



# CITY OF UTICA

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## **MEMORANDUM**

December 31, 2015

**TO:** New York State Authorities Budget Office

**FROM:** Jack Spaeth, Executive Director

**RE:** Utica Industrial Development Agency

### **New York State Local Public Authority Mission Statement and Measurement Report**

**Local Public Authority Name:** Utica Industrial Development Agency

**Fiscal Year:** January 2015– December 31, 2015

**Enabling Legislation:** General Municipal Law § 927-d. City of Utica Industrial Development Agency

For the benefit of the city of Utica and the inhabitants thereof, an industrial development agency, to be known as the CITY OF UTICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, is hereby established for the accomplishment of any or all of the purposes specified in title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter. It shall constitute a body corporate and politic, and be perpetual in duration. It shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the mayor of the City of Utica, and its chairman shall be designated by such mayor. It shall have the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred by title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter upon industrial development agencies. It shall organize in a manner prescribed by and be subject to the provisions of title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter. The agency, its members, officers and employees, and its operations and activities shall in all respects be governed by the provisions of title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter.

Added. L.1981, e. 710, § L

Effective Date. Section effective July 21, 1981 pursuant to L.1981, c. 710. § 2.

**Mission Statement:** The Utica Industrial Development Agency, a public benefit corporation organized in 1981 under the laws of New York State, was created to assist business development and to advance opportunities and the economic welfare of the people of the City of Utica.

The UIDA provides financial assistance to companies, including low-cost financing through sale-leasebacks or lease-leasebacks, PILOT agreements, mortgage recording tax exemptions, and sales tax exemptions and the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds.

## **2016 Measurements:**

### **Goals:**

- **To create new employment opportunities through the attraction and creation of new businesses;**
  - a. **Contact local/national developers/brokers (1 contact /month)**
  - b. **Contact local bankers and financial institutions (1 contact/month)**
  - c. **Cold call various retail/commercial/manufacturing businesses (10 contacts/year)**
- **To create/retain new employment opportunities through the expansion of existing businesses;**
  - a. **Contact/communicate with 30 local businesses per year through Business Outreach Visits or office visits**
  - b. **Target financial assistance to key industrial clusters critical to the City's economy, including manufacturing, health care, education, tourism, energy, and high-tech related businesses**
- **To communicate with government, education, labor, business and economic development agencies to maximize development potential and sustainability of the economy in the City of Utica**
- **To work cooperatively with City administration to further economic development progress;**

### **Objectives:**

- **Issuing Private Activity Bonds (tax-exempt or taxable bonds) to finance eligible manufacturing and commercial projects. Issuing of tax-exempt bonds for projects that are eligible for financing in compliance with federal and NYS legislation.**
- **Providing to eligible and qualified businesses exemptions from real property taxes, sales and use taxes, and mortgage recording taxes consistent with the City of Utica's IDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy.**
- **Facilitating the securing of public and private grants for economic development projects through the NYS Consolidated Funding Application process and others available.**
- **Complying with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) on all projects assisted by the City of Utica IDA.**
- **To improve the quality of life in the City of Utica;**
- **Collaborating with City planning and zoning departments to ensure proposed development opportunities meet the overall goals of the City's development plans.**
- **To increase the City of Utica's tax base**

**Authority Stakeholder(s):** City of Utica, New York

**Authority Beneficiaries:** City of Utica residents

**Authority Customers:** All eligible business entities

**Authority self-evaluation of prior year performance:** To be provided by March 31, 2016 and related to 2015 performance.

**Governance Certification:**

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understand the mission of the public authority? Board of Directors Response: **Yes**
2. Who has the power to appoint management of the public authority? Board of Directors Response: **Mayor of the City of Utica**
3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority. Board of Directors Response: **N/A**
4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

Board of Directors Response: **The role of the Board regarding the implementation of the public authority's mission is to provide strategic input, guidance, oversight, mission authorization, policy setting and validation of the authority's mission, measurements and results. The role of management is to collaborate with the board in strategy development / strategy authorization and to implement established programs, processes, activities and policies to achieve the public authority's mission**

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the response to each of these questions? Board of Directors Response: **Yes**