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EXHIBIT B-2

NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
D/B/A EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT
UNCONDITIONAL WAIVER AND RELEASE

The undersigned (the "Architect") has been paid and has received full payment for all services furnished by Architect and/or employees or others acting for Architect or claiming by, through or under Architect through

_____ to _____
(Date)

on the Job of _____
(Owner)

located at _____
(Job Description)

Architect represents and warrants that Architect and all persons and entities acting for or claiming by, through or under Architect have fully performed and furnished all services to have been performed or furnished by Architect and/or any such other person and that there is not now due or owing any amount of money or wages to any party or entity in connection with this job or any part thereof. The Architect does hereby release for itself and any party or entity action for Architect or claiming by, through or under Architect, from any mechanic's lien, stop notice, bond right or claim of any nature whatsoever that the undersigned or any such other party has or may have with respect to the above referenced job.

The Architect further agrees to reimburse and does hold harmless and fully indemnify ESD its successors and assigns for any losses or expenses should any such claim, lien, or right to a lien be asserted by the Architect or by any person or entity acting for or claiming by, through or under the Architect, including, without implied limitation, attorney's fees incurred in the defense thereof.

In addition, for and in consideration of the amounts and sums received, the undersigned hereby waives, releases and relinquishes any and all claims, rights or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in the course of the work performed on the above-mentioned project, contract or event.

Date: _____

(Signature)

ARCHITECT'S STAMP

(Company Name)

Unconditional Waiver/5-05

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The undersigned (the "Engineer") has been paid and has received full payment for all services furnished by Engineer and/or employees or others acting for Engineer or claiming by, through or under Engineer through

_____ to _____
(Date)

on the job of _____
(Owner)

located at _____
(Job Description)

Engineer represents and warrants that Engineer and all persons and entities acting for or claiming by, through or under Engineer have fully performed and furnished all services to have been performed or furnished by Engineer and/or any such other person and that there is not now due or owing any amount of money or wages to any party or entity in connection with this job or any part thereof. The Engineer does hereby release for itself and any party or entity action for Engineer or claiming by, through or under Engineer; from any mechanic's lien, stop notice, bond right or claim of any nature whatsoever that the undersigned or any such other party has or may have with respect to the above referenced job.

The Engineer further agrees to reimburse and does hold harmless and fully indemnify ESD its successors and assigns for any losses or expenses should any such claim, lien, or right to a lien be asserted by the Engineer or by any person or entity acting for or claiming by, through or under the Engineer, including, without implied limitation, attorney's fees incurred in the defense thereof.

In addition, for and in consideration of the amounts and sums received, the undersigned hereby waives, releases and relinquishes any and all claims, rights or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in the course of the work performed on the above-mentioned project, contract or event.

Date: _____

ENGINEER'S STAMP

(Signature)

(Company Name)

Unconditional Waiver/5-06

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EXHIBIT B-4

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The undersigned (the "Construction Manager") has been paid and has received full payment for all labor, services, equipment or material furnished by Construction Manager and/or subcontractors, suppliers, material, men, laborers, employees or others acting for Construction Manager or claiming by, through or under Construction Manager through

_____ to _____
(Date)

on the job of _____
(Owner)

located at _____
(Job Description)

Construction Manager represents and warrants that Construction Manager and all persons and entities acting for or claiming by, through or under Construction Manager have fully performed and furnished all labor, services, equipment or material to have been performed or furnished by Construction Manager and/or any such other person and that there is not now due or owing any amount of money or wages to any party or entity in connection with this job or any part thereof. The Construction Manager does hereby release for itself and any party or entity action for Construction Manager or claiming by, through or under Construction Manager, from any mechanic's liens, stop notice, bond right or claim of any nature whatsoever that the undersigned or any such other party has or may have with respect to the above referenced job.

The Construction Manager further agrees to reimburse and does hold harmless and fully indemnify ESD its successors and assigns for any losses or expenses should any such claim, lien, or right to a lien be asserted by the Construction Manager or by any person or entity acting for or claiming by, through or under the Construction Manager, including, without implied limitation, attorney's fees incurred in the defense thereof.

In addition, for and in consideration of the amounts and sums received, the undersigned hereby waives, releases and relinquishes any and all claims, rights or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in the course of the work performed on the above-mentioned project, contract or event.

