

COLUMBIA COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(and Reports of Independent Auditors)

December 31, 2017 and 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Chairman and Board of Columbia County
Industrial Development Agency:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency (a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York) (the "Agency"), as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in

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the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in financial position, and its cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 to 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's basic financial statements. The of Schedule of Conduit Debt Obligations, Schedule of Projects and Exemptions, Schedule of PILOTS, and Schedule of Employment Data are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Conduit Debt Obligations, Schedule of Projects and Exemptions, and Schedule of PILOTS are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Conduit Debt Obligations, Schedule of Projects and Exemptions, and Schedule of PILOTS are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Schedule of Employment Data has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2018 on our consideration of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Valatie, New York
March 27, 2018

COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York)
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
December 31, 2017 and 2016

1. Introduction:

Within this section of the Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's (the "Agency") financial statements, the Agency's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Agency for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Agency's basic financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

2. Overview of the Financial Statements:

The Agency's basic financial statements include: (1) financial statements, (2) notes to the financial statements, (3) supplementary information, and (4) other information.

A. Financial Statements

The Agency's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The Agency is structured as a single enterprise fund with revenues recognized when earned, not when received. Expenses are recognized when incurred, not when they are paid. Capital assets are capitalized and are depreciated over their useful lives. See notes to the financial statements for a summary of the Agency's significant accounting policies.

The *Statements of Net Position* present information on the Agency's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of the Agency's financial position.

The *Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* present information showing how the Agency's net position changed during the most recent years. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in these statements for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods.

The *Statements of Cash Flows* relate to the flows of cash and cash equivalents. Consequently, only transactions that affect the Agency's cash accounts are recorded in these statements. A reconciliation is provided at the bottom of the statements of cash flows to assist in the understanding of the difference between cash flows from operating activities and operating income.

B. Notes to Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the basic financial statements.

C. Supplementary and Other Information

The schedules of Conduit Debt Obligations, Projects and Exemptions, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) and Employment Data are required by the Office of the State Comptroller for Industrial Development Agencies. Supplementary and other information begins immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
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3. Financial Highlights:

The revenue increased by \$36,515 from 2016 to 2017 due primarily to an increase in administrative fees earned from PILOTS and projects administered by the Agency. The expenses decreased by \$5,067 from 2016 to 2017 due primarily to a decrease in professional fees in 2017.

The revenue decreased by \$152,387 from 2015 to 2016 due primary to a decrease in administrative fees earned on projects administered by the Agency. The expenses increased by \$3,184 from 2015 to 2016 due primarily to an increase in professional fees in 2016.

Total revenue exceeded budget in 2017 but did not meet budget in 2016. In 2017, revenue exceeded budget due to additional administration fees for projects and PILOTS. In 2016, revenue did not meet budget due to less administrative fees earned from projects administered by the Agency.

Total expenditures in 2017 were overall below the budget due to insurance and other miscellaneous expenses being below what was budgeted for the year.

Total expenditures in 2016 were overall below budget due to the administration fee, insurance and other miscellaneous expenses being below what was budgeted for the year.

Financial Statement Analysis:

Below is a comparative summary of the Agency's Statements of Net Position as of December 31:

	2017	2016	2015
Assets	\$ 220,020	\$ 215,244	\$ 219,296
Liabilities	\$ 98,785	\$ 106,688	81,837
Net Position	121,235	108,556	137,459
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 220,020	\$ 215,244	\$ 219,296

Total assets increased by \$4,776 or 2.22% and total liabilities decreased \$7,903 or 7.41% for the year ended December 31, 2017. Total net position increased \$12,679 for the year ended December 31, 2017. The increase in net position was the result of an increase in revenues and relatively similar expense during 2017 in comparison to 2016.

Total assets decreased by \$4,052 or 1.83% and total liabilities increased \$24,851 or 30.37% for the year ended December 31, 2016. The net position decreased \$28,903 for the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase in liabilities was a result of an increase in the amount due to Columbia County related to a 2016 land sale.

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3. Financial Statement Analysis (Continued):

Below is a comparative summary of the Agency's Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenues			
Interest	\$ 95	\$ 92	\$ 45
Land sale income	2,420	1,306	2,740
Application and administration fees	<u>53,898</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>169,500</u>
Total revenues	<u>56,413</u>	<u>19,898</u>	<u>172,285</u>
Expenditures			
Administrative - CEDC	24,000	25,000	-
Insurance	1,835	2,707	2,707
Legal fees	4,693	12,223	9,709
Consultants	5,403	125	-
Accounting and audit	7,600	8,106	7,720
Other miscellaneous	<u>203</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>25,481</u>
Total expenditures	<u>43,734</u>	<u>48,801</u>	<u>45,617</u>
Change in net position	12,679	(28,903)	126,668
Net position at the beginning of the year	<u>108,556</u>	<u>137,459</u>	<u>10,791</u>
Net position at the end of the year	<u>\$ 121,235</u>	<u>\$ 108,556</u>	<u>\$ 137,459</u>

The revenue budget for 2017 was \$49,500 with a projected profit of \$3,000. The revenue budget for 2016 was \$90,035 with a projected profit of \$22,535. There were no amendments to the budget during 2017 and 2016.

