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Patrick Doyle
Chief Executive Officer and Board President
Binghamton Local Development Corporation
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Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Patrick Doyle:

The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) is authorized to assist public authorities improve management practices and the procedures by which their activities and financial practices are disclosed to the public. Pursuant to Section 2800 of Public Authorities Law, state and local authorities are to make documents pertaining to their mission, current activities, annual financial reports, budgets and independent audit reports accessible to the public on the authority's official or shared website. To assist state and local authorities meet their disclosure and reporting obligations, the ABO has issued Policy Guidance No. 22-01: "Posting and Maintaining Reports on Public Authority Websites". This guidance provides a checklist of policies, reports, and other information that the Authority should maintain online in accordance with the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009 and other provisions of law.

Between February 6, 2023 and February 28, 2023, we reviewed the Binghamton Local Development Corporation's (Authority) website. Our review was limited to verifying that the required information is posted on the Authority's website and did not address the substance of these documents. Our review focused on current information and required data for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022. We have concluded that the Authority is posting most of the required information on its website. Please review the attached findings and take the appropriate action so that all information required under Section 2800 of Public Authorities Law is available online and easily accessible to the public.

Please provide us with a written confirmation that you have fully addressed these concerns by November 14, 2023. You may view Policy Guidance No. 22-01 at <a href="https://www.abo.ny.gov">www.abo.ny.gov</a>. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Pearlman Acting Director

**Enclosure** 

## Review of Binghamton Local Development Corporation's Website

Information To Be Posted on Public Authority's Website	Posted on Website (Yes/No)
Mission Statement	Yes
Certificate of Incorporation	Yes
By-laws	Yes
Code of Ethics	Yes
Conflict of Interest Policy	No
Whistleblower Policy	Yes
Organization Chart – including, at a minimum, the IDA's executive structure and major organizational units	Yes
Report on Operations and Accomplishments – including a description of the Authority's operations, completed and active projects, as well as any material changes in Authority operations and programs	Yes
List of LDC Board Members - including appointing entity, appointment dates, and term	Yes
Each LDC board member's current employment and professional background	Yes, included in Annual Report but not all members are included
List of Committees and Committee Members	No
Executive Management Team - including professional background and qualifications	Yes, included in Annual Report but no background or qualifications included
Authority Performance Measures	Yes
Annual Performance Evaluation indicating status of Performance Measures	Yes, but evaluation of measures is not included for 2022
Authority Schedule of Debt (including conduit debt)	N/A, no debt outstanding
Management's Assessment of the Authority's Internal Control Structure and Procedures - including a description of operating and financial risks and any policies to mitigate risk	Yes
Board meeting schedule	Yes
Board meeting notice	Yes
Board agendas	Yes
Board packets	Yes
Board meeting minutes	Yes
Board resolutions	Yes
Board meeting webcasting and video recordings	Yes
Committee meeting schedule	No, only loan committee meetings are included
Committee meeting notice	Yes
Committee meeting agendas	Yes
Committee meeting packets	No
Committee meeting minutes	No
Committee meeting webcasting and video recordings	No
Annual Budget Report and details of 4-year financial plan	Yes, but not for 2023
Annual Independent Certified Financial Audit	Yes
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting	Yes
Independent audit management letter	Yes, but not for 2021

List of grants provided - including grant recipient's name and address, the purpose of the grant, date awarded, and amount awarded	N/A
List of loans provided - including borrower's name and address, loan purpose, date awarded, amount issued, term of the loan, repayment status, principal repaid and amount outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year	Yes, but no original loan amount, purpose, address, award date or term included
List of bonds issued - including bond recipient's name, amount of bonds issued, purpose of bonds, and current amount outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year	N/A
Property Acquisition Policies	No
Property Disposition Policies	Yes
List of Real Property owned by the Authority	Yes, but most recent list is 2020
Personal Property Transactions	No, if none it should be stated
Real Property Transactions	No, if none it should be stated
Policies for the procurement of all goods and services	Yes
Annual Procurement Report	No
Authority's Procurement Officer	No
Investment Policies	Yes
Annual Investment Report - including the investment audit results and management letter, record of investment income, list of fees paid for investment services, and explanation of any amendments to the Investment Policy	No
Fee Schedules (if applicable) of any service or administrative fees charged	Yes
Current Year Official Statements or similar bond documents	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Review conducted by the Authorities Budget Office between February 6, 2023 and February 28, 2023