Date: _____
(Signature)

NOTORIZED

(Company Name)

Unconditional Waiver/5-06

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EXHIBIT B-5

NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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UNCONDITIONAL WAIVER AND RELEASE

The undersigned (the "General Contractor") has been paid and has received full payment for all services furnished by General Contractor and/or employees or others acting for General Contractor or claiming by, through or under General Contractor through

_____ to _____
(Date)

on the job of _____
(Owner)

located at _____
(Job Description)

General Contractor represents and warrants that General Contractor and all persons and entities acting for or claiming by, through or under General Contractor have fully performed and furnished all services to have been performed or furnished by General Contractor and/or any such other person and that there is not now due or owing any amount of money or wages to any party or entity in connection with this job or any part thereof. The General Contractor does hereby release for itself and any party or entity action for General Contractor or claiming by, through or under General Contractor, from any mechanic's liens, stop notice, bond right or claim of any nature whatsoever that the undersigned or any such other party has or may have with respect to the above referenced job.

The General Contractor further agrees to reimburse and does hold harmless and fully indemnify ESD its successors and assigns for any losses or expenses should any such claim, lien, or right to a lien be asserted by the General Contractor or by any person or entity acting for or claiming by, through or under the General Contractor, including, without implied limitation, attorney's fees incurred in the defense thereof.

In addition, for and in consideration of the amounts and sums received, the undersigned hereby waives, releases and relinquishes any and all claims, rights or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in the course of the work performed on the above-mentioned project, contract or event.

Date: _____
(Signature)

NOTARIZED

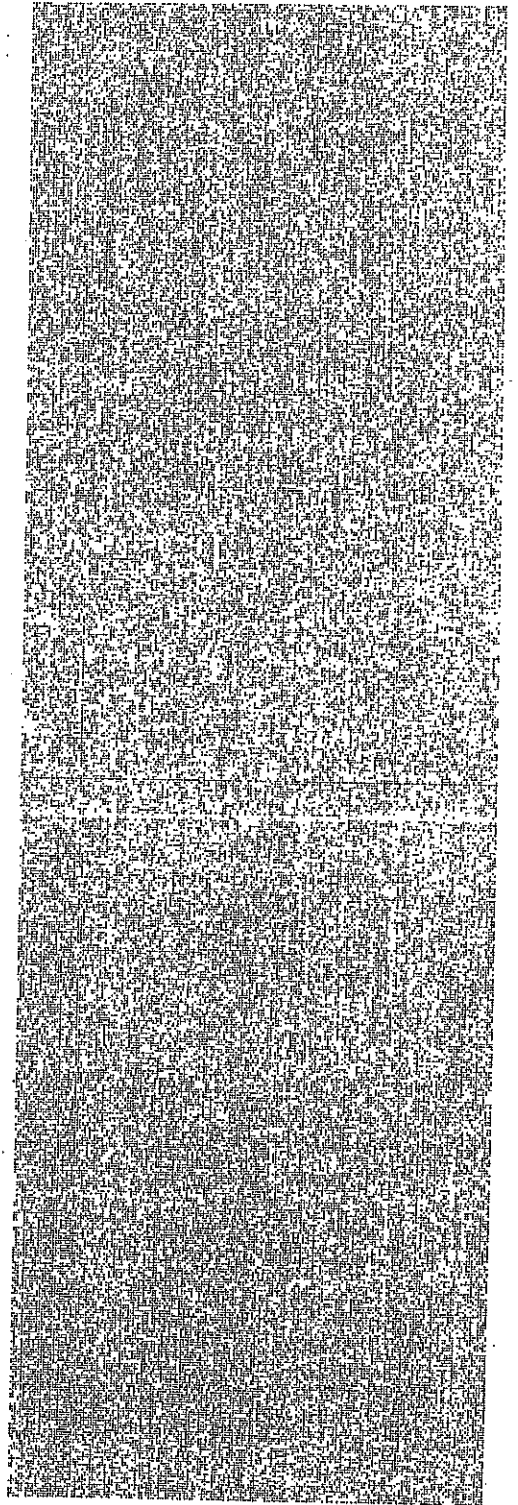
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EXHIBIT C: RECAPTURE TERMS

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EXHIBIT D: OPINION OF COUNSEL

[Letterhead of Counsel to the Grantee]

[Date]

Empire State Development Corporation
95 Perry Street, Suite 500
Buffalo, New York 14203

Attn: Mr. Michael Halton, Senior Project Manager

Re: The Cannon Block RESTORE V Capital, Project #AD008

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to City of Niagara Falls, a municipality (the "Grantee"), in connection with the execution and delivery of the Grant Disbursement Agreement dated [Date of Agreement] (the "Agreement") between New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development ("ESD") and the Grantee.