The Agency's revenues in 2017 were \$56,413 versus \$19,898 in 2016. The Agency's expenses in 2017 were \$43,734 versus \$48,801 in 2016. The Agency's net position increased \$12,679 and decreased \$28,903 as a result of operations in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

4. Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget:

The ability to generate future fee revenue and meet the Agency's 2018 revenue budget expectation is dependent on future project closings. The ability to predict the future success of such events is difficult. Economic conditions in Columbia County, New York as well as changes in interest rates, influence the Agency's ability to attract such project and financing activities.

5. Additional Information:

This report is prepared for the use of the Agency's audit committee, management, federal awarding agencies and pass through entities, and members of the public interested in the affairs of the Agency. Questions with regard to this financial report or requests for additional information may be addressed to the Executive Director, Columbia County Industrial Development Agency, 4303 Route 9, Hudson, NY 12534.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
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ASSETS

	2017	2016
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Unrestricted		
Checking	\$ 48,656	\$ 35,622
Money market	72,948	72,934
Total cash and cash equivalents	121,604	108,556
Land sale receivables, current	8,744	8,344
Total current assets	130,348	116,900
Land sale receivables, long term	33,042	41,785
Restricted escrow account	56,630	56,559
Total assets	\$ 220,020	\$ 215,244

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 369	\$ -
Due to Columbia County, current	8,744	8,344
Total current liabilities	9,113	8,344
PILOT escrow deposits	56,630	56,559
Due to Columbia County, long term	33,042	41,785
Total liabilities	98,785	106,688
Net position:		
Unrestricted	121,235	108,556
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 220,020	\$ 215,244

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues:		
Bank interest	\$ 95	\$ 92
Application fees	-	3,000
Land sale income	2,420	1,306
Administration fees - Projects	42,190	10,000
Administration fees - PILOTS	11,708	5,500
Total revenues	<u>56,413</u>	<u>19,898</u>
Expenses:		
Professional fees	17,696	20,454
Insurance	1,835	2,707
Office	203	640
Administration- CEDC	24,000	25,000
Total expenses	<u>43,734</u>	<u>48,801</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net position	12,679	(28,903)
Net position, beginning	<u>108,556</u>	<u>137,459</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 121,235</u>	<u>\$ 108,556</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Bank interest received	\$ 95	\$ 92
Operating expenses paid	(43,365)	(48,801)
Receipt of fees from land sale	2,420	2,546
Receipts from administration and application fees	53,898	18,500
PILOT receipts	124,198	140,812
PILOT payments	(124,198)	(140,812)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	13,048	(27,663)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	13,048	(27,663)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	108,556	136,219
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 121,604	\$ 108,556
Reconciliation of change in net position to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Change in net position	\$ 12,679	\$ (28,903)
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in due from CEDC	-	1,240
Increase in PILOT escrow deposits	71	222
Increase in restricted escrow account	(71)	(222)
Increase in accounts payable	369	-
Decrease in land sale receivables	8,343	3,121
Decrease in due to Columbia County	(8,343)	(3,121)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 13,048	\$ (27,663)
Non-cash activity:		
Land sale receivable/payable to Columbia County	\$ 22,687	\$ 27,750

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Nature of Organization:

The Columbia County Industrial Development Agency was established in 1976 by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors under the Laws of New York State to promote economic growth in the County of Columbia, New York. The Agency is exempt from federal, state and local income taxes. The Agency is a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York.

The Agency's present function is to promote, develop and encourage reconstructing, improving and maintaining manufacturing, warehousing, and commercial facilities to promote job opportunities and economic welfare for the people of New York State. This is done through administering PILOTS, land sales, and bond agreements.

Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT):

The Agency enters into and administers PILOT agreements for various companies in the surrounding area. The PILOT agreements are entered into between the Agency and a third party business. Title to property owned by the third party business is transferred to the Agency for a period of time. During the term of the agreement (when the Agency holds the title to the property), the third party business pays the Agency an annual PILOT amount based on a calculation derived by a formula in the agreement. The PILOTS allow the participants to make payments at a lower rate than if the company paid the property's assessed value at the current tax rates for county, town and school taxes. Certain requirements are to be met by the company to be able to maintain their PILOT. These requirements, stated in the PILOT agreement, can be comprised of reaching and maintaining certain employment goals and paying their PILOT in a timely fashion. This promotes employment and economic development. The Agency will in turn pay the respective tax authorities. At the completion of the PILOT program, title to the property is transferred back to the third party business owner and the property goes back on the respective tax rolls.

