

## LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the New York State Urban Development Corporation, doing business as Empire State Development (“ESD” or the “Corporation”), pursuant to Section 16(2) of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act (Chapter 174, Section 1, Laws of 1968, as amended) (the “Act”), has adopted a General Project Plan (the “Plan”) with respect to the New York State Farmers Grant Fund (the “Fund”) pursuant to the Directors’ meeting on September 18, 2014. Copies of the Plan are available without charge to any person who shall make a request for the same at the office of the Corporation. The Corporation will file such Plan in each of the County clerk’s office for Cattaraugus, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Dutchess, Erie, Essex, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Otsego, Seneca, and Suffolk Counties. A copy of the Plan is also on file at the principal office of the Corporation, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and is available for inspection by the general public Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. In addition, a copy of the Plan is posted at [www.esd.ny.gov/PublicMeetings\\_Notices.html](http://www.esd.ny.gov/PublicMeetings_Notices.html).

The Fund includes up to \$614,000 enacted in the 2014-2015 New York State budget to be used to provide local assistance grants between \$15,000 and \$50,000 for up to 50% of project costs to assist beginning farmers who will materially and substantially participate in the production of an agricultural product within a region of the state. Eligible costs include, but are not limited to: the purchase or lease of machinery and equipment; construction or expansion of farm buildings; construction or expansion of farm systems, or the purchase of supplies such as root stock, seed and fertilizer. Individual applicants located in the Capital District, Central New York, Finger Lakes, Long Island, Mid- Hudson, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier and Western New York regions that are eligible for assistance are listed in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that, in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Act, a public hearing, open to all persons, will be held by the Corporation at Albany City Hall, Mayor’s Conference Room, Room 102, 24 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12207 on September 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to consider the Plan. In addition, ESD will accept written statements and comments about the Project submitted by 12:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015 sent to [PublicCommentNFGF@esd.ny.gov](mailto:PublicCommentNFGF@esd.ny.gov).

DATED: September 2, 2015  
New York, New York  
New York State Urban Development Corporation

By: Eileen McEvoy, Corporate Secretary