This opinion letter is being furnished to you at our client's request pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Agreement. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Agreement.

In rendering the opinions set forth herein, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion letter, including (a) the Agreement, (b) the certificate of Incorporation of the Grantee and (c) the by-laws of the Grantee. We have also examined and relied upon such other matters of law, documents, certificates of public officials and representations of officers and other representatives of the Grantee as we have deemed relevant, appropriate or necessary to the rendering of our opinions.

In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons signing documents and that the signatures of persons signing all documents in connection with which this opinion letter is rendered are genuine, all documents submitted to us as originals or duplicate originals are authentic and all documents submitted to us as copies, whether certified or not, conform to authentic original documents. Additionally, we have assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all certificates and other statements, documents, records, financial statements and papers reviewed by us, and the accuracy and completeness of all representations, warranties, confirmations, schedules and exhibits contained in the Agreement, with respect to the factual matters set forth therein.

As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Grantee and of certain public officials. We have also

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assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all certificates and other statements, representations, documents, records, financial statements and papers reviewed by us, and the accuracy and completeness of all representations, warranties and exhibits contained in the Agreement with respect to the factual matters set forth therein.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and other matters set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Grantee is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York and has full power and authority to execute and deliver the Agreement and to perform its obligations thereunder.

2. The Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Grantee and (assuming its due authorization, execution and delivery by ESD) is binding on and enforceable against the Grantee in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency reorganization, arrangement, liquidation, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally from time to time in effect and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law), and except as rights under the Agreement to indemnity and contribution may be limited by federal or state laws.

We are admitted to practice in the State of New York and we express no opinion as to any matters governed by any laws other than the laws of the State of New York. The opinions expressed herein that are based on the laws of the State of New York are limited to the laws generally applicable in transactions of the type covered by the Agreement.

This opinion letter is for the benefit solely of ESD and not for the benefit of any other person. We are opining herein only as of the date hereof and we undertake no, and disclaim any, obligation to advise you of any changes in any matter set forth herein, regardless of whether changes in such matters come to our attention after the date hereof. No attorney-client relationship exists or has existed with ESD by reason of our preparation, execution and delivery of this opinion letter. By providing this opinion letter and permitting reliance hereon by you, we are not acting as your counsel and have not assumed any responsibility to advise you with respect to the adequacy of this opinion letter for your purposes. This opinion letter may not be relied upon by any other person or for any other purpose or used, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose.

Very truly yours,

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EXHIBIT E: DISBURSEMENT TERMS

Disbursement

Upon compliance with the terms of this Agreement, and receipt of the fees as set forth below, ESD shall disburse the Grant to the Grantee as follows:

Fees due:

Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses \$_____ (To be determined.)

Up to \$2,000,000 will be disbursed to the Grantee upon completion of the project substantially as described in Exhibit A, as evidenced by a Certificate of Occupancy and documentation of project costs totaling \$7,921,360, provided the Grantee is otherwise in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Payment will be made upon presentation to ESD of an invoice and such other documentation as ESD may reasonably require, in the forms attached to this Agreement as Exhibits B and F and their attachments. Expenses must be incurred on or after December 15, 2017 to be considered reimbursable project costs. Previously expended funds may be applied toward match requirements retroactive to April 10, 2017, when the Restore New York Legislation was enacted.

ESD reserves the right to request additional documentation for disbursement.

Wire Transfer Information:

If ESD assistance is \$10,000 or greater, please provide:

-Letter from a financial officer of City of Niagara Falls certifying to the accuracy of the following information:

Bank Name: _____

ABA #: _____

Account Name: _____

Account #: _____

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EXHIBIT F: CAPITAL GRANT PAYMENT REQUISITION FORM

Note to Grantee: Do not re-type this form. Fill in only the version included in the executed GDA.

