>16,500,000</u> |
| 3. New Building Addition(s) _____ square feet              | \$ _____             |
| 4. Infrastructure Work                                     | \$ <u>12,000,000</u> |
| 5. Reconstruction/Renovation _____ square feet             | \$ _____             |
| 6. Manufacturing Equipment                                 | \$ <u>2,400,000</u>  |
| 7. Non-Manufacturing Equipment (furniture, fixtures, etc.) | \$ <u>1,500,000</u>  |
| 8. Soft Costs: (Legal, architect, engineering, etc.)       | \$ _____             |
| 9. Other, Specify: _____                                   | \$ <u>100,000</u>    |

TOTAL Costs: \$ 32,500,000

**Construction Cost Breakdown:**

Total Cost of Construction	\$ <u>28,500,000</u>	(sum of 2,3,4 and 5 above)
Cost of materials:	\$ <u>25,000,000</u>	
% sourced in Cattaraugus County	<u>20</u>	%

Have any of the above costs been paid or incurred as of the date of this application?  Yes or  No

If yes, describe: (Date) We have paid 60% of the excavation \$700,800 down payment on parlor \$270,000, all building costs for the first barn \$4 million.

**Sources of Funds for Project:**

Bank Financing	\$ <u>17,500,000</u>
Equity (excluding equity that is attributed to grants/tax credits)	\$ _____
Public Sources (Include sum total of all state and federal grants and tax credits)	\$ _____
Identify each state and federal grant/credit: (i.e. Historic Tax Credit, New Market Tax Credit, Brownfield Cleanup Program, ESD, other public sources)	
<u>Proposed Industrial</u>	\$ <u>15,000,000</u>
<u>Revenue Bonds</u>	\$ _____
	\$ _____
Total Sources of Funds for Project Costs:	\$ <u>32,500,000</u>

Have you secured financing for the project?  Yes  No. If yes, provide a copy of the loan commitment to the Agency.

Project refinancing estimated amount, if applicable (for refinancing of existing debt only): \$ n/a

**Sales and Use Tax Benefit:** Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to State and Local Sales and Use Tax - said amount to benefit from the Agency's sales and use tax exemption benefit: \$ 0

Estimated State and Local Sales and Use Tax Benefit (multiply 8.0% by the figure, above): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* Note that the estimate provided above will be provided to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The Applicant acknowledges that the transaction documents include a covenant by the Applicant to undertake the total amount of investment as proposed within this Application, and that the estimate above represents the maximum amount of sales and use tax benefit that the Agency may authorize with respect to this Application, unless otherwise amended and approved by the Agency. The Agency may utilize the estimate above as well as the proposed total Project Costs as contained within this Application, to determine the Financial Assistance that will be offered.*

**Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit:** Amount of mortgage, if any that would be subject to mortgage recording tax:

Mortgage Amount (include sum total of construction/permanent/bridge financing): \$ 32,500,000

Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit (multiply the mortgage amount as indicated above by 1.25 %): \$ 4,062,500

**Real Property Tax Benefit:**

Identify and describe if the Project will utilize a real property tax exemption benefit OTHER THAN the Agency's PILOT benefit (487, 485-b, other): \_\_\_\_\_

**IDA PILOT Benefit:** See Section VI of this Application. Agency staff will indicate the amount of PILOT Benefit based on estimated Project Costs as contained herein and anticipated tax rates and assessed valuation, including the annual PILOT Benefit abatement amount for each year of the PILOT benefit year and the sum total of PILOT Benefit abatement amount for the term of the PILOT.

**F) Job Retention and Job Creation**

Is the project necessary to expand project employment?  Yes or  No

Is project necessary to retain existing employment?  Yes or  No

**Employment Plan (Specific to the proposed project location):**

	Current # of jobs at proposed project location or to be relocated at project location	If financial assistance is granted – project the number of FT and PT jobs to be retained	If financial assistance is granted – project the number of FT and PT jobs to be created upon 24 months (2 years) after Project completion	Estimate number of residents of the Labor Market Area in which the project is located that will fill the FT and PT jobs to be created upon 24 months (2 years) after project completion **
Full time (FT)	20	20	10	10
Part Time (PT)	1	1	2	2
Total ***	21	21	12	12

\*\* The Labor Market Area includes the Counties of Cattaraugus, Erie, Allegany, Chautauqua and Wyoming. For purposes of this question, estimate the number of FT and PT jobs that will be filled, as indicated in the third column, by residents of the Labor Market Area, in the fourth column.

