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TIOGA COUNTY PREFERENTIAL TAX ASSESSMENT PLAN

Tioga County, Pennsylvania

The Board of Commissioners of Tioga County several years ago instituted a Preferential Tax Assessment Plan to assist in the stimulation of industrial development in Tioga County. A new five (5) year abatement program was developed to assist industries and businesses. On May 10, 2005 the Tioga County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2005-01, "Tioga County Preferential Tax Assessment Plan". The Plan is structured to reduce the real estate taxes on new building construction. Application must be made before the Tioga County Commissioners for each individual development project.

The Program extends to the municipality and school district in which the project is located. Individual Municipalities must adopt their individual ordinance and designate specific areas within their municipality in order for a business to participate in the Tax Abatement Program.

Tioga County is committed to the economic development of its industries and encourages new industries to locate in Tioga County. Through the Tioga County Preferential Tax Assessment Plan, the County provides direct assistance to our business sector.

The *Tioga County Development Corporation* encourages companies to utilize the Tioga County Preferential Tax Assessment Plan and is available to assist you in securing the benefits of the Program.

A copy of the Tioga County Preferential Tax Assessment Plan is attached.

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PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

THE TIOGA COUNTY PREFERENTIAL TAX ASSESSMENT PLAN APPLIES TO ONLY THOSE MUNICIPALITIES IN TIOGA COUNTY WHO HAVE ADOPTED A TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE.

In order to participate in the Tioga County Preferential Tax Abatement Plan, the business must undertake the following Procedures:

For Tioga County Participation:

Request in writing to the Tioga County Commissioners (Tioga County Courthouse, 118 Main Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901) to be approved to participate in the Program. Your written request should include: Company name, address, nature of your capital development project and the formal request.

For Borough/Township Participation:

Request in writing to the Municipality in which your project is located who has adopted a Tax Abatement Ordinance. The Tax Abatement Program Applies to ONLY those municipalities who have designated areas and adopted their own ordinance. Provide the same information submitted to the County and include a copy of the letter to the Commissioners and the School District (if available).

For School District Participation:

Request in writing to the School District in which your project is located. Provide the same information submitted to the County and include a copy of the letter to the Commissioners and the Municipality (if available).

Each of the three (3) Taxing Bodies in Tioga County must receive your Request for each of them to participate in the Tax Abatement Program. Not all three (3) have to participate. The Municipality and/or the School District may have other provisions which they require for participation. You should contact them directly.

If you require assistance or have any questions, you may contact: *Tioga County Development Corporation*, 114 Main Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901, (570) 723-8232 (570) 723-8441 Fax, tcdc1@ptd.net. Please feel free to contact/copy *TCDC* on your requests, so we may monitor your project.

Tioga County Development Corporation

(Company Letterhead)

(Date)

Tioga County Commissioners (Municipal Address for County/School District/Municipality)
118 Main Street
Wellsboro PA 16901

RE: Tioga County Preferential Tax Abatement Program
Tioga County, Pennsylvania

Dear Commissioners:

(Company Name), located at (Company Address) does herewith request (Municipality Name) to approve a Tioga County Preferential Tax Abatement Program for our (New/Expanded) Project.

(History of Company, Products, Services, etc.)

(Company Project, i.e. Number of sq ft, cost of project, number of employees (full& part time)

(Company Name) has also applied to the (List other two municipalities) for the Tioga County Preferential Tax Abatement Program. We are being assisted by the *Tioga County Development Corporation*.

(Company Name) hopes you will act favorably upon our request. We look forward to a long and successful business venture in (Municipality Name). Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

(Owner's name)
(Company Name)

cc: Robert J. Blair, President/CEO, *Tioga County Development Corporation*
Deborah Crawford, Chief Assessor, County of Tioga