The Cannon Block RESTORE V Capital, Project #AD008

Disbursement Request amount: \$ _____

ESD funds may be applied by Grantee in payment or reimbursement of the following costs:

Minimum Expense Incurred (per Exhibit E)	\$7,921,360				
Eligible Expenses	A: Actual Costs Incurred (this request)	B: ESD Share (this request)	C: Cumulative Amount Previously Received from ESD	D: Grant Amount (Cumulative if multi-year grant)	E: (D-G-B) Grant Balance Remaining
Construction/Renovation Costs/FF&E/Soft Costs		2,000,000			
TOTAL		\$2,000,000			

CERTIFICATION

I hereby warrant and represent to Empire State Development ("ESD") that:

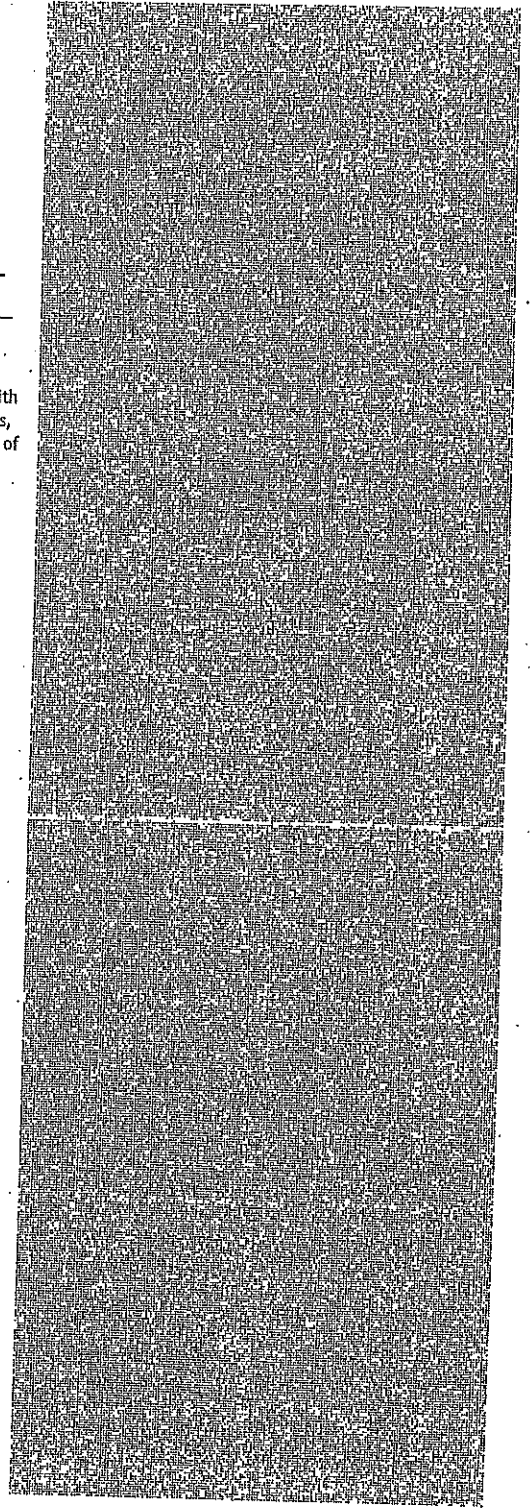
- 1) To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the expenditures for which City of Niagara Falls is seeking payment and/or reimbursement comply with the requirements of the Agreement between ESD and City of Niagara Falls, are eligible expenses, and that the payment and/or reimbursement of expenditures for which it is seeking payment and/or reimbursement from ESD does not duplicate reimbursement or disbursement of costs and/or expenses from any other source. These findings will be subject to audit by ESD's Internal Audit Department.
- 2) I have the authority to submit this invoice on behalf of City of Niagara Falls. The project, or portion thereof for which this invoice relates, has been completed in the manner outlined in the Agreement.
- 3) I hereby attach the following documents for ESD approval, in support of this requisition:
 - Exhibit B: Design & Construction Requirements (required with every payment request)
 - Exhibit F-2: Project Cost & Completion Affidavit (required with every payment request)
 - Exhibit G-2: Staffing Plan
 - Exhibit G-3: Workforce Employment Utilization Report
 - Exhibit G-4: M/WBE Utilization Plan
 - Exhibit G-5: Waiver Request Form
 - Exhibit G-6: M/WBE Contractor Compliance and Payment Report
 - A copy of all current policies of Insurance (or certificates thereof) in full compliance with the terms and conditions of Section 12 of the Agreement (for project activity locations only)
 - A copy of Certificate of Occupancy
- 4) There have been no materially adverse changes in the financial condition of the Grantee, except as disclosed in writing to ESD, from the date of submission of the Application to the date hereof.
- 5) The Grantee has acted responsibly from the date of submission of the Application to the date hereof in full compliance with the terms and conditions of Section 7 of the Agreement.
- 6) Representations, Warranties and Covenants made in Section 8 of the Agreement are still true, complete and accurate, unless waived in Exhibit I of the Agreement.

