

**TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

DATE: May 7, 2015

APPLICATION OF: American Organic Energy, LLC
Company Name / Ownership of Proposed Project

ADDRESS: 100 Urban Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Type of Application: Tax-Exempt Bond Taxable Bond Lease
 Refunding Bond

Please respond to all items either by filling in blanks, by attachment (by marking space "see attachment number 1", etc.) or by N.A., where not applicable. Application must be filed in ten copies. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission of this application to the Agency. The non-refundable application fee is \$2,000 for applications under \$5 million and \$4,000 for applications of \$5 million or more.

Transaction Counsel to the Agency may require a retainer which will be applied to fees incurred and actual out-of-pocket disbursements made during the inducement and negotiation processes, and will be reflected on their final statement at closing.

Information provided herein will not be made public by the Agency prior to the passage of an official Inducement Resolution, but may be subject to disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law.

Prior to submitting a completed final application, please arrange to meet with the Agency's staff to review your draft application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Board reserves the right to require that the applicant pay for the preparation of a Cost Benefit Analysis, and the right to approve the company completing the analysis.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the policy of the Brookhaven IDA to encourage the use of local labor and the payment of the area standard wage during construction on the project.

Please write or call:
Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency
c/o Town of Brookhaven Division of Economic Development

One Independence Hill
Farmingville, New York 11738

(631) 451-6563

I. Company Data

A. COMPANY (APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE)

Company Name: American Organic Energy, LLC
Address: 100 Urban Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590
Contact: Mr. Charles Vigliotti Title: President & CEO
Phone Number: 516.334.6600 E-mail: cvigliotti@licompost.com
Federal Employer ID #: 46-4208699 N. American Industry Classification System (NAICS): 424990

B. BUSINESS TYPE:

Sole Proprietorship Partnership Privately Held
Public Corporation Listed on _____ Exchange
State of Incorporation New York

C. ANY RELATED COMPANY PROPOSED TO BE A USER OF THE FACILITY:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP
<u>Long Island Compost Corp.</u>	<u>See cover letter</u>

D. COMPANY COUNSEL:

BOND COUNSEL

Firm Name: Murphy Bartol & O'Brien LLP
Address: 22 Jericho Tpke
Mineola, NY 11501
Individual Attorney: Ernest T Bartol Phone: 516.294.5100

E. PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS OR PARTNERS, IF ANY (5% OR MORE EQUITY)

NAME	PERCENT OWNED
<u>Charles Vigliotti</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>Arnold Vigliotti</u>	<u>50%</u>

F. Has the company ever filed for bankruptcy?

No

G. Have any of the owners / top executives ever been convicted of a felony?

No

If yes, please explain:

H. Has the company ever been convicted of a felony?

No

If yes, please explain:

I. If any of the above persons (see "G" above), or a group of them, owns more than 50% interest in the company, list all other organizations which are related to the company by virtue of such persons having more than a 50% interest in such organizations.

J. Is the company related to any other organization by reason of more than a 50% ownership? If so, indicate name of related organization and relationship:

Long Island Compost Corp is also owned 50/50 by Charles and Arnold Vigliotti.

See cover letter for relationships between AOE and LICC.

K. List parent corporation, sister corporations and subsidiaries:

L. Has the company (or any related corporation or person) been involved in or benefited by any prior industrial development financing in the municipality in which this project is located, whether by this agency or another issuer? (Municipality herein means city, town or village, or if the project is not in an incorporated city, town or village, the unincorporated areas of the county in which it is located.) If so, explain in full:

No

M. Has the company (or any related corporation or person) made a public offering or private placement of its stock within the last year? If so, please provide offering statement used.

No

N. List major bank references of the company:

Webster Bank

TD Bank

O. OPERATION AT CURRENT LOCATION:

1. Employment: 71
2. Payroll \$82,956 (weekly)
3. Type of operation (manufacturing, wholesale, distribution, retail, etc.) and products and/or services:
LICC currently operates an organic waste transfer station. Scott's Miracle-Gro operates a manufacturing facility on site producing over 5 million bags of soil/mulch products annually. See cover letter for more information.
4. Size of existing facility acreage: 62 acres
5. Number of buildings and square feet: 4 buildings with total of 25,309 square feet

II. PROPOSED PROJECT DATA

A. Location of project: (include as an attachment a map showing the location)

Address: 445 Horseblock Road

Yaphank, NY 11980

Suffolk County Tax Map: District 200 Section 846 Block 3 Lot 4 & 3.001

B. Project Site: (Include as an attachment copies of survey, preliminary site plan, architectural rendering of the facility)

If acquiring land, please note that Federal law prohibits the use of 25% or more of tax-exempt IDB proceeds for the purchase of land. If acquiring existing buildings, please note that Federal law prohibits the acquisition of existing buildings with tax-exempt IDB proceeds unless the rehabilitation expenses of the building are equal to or greater than 15% of the portion of the cost of acquiring the building that is financed with tax-exempt IDB proceeds. Rehabilitation does not include any amount expended on new construction (additions or expansions).