\*\*\* By statute, Agency staff must project the number of FT jobs that would be retained and created if the request for Financial Assistance is granted. Agency staff will project such jobs over the two-year time period following Project completion. Agency staff converts PT jobs into FT jobs by dividing the number of PT jobs by two (2).

**Salary and Fringe Benefits for Jobs to be Retained and Created:**

Category of jobs to be retained and/or created	# of employees retained and/or created	Average salary for Full Time	Average fringe benefits for full time	Average salary for part time, if applicable	Average fringe benefits for part time, if applicable
Management	7	80,000	20,000		
Professional					
Administrative	2	80,000	20,000		
Production	21	70,000	20,000	15,000	
Independent Contractor	3	100,000			
Other					

\*\* Note that the Agency may utilize the foregoing employment projections, among other items, to determine the financial assistance that will be offered by the Agency to the Applicant. The Applicant acknowledges that the transaction documents may include a covenant by the Applicant to retain the number of jobs and create the number of jobs with respect to the Project as set forth in this Application.

**Payroll Information:**

Annual Payroll at proposed project site upon project completion		\$ 2,750,000
Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be retained (full time)		\$ 87,500
Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be retained (part time)		\$ 15,000
Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be created (full time)		\$ 87,500
Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be created (part time)		\$ 15,000
Estimated salary range of jobs to be created		
From (full time)	\$ 65,000	To (full time) \$ 110,000
From (part time)	\$ 10,000	To (part time) \$ 20,000

### III. Part A: Facility Type - Multi-Tenant Determination

If this is a Single-Use facility fill in section A. If this is a Multi-Tenant fill in section B.

**A) For Single Use Facility (to be filled out by developer):**

Occupant Name: Edelweiss Dairy, LLC  
 Address: 10826 Osmun Road  
 City/Town: Freedom State: NY Zip: 14065  
 Contact Person: John Borer  
 Phone: (716) 560-8312 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: ilovemyfarm@yahoo.com  
 Federal ID #: 81-1698776 NAICS Code: 112120

**B) Multi-Tenant Facility (to be filled out by developer):**

Have any tenant leases been entered into for this project  Yes or  No.

If yes, list below and provide square footage to be leased to tenant and NAICS Code for tenant and nature of business.

Tenant Name	Current Address (city, state, zip)	# of sq. ft. and % of total to be occupied at new project site	Briefly describe type of business, products services

**Part B: Tenant Form**

**\*\* This section must be completed for each proposed tenant \*\***

**A Retail Questionnaire will need to be prepared for each proposed tenant if customers will personally visit the tenant to either participate in a retail sale transaction or pay for a service.**

**An Inter-Municipal Move Determination will need to be completed for each proposed tenant that is relocating from another municipality or abandoning an existing facility.**

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of space to be leased: \_\_\_\_\_ SF. What percentage of the building does this represent? \_\_\_\_\_ %

Are terms of the lease: GROSS  or NET

If GROSS lease, explain how Agency benefits are passed to the tenant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated date of occupancy: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Company President/General Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of employees to be relocated to new project location:

Full-Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

List the square footage which the proposed tenant will lease at the Project location: \_\_\_\_\_ SF

List the square footage which the proposed tenant leases at its present location(s): \_\_\_\_\_ SF

Will the project result in relocation from one municipality to another and/or abandonment from other tenant/user(s) facilities in New York State?

Yes or  No.

If Yes, fill out Inter-Municipal-Move Determination form.

What will happen to the existing facility once vacated? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If leased, when does lease expire? \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Are any of the proposed tenant's current operations located in facilities which have received an Industrial Development Agency benefit?  Yes or  No. If yes, provide details as to location, and amount of leased space, how long leased? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Retail Questionnaire

**To ensure compliance with Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency requires additional information if the proposed Project is one where customers personally visit the Project site to undertake either a retail sale transaction or to purchase services.**

**Answer the following:**

**A. Will any portion of the project (including that portion of the cost to be financed from equity or other sources) consist of facilities or property that are or will be primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project site?**

Yes or  No. If the answer is yes, continue below. If no, proceed to next section

For purposes of Question A, the term “retail sales” means (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the Tax Law of the State of New York (the “Tax Law”) primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101(b)(4)(i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