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EXHIBIT F: CAPITAL GRANT PAYMENT REQUISITION FORM, Cont.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____ Title: _____

At any point in the course of your project, ESD would appreciate feedback regarding this ESD program. Please comment on the application, project approval, and/or payment reimbursement process or any other interactions with ESD related to the project. You may submit your feedback under separate cover to Edwin Lee, VP – Loans and Grants, 633 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10017. Please include your Project Number and Project Name which are listed at the top of this exhibit on your submission.
Thank you.



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EXHIBIT G: PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH
RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

I. General Provisions

- A. Empire State Development (ESD) is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- B. The Recipient of the subject Grant Disbursement Agreement (the "Recipient" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to ESD, to fully comply and cooperate with the ESD in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises ("MWBEs"). Recipient's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- C. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Appendix or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

II. Contract Goals

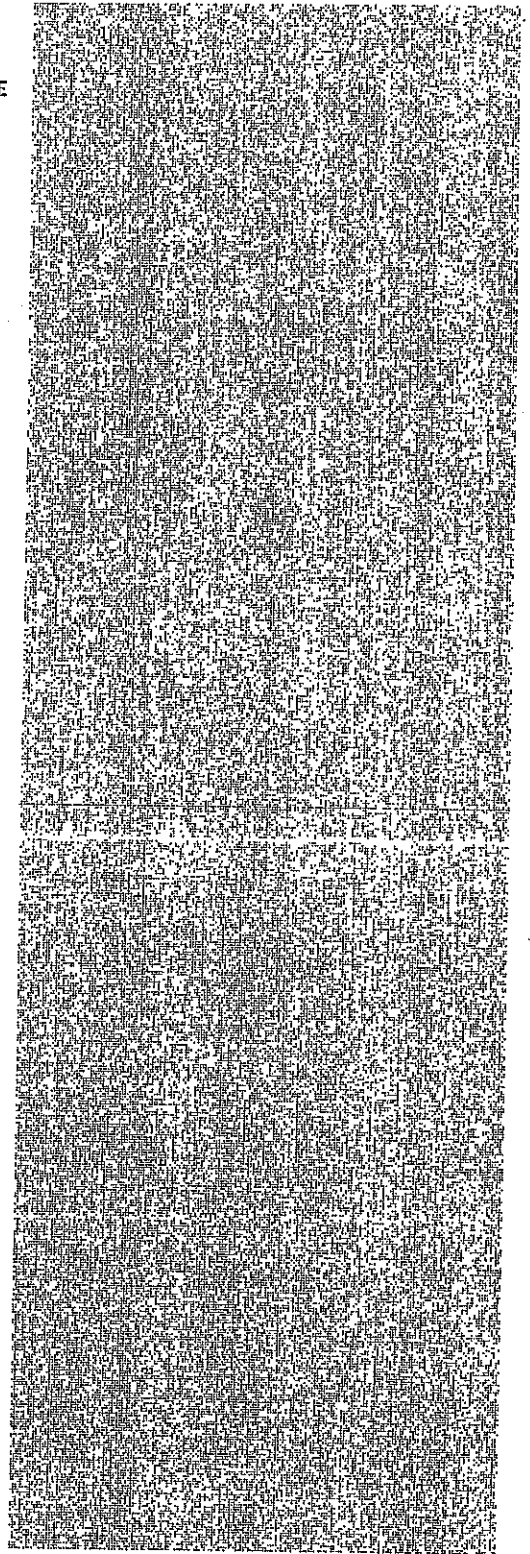
- A. For purposes of this Contract, the ESD hereby establishes an overall goal of: for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("MWBE") participation; for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises ("MBE") participation; and for Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("WBE") participation (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- B. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Recipient should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address:
<http://www.esd.ny.gov/mwbe.html>
Additionally, Recipient is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.
- C. Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Recipient must document "good faith efforts" to provide meaningful participation by

