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April Ernst
Executive Director
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## Dear April Ernst:

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. 21-01: "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 24, 2022 and March 4, 2022, we reviewed the Greene County Industrial Development Agency'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 data for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. 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 April 15, 2022. You may view Policy Guidance No. 21-01 at <a href="https://www.abo.ny.gov">www.abo.ny.gov</a>. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Maloney

**Acting Director** 

Enclosure

cc: Eric Hoglund, Chair

Greene County Industrial Development Agency

## Review of Greene County Industrial Development Agency's Website

| Information To Be Posted on Public Authority's Website   | Posted on Website (Yes/No)   |
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| Mission Statement  | Yes  |
| Enabling Statute   | Yes  |
| By-laws  | Yes  |
| Code of Ethics   | Yes  |
| Conflict of Interest Policy  | Yes  |
| 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 IDA Board Members - including appointing entity, appointment dates, and term   | Yes  |
| Each IDA board member's current employment and professional background   | No   |
| List of Committees and Committee Members   | Yes  |
| Executive Management Team - including professional background and qualifications   | Yes, but background and qualifications are not included            |
| Authority Performance Measures   | Yes  |
| Annual Performance Evaluation indicating status of Performance Measures  | No, the document does not indicate the degree of measures obtained |
| Authority Schedule of Debt (including conduit debt)  | Yes  |
| 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                                | No, the document linked is from the auditor not IDA management     |
| Board meeting schedule   | Yes  |
| Board meeting notice   | Yes  |
| Board agendas  | Yes  |
| Board packets  | No   |
| Board meeting minutes  | Yes  |
| Board meeting webcasting and video recordings  | Yes  |
| Board resolutions  | Yes  |
| Committee meeting schedule   | No   |
| Committee meeting notice   | No   |
| Committee meeting agendas  | No   |
| 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  |
| Annual Independent Certified Financial Audit   | Yes  |
| Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting   | Yes  |
| Independent audit management letter  | Yes  |
| List of grants provided - including grant recipient's name and address, the purpose of   | N/A  |
| the grant, date awarded, and amount awarded  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 | N/A  |
| amount outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year  |  |

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| List of bonds issued - including bond recipient's name, amount of bonds issued,  | IN/A                  |
| purpose of bonds, and current amount outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year  |                       |
| List of active IDA projects, including the current year's financial assistance (tax  | Yes                   |
| exemptions received and PILOT payments made) and existing jobs   | Yes                   |
| Assessment of the progress of each active project  | Yes                   |
| Standard Application form  | Yes                   |
| Applications for all active projects   | Yes                   |
| Resolutions for all active projects  | Yes                   |
| Project Agreements - including PILOT agreements (if applicable) for all active projects  | Yes                   |
| Uniform Evaluation Criteria and Selection Policy   |                       |
| Uniform Tax Exemption Policy   | Yes                   |
| Policies for the Suspension, Discontinuance or Modification of Financial Assistance  | Yes                   |
| Recapture Policy - including policies for return of all or part of financial assistance  | Yes                   |
| provided (PILOT and tax exemptions) when a material violation occurs   |                       |
| Annual Compliance Report Regarding State Sales Tax Recaptures (ST-62)  | No                    |
| Property Acquisition Policies  | No                    |
| Property Disposition Policies  | Yes                   |
| List of Real Property owned by the Authority   | Yes                   |
| Personal Property Transactions   | Yes                   |
| Real Property Transactions   | Yes                   |
| Policies for the procurement of all goods and services   | Yes                   |
| Annual Procurement Report  | Yes                   |
| Authority's Procurement Officer  | Yes                   |
| Investment Policies  | Yes                   |
| Annual Investment Report - including the investment audit results and management   | Yes, but investment   |
| letter, record of investment income, list of fees paid for investment services, and  | audit is not included |
| explanation of any amendments to the Investment Policy   |                       |
| 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 24, 2022 and March 4, 2022