

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Town of Amherst Industrial Development Agency will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 2021 commencing at 8:30 a.m. to consider proposed financial assistance requested of the Agency with respect to the following project:

Amherst Community Solar LLC, on behalf of itself or an affiliate, subsidiary or other entity formed or to be formed (the “Applicant”) has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency to undertake a certain project (the “Project”) consisting of: (i) the acquisition of an interest in a 21.5+/- acre parcel of vacant land located at 595 Schoelles Road (the “Land”); (ii) the construction thereon of an approximately 5.0 megawatt (MW) AC community solar electric generating facility, including panels, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, screening and related improvements (collectively, the “Improvements”); and (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Applicant of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the “Equipment” and, together with the Land and the Improvements, the “Facility”). The total cost of the Project is an amount up to \$8,568,400. The Project is located in the Williamsville Central School District.

The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Applicant for qualifying portions of the Project in the form of: (i) an exemption from all State and local sales and use taxes with respect to qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility and (ii) a twenty-five (25) year partial abatement of real property taxes pursuant to a custom PILOT Agreement. The proposed financial assistance deviates from the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the “UTEP”) to the extent that the Applicant has requested a PILOT Agreement providing for a payment of \$4500.00 per MW subject to an annual increase of 2% over the twenty-five (25) year term of the PILOT Agreement.

The application is available for inspection at the Agency’s offices and its website, www.amherstida.com. Written comments may be addressed to David S. Mingoia, Executive Director; Town of Amherst Industrial Development Agency; 4287 Main Street; Amherst, New York 14226; (716) 688-9000.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:**

In accordance with Section 859-a of the Industrial Development Agency Act, a representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company’s Application and request for Financial Assistance. A copy of the Company’s application for financial assistance and the project’s description is also available for viewing on the Agency’s website at: www.amherstida.com.

However, given the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and related Executive Orders issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the Agency will not be able to accommodate any in-person public attendance at this hearing. Nonetheless, and in furtherance of the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act that require interested parties be provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views with respect to

the Project, the Agency will broadcast the Public Hearing live online at www.AmherstIDA.com. In addition, the Agency will also provide public access to provide oral comments in real time via Zoom. Please notify David S. Mingoia at dmingoia@amherstida.com if you wish to speak at the Public Hearing by no later than 5:00 p.m., April 7, 2021, including your name, address, e-mail and phone number that you will use to access the public hearing. An e-mail providing information on accessing the public hearing via Zoom to provide oral testimony will be forwarded to interested parties in advance of the public hearing if properly registered. Finally, the Agency also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Amherst IDA; 4287 Main St; Amherst, NY 14226 and/or via email to David S. Mingoia at dmingoia@amherstida.com. Written comments must be received no later than April 7, 2021.