Commented [HM1]: MWBE goals determined at this time: 2018 will be at least 30% as communicated in the 4/20/2018 award letter sent to the City.

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Exhibit F-2A: Documentation of Project Costs

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The Cannon Block RESTORE V Capital, Project Number AD008

EXHIBIT F-2
PROJECT COST & COMPLETION AFFIDAVIT

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

The Undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I, _____, am the _____ of _____ (the "Municipality"), a city that is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York.

2. I have read and know the contents of a certain Grant Disbursement Agreement (the "Agreement") executed by and between New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development ("ESD") and the Municipality dated the ____ day of _____, 20__.

3. After having read and reviewed the Agreement, Invoices and payments relating thereto, statements of cost and equity, and such other documents as I consider necessary to render the certifications contained herein, I do certify on the Municipality's behalf, that the costs for the project were incurred in the manner set forth in the Agreement and the total cost of the project was equal to or greater than Dollars (\$_____). This amount includes the Municipality's match portion that is equal to or greater than ten percent of the total grant amount (\$2,000,000) in the form of _____ for example: municipal equity, project location owner's equity, federal/state/local grants (name the grants), etc.).

4. I certify that there are no liens or claims established with respect to the proceeds of this grant.

5. [Include #5 with final invoice only, otherwise delete] I further certify that this project is substantially completed as described in the General Project Plan in Exhibit A.

6. I make this affidavit and the certifications contained herein to induce ESD to disburse the grant under the terms of the Agreement, knowing that ESD will rely on the statements contained herein. I am aware that the swearing of a false oath is a Class A misdemeanor and may be a Class E felony.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

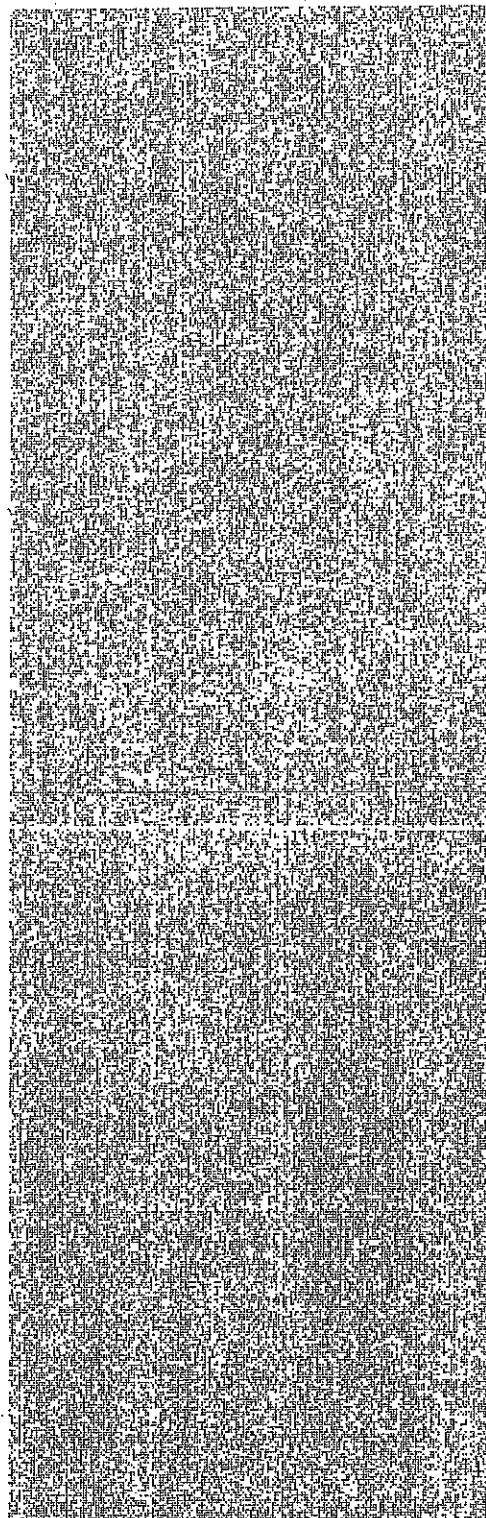
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this ____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