**B. What percentage of the cost of the Project will be expended on such facilities or property primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project? \_\_\_\_\_%. **If the answer is less than 33% do not complete the remainder of the retail determination and proceed to Inter-Municipal Move Determination.****

**If the answer to A is Yes AND the answer to Question B is greater than 33.33%, indicate which of the following questions below apply to the project:**

1. Will the project be operated by a not-for-profit corporation  Yes or  No.
2. Is the Project location or facility likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region (Cattaraugus, Erie, Allegany, Chautauqua and Wyoming counties) in which the project will be located?  Yes or  No
3. Is the predominant purpose of the project to make available goods or services which would not, but for the project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the municipality within which the proposed project would be located because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services?  Yes or  No
4. Will the project preserve permanent, private sector jobs or increase the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York?  Yes or  No.

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Is the project located in a Highly Distressed Area?  Yes or  No

**V. Inter-Municipal Move Determination**

If completion of a Project benefiting from Agency Financial Assistance results in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, then it must be shown that Agency Financial Assistance is required to prevent the project occupant from relocating out of the state, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the project occupant’s competitive position in its respective industry.

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the Project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state?  Yes or  No

Will the Project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Project occupant located within the state?  Yes or  No

If Yes to either question, explain how, notwithstanding the aforementioned closing or activity reduction, the Agency’s Financial Assistance is required to prevent the Project from relocating out of the State, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the Project occupant’s competitive position in its respective industry: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Project involve relocation or consolidation of a project occupant from another municipality?

Within New York State  Yes or  No  
Within Cattaraugus County  Yes or  No

If Yes to either question, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the key requirements the project occupant is looking for in a new site (for example minimum of number of sq. ft., 12 foot ceilings, truck loading docks, thruway accessibility. etc.)

If the project occupant is currently located in Cattaraugus County and will be moving to a different municipality within Cattaraugus County, has the project occupant attempted to find a suitable location within the municipality in which it is currently located?  Yes or  No

What factors have led the project occupant to consider remaining or locating in Cattaraugus County? \_\_\_\_\_

If the current facility is to be abandoned, what is going to happen to the current facility that the project occupant is located in? \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a list of properties considered, and reason they were not adequate. (Some examples include: site not large enough, layout was not appropriate, did not have adequate utility service, etc.)

Property (Address)

Reason

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**VI. Estimate of Real Property Tax Abatement Benefits\*\*\* and Percentage of Project Costs financed from Public Sector sources**

**\*\* This Section of the Application will be: (i) completed by CCIDA Staff based upon information contained within the Application, and (ii) provided to the Applicant for ultimate inclusion as part of this completed Application.**

**PILOT Estimate Table Worksheet**

**CCIDA Staff will insert and/or prepare appropriate PILOT Benefit information.**

**Percentage of Project Costs financed from Public Sector Table Worksheet:**

Total Project Cost	Estimated Value of PILOT	Estimated Value of Sales Tax Incentive	Estimated Value of Mortgage Tax Incentive	Total of Other Public Incentives (Tax Credits, Grants, ESD Incentives, etc.)

**Calculate % (Est. PILOT + Est. Sales Tax+ Est. Mortgage Tax+ Other)/Total Project Costs: \_\_\_\_\_%**

## Attachment A: Representations, Certifications and Indemnification

John M. Borer (name of CEO or other authorized representative of Applicant) confirms and says that he/she is the member (title) of Edelweiss Dairy LLC (name of corporation or other entity) named in the attached Application (the "Applicant"), that he/she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof, and hereby represents, understands, and otherwise agrees with the Agency and as follows:

