



*News From*

# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS ANNOUNCES PROJECTS APPROVED BY COMIDA**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced that the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) today approved incentives for five local economic development projects.

*“These projects demonstrate the momentum in our economy and underscore that we continue to move in a positive direction,”* said **Brooks**. *“Our focus is always on job creation and retention, and helping local businesses expand and succeed.”*

Last week, Brooks announced the latest jobs numbers from the Monroe County Economic Development Division. In the first nine months of 2006, County-sponsored programs approved incentives for 87 local economic development projects. These projects will create 1,267 new jobs (within five years of project completion), retain 7,414 jobs, and invest \$267,148,000 in Monroe County.

The following projects were approved by COMIDA:

**Cryovac, Inc.** (Lease/leaseback)  
**1525 Brooks Avenue**  
**Rochester, NY 14624**

Cryovac, Inc. proposes to construct a 32,000 square foot addition to its existing 116,000 square foot plant in the Town of Gates. Cryovac produces plastic packaging used primarily in the food industry. The cost of the addition is \$4 million. In addition, Cryovac will be purchasing \$12.5 million in new manufacturing equipment. Cryovac is owned by Sealed Air which is headquartered in New Jersey. Cryovac employs 121 in Monroe County and will be expanding its workforce by 50 over the next five years. Cryovac is also seeking approval of inclusion in the Empire Zone based on qualifying as a “Regionally Significant” project. The company seeks approval of JobsPlus as a manufacturer. The JobsPlus job creation requirement is 12 full-time jobs.

**7352 Route 96, LLC** (Lease/leaseback)  
**7352 State Route 96**  
**Victor, NY 14564**

Project Address: 240 Commerce Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623

The applicant is proposing to renovate and equip a 22,000 square foot facility in the Town of Henrietta. The building will be the new home for DDS Constructors, DDS Engineers, and DDS Utilities. DDS started business in 2001 and currently employs 119 at three facilities in the region. This project will centralize all operations in Monroe County. The applicant will be making improvements totaling \$449,000. In addition to the improvements, the DDS companies will also be purchasing \$1.6 million in construction-related equipment. The company seeks approval of JobsPlus based on the local labor and suppliers rule. The JobsPlus job creation requirement is 12 full-time jobs.

**Anthony J. Costello & Son Development, LLC** (Lease/leaseback)  
**One Airport Way, Suite 300**  
**Rochester, NY 14624**

Project Address: 919 Westfall Road, Building A  
Rochester, NY 14618

The applicant will be constructing tenant finishes within a 41,000 square foot building, known as Building "A", on a two-acre parcel at 919 Westfall Road in the Town of Brighton. Unity Hospital of Rochester, Inc. will be leasing a portion of the facility for Unity's Sleep Disorder Center. The cost of the renovations and sitework is \$3.3 million. The project will impact an existing employee base of 35 and result in the creation of four full-time jobs within five years of project completion. The applicant seeks approval of JobsPlus based on the local labor and supplier rule.

**5 Linx Enterprises, Inc.** (EquiPlus)  
**50 Methodist Hill Drive**  
**Rochester, NY 14623**

5 Linx Enterprises is engaged in delivery of various communication services including Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). 5 Linx will be purchasing various VOIP equipment and software in the amount of \$977,330. 5 Linx has 29 employees and expects to create 20 new jobs. The company is requesting EquiPlus on the equipment purchases and has been approved for a GreatRate on the purchases through the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation.

**Industrial Furnace Company, Inc.** (EquiPlus)  
**40 Humboldt Street**  
**Rochester, NY 14609**

Industrial Furnace is a third generation Rochester company. Selling nationally, the company is engaged in refractory construction, specifically design and construction of industrial furnaces and incinerators, boilers, scaffolding and other related environmental services. Industrial's project costs are \$146,000 including \$25,000 for an ID fan, for the construction of a test furnace which is able to control incineration at a specific temperature. Employment is 60 within Monroe County and the company will be creating one new full-time position within one year. The company is requesting EquiPlus on the equipment purchase and has been approved for a GreatRebate on \$50,000 of qualified purchases through the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation.

The EquiPlus program combines the investment incentives of the GreatRate and GreatRebate programs with the sales tax exemptions offered through COMIDA. Companies that receive GreatRate or GreatRebate benefits through MCIDC for the purchase of equipment can receive an additional sales tax exemption on the purchase of that equipment through COMIDA.

JobsPlus is a tax abatement program that, in addition to sales tax exemption and/or mortgage tax exemption, provides 90% abatement on increased assessment associated with the project in the first year, decreasing 10% per year for a ten-year period.

COMIDA is a not-for-profit, public benefit corporation and governmental agency. Its purpose is to actively promote, encourage, attract and develop job opportunities in the community, by encouraging established businesses to expand locally and attracting new industries to the Monroe County area. COMIDA incentives apply toward the purchase of land and construction of new facilities, the expansion of existing buildings, the purchase of new machinery and equipment, as well as the renovation of existing facilities.

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