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EXHIBIT F-1: FINANCIAL CONDITION DOCUMENTATION

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MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Recipient acknowledges that if Recipient is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Recipient shall be liable to the ESD for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

III. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- A. Recipient agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the Department of Economic Development (the "Division"). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- B. Recipient shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
 1. Recipient and subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 2. The Recipient shall submit an EEO policy statement to the ESD with the executed Contract.
 3. If Recipient or subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the ESD may provide the Recipient or subcontractor a model statement (see EXHIBIT G-1: M/WBE Participation/Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement).
 4. The Recipient's EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
 - a. The Recipient will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
 - b. The Recipient shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the Contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
 - c. The Recipient shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that

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such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Recipient's obligations herein.

- d. The Recipient will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

C. EXHIBIT G-2: Staffing Plan

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Recipient shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Recipients shall complete the Staffing plan form and submit it as part of the executed Contract.

D. EXHIBIT G-3: Work Force Employment Utilization Report ("Workforce Report")

1. Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Recipient is responsible for updating and providing notice to the ESD of any changes to the previously submitted Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted on a quarterly basis during the term of the contract to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Workforce Report must be submitted to report this information.
 2. Separate forms shall be completed by Recipient and any subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
 3. In limited instances, Recipient may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Recipient's and/or sub's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Recipient shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided related to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Recipient's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Recipient shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided is Recipient's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the contract.
- E. Recipient shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Recipient and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of

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the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

IV. MWBE Utilization Plan

- A. The Recipient represents and warrants that Recipient has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan (EXHIBIT G-4) either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the Contract.
- B. Recipient agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section II-A of this Exhibit.
- C. Recipient further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, ESD shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Recipient non-responsiveness.

V. Waivers

- A. For Waiver Requests Recipient should use the Waiver Request Form (EXHIBIT G-5).
- B. If the Recipient, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Recipient may submit a Request for Waiver form documenting good faith efforts by the Recipient to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the ESD shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- C. If the ESD, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Recipient is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the ESD may issue a notice of deficiency to the Recipient. The Recipient must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

VI. Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report

Recipient is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance and Payment Report (EXHIBIT G-6) to the ESD by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

VII. Liquidated Damages/Recapture - MWBE Participation

- A. Where ESD determines that Recipient is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Recipient refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Recipient is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals,

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Recipient shall be obligated to pay to the ESD liquidated damages or be subject to recapture of grant proceeds ("Recapture").

- B. Such liquidated damages or Recapture shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 1. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Recipient achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 2. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- C. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages (and such identified sums have not been withheld by the ESD) or Recapture, Recipient shall pay such liquidated damages or Recapture to the ESD within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the ESD unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Recipient has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages or Recapture shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the ESD.



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EXHIBIT G-1: OFFICE OF CONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY
M/WBE PARTICIPATION / EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

I, _____ (CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE), the _____ (AWARDEE/CONTRACTOR)
agree to adopt the following policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered or
services rendered at _____

M/WBE PARTICIPATION (M/WBE)

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the M/WBE contract participations goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- (1) Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to M/WBE contractor associations.
- (2) Request a list of State-certified M/WBEs from ESD's Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity and solicit bids from them directly.
- (3) Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective M/WBEs.
- (4) Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhance participations by M/WBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among M/WBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- (5) Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to M/WBEs and the results thereof. Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting M/WBE contract participation goals.
- (6) Ensure that progress payments to M/WBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage M/WBE participation.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY (EEO)

- (a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts.
- (b) This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex disability or marital status.