- A. **Job Listings:** In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division (the "DOL") and with the administrative entity (collectively with the DOL, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (Public Law 97-300) ("JTPA") in which the Project is located.
- B. **First Consideration for Employment:** In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the Applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in JTPA programs who shall be referred by the JTPA Entities for new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project.
- C. **Annual Sales Tax Filings:** In accordance with Section 874(8) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any sales tax exemptions as part of the Financial Assistance from the Agency, in accordance with Section 874(8) of the General Municipal Law, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the annual form prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance, describing the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or subcontractors retained by the Applicant. Copies of all filings shall be provided to the Agency.
- D. **Employment Reports:** The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the Agency, at least annually or as otherwise required by the Agency, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site, salary levels, contractor utilization and such other information (collectively, "Employment Reports") that may be required from time to time on such appropriate forms as designated by the Agency. Failure to provide Employment Reports within 30 days of an Agency request shall be an Event of Default under the PILOT Agreement between the Agency and Applicant and, if applicable, an Event of Default under the Agent Agreement between the Agency and Applicant. In addition, a Notice of Failure to provide the Agency with an Employment Report may be reported to Agency board members, said report being an agenda item subject to the Open Meetings Law.
- E. The Applicant acknowledges that certain environmental representations will be required at closing. The Applicant shall provide with this Representation, Certification and Indemnification Form copies of any known environmental reports, including any existing Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report(s) and/or Phase II Environmental Investigations. The Agency may require the Company and/or owner of the premises to prepare and submit an environmental assessment and audit report, including but not necessarily limited to, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report and a Phase II Environmental Investigation, with respect to the Premises at the sole cost and expense of the owner and/or the Applicant. All environmental assessment and audit reports shall be completed in accordance with ASTM Standard Practice E1527-05 and shall be conformed over to the Agency so that the Agency is authorized to use and rely on the reports. The Agency, however, does not adopt, ratify, confirm or assume any representation made within reports required herein.

- F. The Applicant and/or the owner, and their successors and assigns, hereby release, defend and indemnify the Agency from any and all suits, causes of action, litigations, damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, demands, judgments, costs, disbursements, fees or expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys', consultants' and experts' fees) which may at any time be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted or awarded against the Agency, resulting from or arising out of any inquiries and/or environmental assessments, investigations and audits performed on behalf of the Applicant and/or the owner pursuant hereto, including the scope, level of detail, contents or accuracy of any environmental assessment, audit, inspection or investigation report completed hereunder and/or the selection of the environmental consultant, engineer or other qualified person to perform such assessments, investigations, and audits.
- G. **Hold Harmless Provision:** The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Applicant shall be and is responsible for all costs of the Agency incurred in connection with any actions required to be taken by the Agency in furtherance of the Application including the Agency's costs of general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel whether or not the Application, the proposed Project it describes, the attendant negotiations, or the issue of bonds or other transaction or agreement are ultimately ever carried to successful conclusion and agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by: (i) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the proposed Project described herein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested herein are favorably acted upon by the Agency; (ii) the Agency's acquisition, construction and/or installation of the proposed Project described herein; and (iii) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the proposed Project including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorney's fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. Applicant hereby understands and agrees, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law and the policies of the Agency that any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency, any mortgage recording tax exemption claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency, and/or any real property tax abatement claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency, in connection with the Project, may be subject to recapture and/or termination by the Agency under such terms and conditions as will be established by the Agency and set forth in transaction documents to be entered into by and between the Agency and the Applicant. The Applicant further represents and warrants that the information contained in this Application, including without limitation information regarding the amount of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit, the amount of the mortgage recording tax exemption benefit, and the amount of the real property tax abatement, if and as applicable, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, is true, accurate and complete.
- H. This obligation includes an obligation to submit an Agency Fee Payment to the Agency in accordance with the Agency Fee policy effective as of the date of this Application
- I. By executing and submitting this Application, the Applicant covenants and agrees to pay the following fees to the Agency:
- (i) a non-refundable \$1,500.00 application processing and publication fee (the "Application Fee") at time of application submission payable CCIDA;
  - (ii) Unless otherwise agreed to by the Agency, an amount equal to one and one quarter percent (1.0625%) of the total project costs, at the time of issuance of Financial Assistance/closing;
  - (iii) All fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (1) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel, thus note that the Applicant is entitled to receive a written estimate of fees and costs of the Agency's general counsel and the Agency's

bond/transaction counsel; and (2) other consultants retained by the Agency in connection with the proposed project, with all such charges to be paid by the Applicant at the closing.