1. Acreage: AOE will lease 6 acres from LICC

2. Buildings:

A) Existing number and square feet of each building:

N/A

B) Does the project consist of additions and/or renovations to existing buildings? If yes, indicate the nature of expansion or renovation:

N/A

C) New Construction – number and square feet of each building:

One building, 74,500 square feet.

D) Builder or contractor and address: RRT Design & Construction

1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 3S01

Melville, NY 11747-4401

E) Architect name and address: N/A

3. Indicate present use of site: Storage of soil products (by LICC).

4. Indicate relationship of applicant to present user of site:

AOE (applicant) and LICC (present user and owner) are both owned 50/50 by Charles and Arnold Vigliotti. See cover letter for planned relationships between AOE and LICC.

C. Proposed project ownership (company or realty partnership):

The project will be owned 100% by American Organic Energy, LLC (AOE). AOE will be majority owned by Charles and Arnold Vigliotti, with minority equity investment to be provided by outside funding parties.

D. What will the building or buildings to be acquired, constructed or expanded be used for by the company? (Include a description of products to be manufactured, assembled, or processed, and services to be rendered):

See cover letter for description of the project.

E. If any space in the project is to be leased to third parties, indicate the total square footage of the project to be leased to each tenant, and the proposed use by each tenant:

N/A

F. List principal items or categories of equipment to be acquired as part of this project:

Primary categories of equipment include: pre-processing, odor control, anaerobic digestion tanks, by-product processing, gas cleaning and compression, and engines.

G. Has construction work on this project begun? If yes, complete the following:

(a.) SITE CLEARANCE:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% COMPLETE
(b.) FOUNDATION:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% COMPLETE
(c.) FOOTINGS:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% COMPLETE
(d.) STEEL:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% COMPLETE
(e.) MASONRY:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% COMPLETE
(f.) OTHER:			

H. Existing facilities within New York State:

1) Are there other facilities owned, leased, or used by the company (or a related company or person) within the state? If so, describe whether owned, leased, or other terms of use:

AOE's headquarters are located in Westbury, NY. LICC operates a transfer station in Westbury, NY. This facility is owned by LICC. LICC also operates multiple composting sites located on various farms in Suffolk County under leases with the respective property owners.

2) If there are other facilities within the state, is it expected that any of these facilities will close or be subject to reduced activity?

YES NO

3) If you answered yes to question 2, above, please indicate whether the project is reasonably necessary for the company to maintain its competitive position in the industry. Please explain in detail:

N/A

4) Has the company thought about moving to another state? If so, please explain:

N/A

5) Will the project meet zoning requirements at the proposed location?

YES NO

6) If a change of zoning is required, please provide the details/status of the change of zone request.

I. Does the company, or any related corporation or person, have a lease on the project site?

YES NO

J. Does the company now own the project site?

YES NO

1. If yes, indicate:

A) Date of purchase: _____

B) Purchase price: _____

C) Balance of existing mortgage: _____

D) Holder of mortgage: _____

E) Special conditions: _____

2. If no, indicate:

A) Present owner of site: Long Island Compost Corp

B) Does the company or any related person or corporation have an option or a contract to purchase the site and/or any buildings on the site?

YES NO

If yes, indicate:

1) Date signed: _____

2) Purchase price: _____

3) Settlement date: _____

4) Please attach a copy of option or contract.

K. Is there a relationship legally or by virtue of common control or ownership between the company (and/or its stockholders) and the seller of the project (and/or its shareholders)?

If yes, please describe this relationship:

Long Island Compost Corp (owner of the site) and American Organic Energy, LLC (owner of the project) are both owned 50/50 by Charles and Arnold Vigliotti.

L. How much equity do you have in this project?

Over \$1.5 million has been spent to-date.