The Agency generates fees from PILOT agreements called "Administration and Application Fees." The Agency receives an annual administrative fee from each PILOT per the agreement. The Agency also administers bonds for several projects and receives an administrative fee upon issuance of the bond.

In addition, the Agency generates revenue from land sale transactions with a related party, Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC). The Agency receives a stipend called "Fees from Land Sales" upon the first payment from the participating purchaser of the property.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles:

Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Agency have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Agency applies all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. GASB Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements", was adopted by the Agency in 2012. The government-wide financial statements include the Agency's only fund which is required to be presented as an enterprise fund.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles (Continued):

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position", and GASB Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities", defined and classified deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net assets that applies to future period(s), and as such, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s), and as such, will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Statement 63 changed how governments organize their statements of financial position (such as the current government-wide statement of net assets and the governmental funds balance sheet).

As a result of Statement 63, financial statements will include deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources ("deferrals"), in addition to assets and liabilities, and will report net position instead of net assets.

Budgetary Data:

The budget policies are as follows:

In October of each year, the Executive Director submits a tentative budget to the Board of Directors for their approval for the next fiscal year. The tentative budget includes proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing, which is to be used as a guide of activity for the fiscal year.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition:

Income is generated from three (3) major sources: (1) land sales, (2) application fees for PILOTs and projects, and (3) administrative income from board-approved PILOTs and projects. All revenue is recognized when services are performed.

The Agency is responsible for collecting and remitting the PILOT payments received for state, county, and town/village jurisdictions, and only acts as a pass-through entity. No activity for the PILOT payments is reported in the financial statements. The jurisdictions have the ultimate risk of loss if PILOT payments are not paid to the Agency by the respective companies.

Net Position:

Net position is an element of proprietary fund financial statements, and is measured by the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflow of resources.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles (Continued):

Subsequent Events:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 27, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required adjustment of disclosure.

3. Credit Risk:

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Agency considers cash in operating bank accounts, demand deposits, cash on hand, and highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less as cash and cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, cash, which consists of one checking and two money market accounts, was covered by federal depository insurance up to \$250,000. Cash equivalent balances during the year rarely exceed FDIC-insured levels and when they do, it is only for a short period of time. Therefore, management believes investment risk of loss is low regarding cash and cash equivalents.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to notes receivables relates to two third party loans for land sales (note 6). Generally, sufficient collateral or a personal guarantee is obtained for all loans at the time of disbursement. Collateral is generally in the form of a mortgage on real property. Management monitors collectability of each note on an individual loan basis based on the underlying financial position of the borrower.

4. Conduit Debt Obligations:

From time to time, the Agency issues Industrial Revenue Bonds to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the interest of the public. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the Agency, nor the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were three (3) series of Industrial Revenue Bonds outstanding, with an aggregate principal amount payable of \$10,930,768 and \$11,597,572, respectively.

5. Restricted Escrow Account:

Restricted escrow accounts relate to the PILOT program. From time to time the Agency requires companies to provide a deposit upon commencing the PILOT in case the PILOT is not paid in any one year. The amount is determined on a participant basis depending on the annual PILOT and is invested in the form of a certificate of deposit or a money market account. The Agency does not access the account and it will remain in escrow until the PILOT is over, or if the PILOT cannot be paid by the recipient. One participant has a deposit of \$20,000 plus interest held in escrow. The deposit was in the form of a 180 day certificate of deposit as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 respectively. Another participant has a deposit of \$35,000 plus interest held in escrow. For 2017 and 2016, this deposit is held in a money market account.

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6. Land Sale Receivables:

The Agency participates in a program to sell undeveloped land owned by Columbia County. The Agency works directly with the buyer on the County's behalf. The Agency recognizes a receivable for the sales price due from the buyer and a liability to the County for the same amount. The Agency plays an administrative role in the transfer of the land and retains the interest portion earned on land sale receivables as payment for servicing the loans and the remaining principal portion is forwarded to the County.

In 2015, the Agency sold a piece of land in Commerce Park to an individual for \$25,500. The Agency received a seven-year note at 5% with annual principal and interest payments of \$4,425. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the balance of the land sale receivable and due to Columbia County was \$19,099 and \$22,380, respectively.

In 2016, the Agency sold an additional piece of land in Commerce Park to an individual for \$27,750. The Agency received a five-year note at 4.5% with annual principal and interest payments of \$6,338. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the balance of the land sale receivable and due to Columbia County was \$22,687 and \$27,750, respectively.