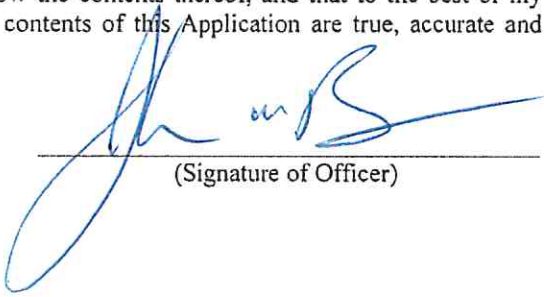
- J. If the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate the necessary negotiations, or fails, within a reasonable or specified period of time, to take reasonable proper or requested action, or withdraws, abandons, cancels, or neglects the Application, or if the Applicant is unable to find buyers willing to purchase the bond issue requested, or if the Applicant is unable to facilitate the sale/leaseback or lease/leaseback transaction, then, upon the presentation of an invoice, Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, or assigns all actual costs incurred by the Agency in furtherance of the Application, up to that date and time, including but not necessarily limited to, fees of the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel.
- K. The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that all payment liabilities to the Agency and the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond and/or transaction counsel as expressed in Sections H and I are obligations that are not dependent on final documentation of the transaction contemplated by this Application.
- L. The cost incurred by the Agency and paid by the Applicant, the Agency's general counsel and/or bond/transaction counsel fees and the processing fees, may be considered as a cost of the Project and included in the financing of costs of the proposed Project, except as limited by the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to tax-exempt bond financing.
- M. The Applicant acknowledges that the Agency is subject to New York State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). **Applicant understands that all Project information and records related to this application are potentially subject to disclosure under FOIL subject to limited statutory exclusions.**
- N. The Applicant has read and understands the Agency's Policy Respecting Recapture of Agency Benefits (the "Recapture Policy"). The Applicant covenants and agrees that it fully understands that the Recapture Policy is applicable to the Project that is the subject of this Application, and that the Agency will implement the Recapture Policy if and when it is so required to do so. The Applicant further covenants and agrees that its Project is potentially subject to termination of Agency financial assistance and/or recapture or modification of Agency financial assistance so provided and/or previously granted.
- O. The Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if Financial Assistance is provided for the proposed Project:
- § 862. Restrictions on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.
- P. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving Financial Assistance for the proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
- Q. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any Financial Assistance and the reimbursement of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement the Project.

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- R. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges that as of the date of this Application, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law.
- S. The Applicant and the individual executing this Application on behalf of Applicant acknowledge that the Agency and its counsel will rely on the representations and covenants made in this Application when acting hereon and hereby represents that the statements made herein do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein not misleading.

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS ) ss.:

John M. Borer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That I am the member (Corporate Office) of Edelweiss Dairy LLC (Applicant) and that I am duly authorized on behalf of the Applicant to bind the Applicant.
2. That I have read the attached Application, I know the contents thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Application and the contents of this Application are true, accurate and complete.

  
 (Signature of Officer)

Subscribed and affirmed to me under penalties of perjury this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025

Carolyn M. Francis  
 (Notary Public)

CAROLYN M. FRANCIS  
 Notary Public, State of New York  
 Qualified in Allegany County #01FR6237783  
 Commission Expires 03/28/2027

**Attachment B: CCIDA Insurance Requirements**

**COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
(Insurance Specifications as of November 1, 2022)**

**A summary of CCIDA insurance requirements follows. Please note that insurance is to be provided by the Company and/or Project owner after Board approval and prior to utilization of CCIDA financial assistance, and shall be maintained during the term of any applicable Agent Agreement and/or Lease Agreement by and between the CCIDA and the Company.**

During the term of an Agent Agreement and/or a Lease Agreement entered into with the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency an **ACORD 25-Certificate of Liability Insurance and ACORD 855 NY-New York Construction Certificate of Liability Addendum** shall be provided evidencing the following insurance is currently maintained and in force with an insurance carrier approved to do business in the State of New York and maintaining an A.M. Best Rating of A- or better showing County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency as Certificate Holder. It is our suggestion that you share these requirements with your current insurance agent, broker or insurance company.

Acceptable Certificates of Insurance shall indicate the following minimal coverage, limits of insurance, policy numbers and policy effective and expiration dates.

**Commercial General Liability:** Agent and subcontractors shall provide such coverage on an occurrence basis for the named insured's premises & operations and products-completed operations. Blanket Contractual Liability provided within the "insured contract" definition may not be excluded or restricted in any way. Property damage to work performed by subcontractors may not be excluded or restricted nor shall the Additional Insured's coverage for claims involving injury to employees of the Named Insured or their subcontractors be excluded or restricted. The "insured contract" exception to the Employers Liability exclusion also may not be removed or restricted in any way.

