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Tompkins County IDA Seeks Public Input on SouthWorks Incentive

ITHACA, N.Y., September 18, 2024 – The Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) will hold a public hearing to collect community input on the proposed incentive package for the SouthWorks project on Monday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town of Ithaca Town Hall Board Room (215 N. Tioga Street in Ithaca). Attendees will hear a short overview of the project and can provide up to three minutes of comments.

"SouthWorks is a once-in-a-lifetime project, the biggest Ithaca has ever seen, with the potential to truly transform our community. It contains all the key elements of community and economic development and will take over a decade to complete. That's why it's so important that we hear from stakeholders," said Ithaca Area Economic Development (IAED) President, Heather McDaniel. IAED is the administrative agent for the IDA.

The SouthWorks project is an adaptive reuse of the former Emerson Power Transmission facility located at 620 South Aurora Street in Ithaca. The $580 million project will turn the long-vacant industrial site into a mixed-use neighborhood of approximately 1.7 million square feet, including residential, retail, commercial, industrial, and research and development space. Specifically, the project proposes to include 915 mixed income housing units, 820,000 square feet of industrial buildings, and approximately 900,000 square feet of new construction.

More information on the SouthWorks project and the requested financial incentives from the IDA can be found here on the IDA's website at tompkinsida.org/proejcts/. For additional information, or to enter written commentary, contact Ina Arthur at admin@ithacaareaed.org.

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