7. Related Party Transactions:

The Agency has participated in Commerce Center Land Sales with the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC). The Agency performed an administrative role in the transfer of the land and in accordance with agreements with the CEDC, received a stipend, called Fees from Sale of Land.

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Agency recorded \$2,420 and \$1,306, respectively, of land sale income related to the sale of Commerce Park land (see note 6).

The Agency pays an administrative fee to the CEDC quarterly for expenses that CEDC staff incurs on behalf of the Agency. There were no outstanding fees to be paid as of December 31, 2017 or 2016. The Agency paid \$24,000 and \$25,000 in fees during 2017 and 2016, respectively.



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Chairman and the Board
of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, P.C.

Valatie, New York
March 27, 2018

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York)
SCHEDULE OF CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS
Year ended December 31, 2017

Bonds Listing	Outstanding Beginning of the Year	Issued During Fiscal Year	Paid During Fiscal Year	Outstanding End of the Year	Final Maturity Date
Columbia Memorial Hospital	\$ 7,820,000	\$ -	\$ 470,000	\$ 7,350,000	2033
Columbia Memorial Hospital	1,795,000	-	130,000	1,665,000	2027
BAC Sales	1,982,572	-	66,804	1,915,768	2021
	<u>\$ 11,597,572</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 666,804</u>	<u>\$ 10,930,768</u>	

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.

COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York)
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS AND EXEMPTIONS
Year ended December 31, 2017

Project Code	Project Owner	Real Property Tax Exemptions County	Real Property Tax Exemptions Local	Real Property Tax Exemptions School	Sales Tax	Mortgage Recording	Total Exemptions
10010801A	2990 Realty Corporation 2990 Route 9 Hudson, NY 12534	\$ 488	\$ 142	\$ 1,391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,021
1001302A	American Bio Medical 122 Smith Rd Kinderhook, NY 12106	1,818	644	-	-	-	2,462
10010900A	Valatie Land Development Route 9 Valatie, NY 12184	-	-	-	-	-	-
10011001A	BAC Sales 1871 Route 9 Hudson, NY 12534	(284)	(1,394)	6,287	-	-	4,609
10011301A	Premier Riverfront LLC 353 Fairview Avenue Hudson, NY 12534	(215)	140	(506)	-	-	(581)
10011701A	41 Cross Street Hospitality, LLC 41 Cross Street Hudson, NY 12534	-	-	-	259,000	84,375	343,375
		<u>\$ 1,807</u>	<u>\$ (468)</u>	<u>\$ 7,172</u>	<u>\$ 259,000</u>	<u>\$ 84,375</u>	<u>\$ 351,886</u>

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COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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SCHEDULE OF PILOTS
Year ended December 31, 2017

Project Code	County PILOT	Local PILOT	School PILOT	Sales Tax PILOT	Total PILOTS
10010801A	\$ 6,180	\$ 1,795	\$ 17,610	\$ -	\$ 25,585
1001302A	7,272	2,576	-	-	9,848
10010900A	5,742	4,456	18,321	-	28,519
10011001A	7,920	2,640	16,680	-	27,240
10011301A	7,564	4,227	21,216	-	33,007
10011701A	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 34,678</u>	<u>\$ 15,694</u>	<u>\$ 73,827</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 124,199</u>

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OTHER INFORMATION

COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYMENT DATA
Year ended December 31, 2017

Project Location	Number of FTE Employees at			Number of Current FTE Employees
	Before IDA Status	Original Estimate of Jobs to be Created	Original Estimate of Jobs to be Retained	
Columbia Memorial	1,109	-	1,109	1,162
BAC Sales	2	18	2	30
2990 Realty Corporation	-	18	-	17
American Bio Medical	-	10	-	51
Valatie Land Development	32	36	32	28
Premier Riverfront LLC	-	-	-	30
41 Cross Street Hospitality, LLC	-	12	-	7

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March 27, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the
Columbia County Industrial Development Agency

We have audited the financial statements of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2018. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 28, 2017, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

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Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team and others in our firm, as appropriate have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Non-attest services we performed included: 1) drafting of the Agency's financial statements, and 2) proposing adjusting journal entries as a result of our audit, if applicable. Erin McNary and Mike Tucker were designated the responsible management representatives to oversee our non-attest services.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Columbia County Industrial Development Agency are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2017. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. There were no adjustments proposed by as a result of the audit process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management in a separate letter dated March 27, 2018.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with Columbia County Industrial Development Agency, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's auditors.

PILOT Calculations:

During our review of the Agency's calculation of tax exemptions, we found errors in the assessment value or tax rate used which resulted in minor differences. We recommend the Agency perform a more careful review of these tax-exempt calculations in the future including a second level of review by the Agency's Executive Director.

This report is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt VanDyke, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

PATTISON, KOSKEY, HOWE, AND BUCCI, CPAs, P.C.