These coverages are to be properly evidenced by checking the appropriate box(es) on the **ACORD 855-NY Construction Certificate of Liability Addendum's** Information Section, Items G, H, I and L. Policy shall have attached **Designated Location(s) General Aggregate Limit CG 25 04** endorsement.

**Limits expressed shall be no less than:**

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Per Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage Liability	\$ 100,000
Medical Payments (per person)	\$ 5,000

County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency shall be named as Additional Insured per **ISO Form CG 20 26-Additional Insured Designated Person or Organization** to provide coverage for the Additional Insured. Coverage shall apply on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis. All insurance required of the Company shall waive any right of subrogation of the insurer against any person insured under such policy, and waive any right of the insurer to any off-set or counterclaim or any other deduction, whether by attachment or otherwise, in respect of any liability of any person insured under such policy.

**ACORD 855 NY-New York Construction Certificate of Liability Insurance:** It is not uncommon for insurers to modify the standard ISO policy language with endorsements that result in modifications to language preferred by the insurer. This addendum is required to supplement the **ACORD 25-Certificate of Liability Insurance** with additional information that provides a more detailed expression of the types of coverage required. Specifically required coverages may be excluded or limited by the attachment of exclusionary or limitation endorsements. This

addendum provides the insurer the ability to certify coverage provided by the absence of such exclusionary or limiting modifications.

Blanket Additional Insured endorsement to include — Owner, Lessees or Contractors - Automatic Status For Other Parties When Required in Written Construction Agreement — Wording should include any other person or organization you are required to add as an additional insured under the contract or agreement (**Paragraph 2 of CG 20 38 04 13 or equivalent**).

Any scheduled person or organization section of the additional insured endorsement containing wording other than designated names shall not be accepted.

**Automobile Liability:** Business Auto Liability with limits of at least \$1,000,000 each accident. Business Auto coverage must include coverage for liability arising out of all owned, leased, hired and non-owned automobiles.

County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency shall be included as Additional Insured on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis on the auto policy. All insurance required of the Company shall waive any right of subrogation of the insurer against any person insured under such policy and waive any right of the insurer to any off-set or counterclaim or any other deduction, whether by attachment or otherwise, in respect of any liability of any person insured under such policy.

**Umbrella/Excess Liability:** Commercial Umbrella or excess liability for a limit of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence with a \$5,000,000 Aggregate. Coverage should respond on a follow-form basis and excess over the aforementioned underlying policy limits. County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency shall be named as Additional Insured. Coverage shall apply on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis.

**Workers Compensation/Disability Insurance:**

- i) The Company and/or Project Owner shall provide evidence of insurance and maintain Workers Compensation/Disability insurance as required by statute. County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency shall be named as the Certificate Holder.
- ii) **Accepted Forms:**

<b>Workers Compensation Forms</b>		<b>DBL (Disability Benefits Law) Forms</b>	
<b>CE-200</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>CE-200</b>	<b>Exemption</b>
<b>C-105.2</b>	<b>Commercial Insurer</b>	<b>DB-120.1</b>	<b>Insurers</b>
<b>S1-12</b>	<b>Self-Insurer</b>	<b>DB-155</b>	<b>Self-Insured</b>
<b>GS1-105.2</b>	<b>Group Self-Insured</b>		
<b>U-26.3</b>	<b>New York State Insurance Fund</b>		

If the Company and/or Project owner have no employees, the Company and/or Project owner shall provide a completed and signed Form CE-200 or later revision, which is found on the New York State Workers Compensation Board website: [www.wcb.ny.gov/](http://www.wcb.ny.gov/). This form is to be completed on-line, printed, and signed.

**CCIDA Address:** All evidence of insurance shall be sent to:  
  
County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency  
9 East Washington Street  
Ellicottville, NY 14731

## Attachment C: CCIDA Attorney Fee Schedule

### CCIDA Attorney Fees:

Project Amount	Standard Agency Counsel Fee
<=\$499,000	\$5,000
<=\$500,000 - < \$999,999	\$7,500
>\$1M - <\$1,999,999	\$9,000
>\$2M - <\$3,999,999	\$15,000
>\$4M - < \$5,799,000	\$20,000
>\$5,800,00	1/3 of Agency Administrative Fee (currently 1.0625% of the Project Amount)

If a project application is withdrawn or does not close, the applicant is responsible for any costs incurred by the agency on behalf of the project.