III. PROJECT COSTS

A. Give an accurate estimate of cost of all items:

	AMOUNT
LAND	\$ _____
BUILDING	\$ <u>6,000,000</u>
SITE WORK	\$ <u>2,000,000</u>
LEGAL FEES	\$ <u>300,000</u>
ENGINEERING FEES	\$ <u>2,500,000</u>

FINANCIAL CHARGES	\$ 900,000
EQUIPMENT	\$ 34,300,000
RECORDING FEES	\$ <small>*Other includes bond structuring, construction period interest, debt reserves, working capital, etc.</small>
OTHER (SPECIFY)	\$ 4,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 50,000,000

B. METHOD OF FINANCING COSTS	Amount	Term
1. Tax-exempt IDB financing:	\$ 40,000,000	20 years
2. Taxable IDB financing:	\$ _____	_____ years
3. SBA (504) or other governmental financing:	\$ _____	_____ years
4. Other loans:	\$ _____	_____ years
5. Company's equity contribution:	\$ 10,000,000	
Total Project Costs	\$ 50,000,000	

C. Have any of the above costs been paid or incurred (including contracts of sale or purchase orders) as of the date of this application?

YES NO If yes, give particulars on a separate sheet.

D. Are costs of working capital, moving expenses, work in progress, or stock in trade included in the proposed uses of bond proceeds? Give details:

No

E. Will any of the funds borrowed through the Agency be used to repay or refinance an existing mortgage or outstanding loan? Give details:

No

F. What portion, if any, of the cost of the project is to be financed from funds of the company (other than from the proposed bond issue)? Give details:

\$10.0 million will be financed with equity (funds other than from the proposed bond issue). This equity will be financed by the Vigliottis and one or more outside equity sources.

G. Has the company made any arrangements for the marketing or the purchase of the bond or bonds? If so, indicate with whom:

No.

IV. MEASURE OF GROWTH AND BENEFITS

A. If the company presently operates in the Town of Brookhaven, give current employment and payroll. Also give reasonable estimates of employment and payroll directly attributable to the facility to be built in the Town of Brookhaven.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT FIGURES	UNDER \$30,000	\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$75,000	OVER \$75,000
Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) earning:				
Number of Part-Time Employees (FTE) earning:				

TOTAL PAYROLL FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES		\$ See "Employment Table" Attachment		
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES		\$ for both current and projected employment		
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES		\$ for combination of LICC, Scotts and AOE.		

PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES - YEAR ONE	UNDER \$30,000	\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$75,000	OVER \$75,000
Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) earning:				
Number of Part-Time Employees (FTE) earning:				

TOTAL PAYROLL FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES		\$		
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES		\$		
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES		\$		

PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES - YEAR TWO	UNDER \$30,000	\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$75,000	OVER \$75,000
Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) earning:				
Number of Part-Time Employees (FTE) earning:				

TOTAL PAYROLL FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES		\$		
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES		\$		
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES		\$		

The Board reserves the right to visit the facility to confirm that job creation numbers are being met.

V. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

A. What is the proposed date for commencement of construction or acquisition of the project?

Construction is proposed to commence in October, 2015.

- B. Give an accurate estimate of the time schedule to complete the project and when the first use of the project is expected to occur:

Construction and installation is expected to be complete May, 2016 at which point initial ramp up of the facility will commence. Ramp up to full capacity is expected to take 3-4 months.

- C. At what time or times and in what amount or amounts is it estimated that funds will be required?

Closing on commitments to fully fund the Project will occur at financial close, which is expected to be October, 2015. As of now, draws on funding are expected to occur evenly over the construction and installation timeframe.

VI. SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY

- A. Financial statements for the last two fiscal years (unless included in the company's annual report).
- B. What, if any, will be the expected increase in the dollar amount of sales? \$ 12 - 13 million
- C. Company's annual reports (or 10-K's if publicly held) for the two most recent fiscal years.
- D. Quarterly reports (form 10-Q's) and current reports (form 8-K's) since the most recent annual report, if any.
- E. In addition, please attach the financial information described in items A, B, and C of any expected guarantor of the proposed bond issue.
- F. Completed Long Environmental Assessment Form.
- G. Most recent quarterly filing of NYS Department of Labor form 45, as well as the most recent fourth quarter filing. Please remove the employee Social Security numbers and note the full-time equivalency for part-time employees.

Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency
Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Policy

An annual fee of \$1,000 will be due to the Agency in addition to the PILOT payment to cover ongoing costs incurred by the Agency on behalf of the project.

1. The Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (IDA) may grant, or be utilized to obtain a partial or full real property tax abatement for a determined period which can be as long as ten years. To be eligible for this abatement there would be a requirement of new construction, or renovation, and a transfer of title of the real property to the Town of Brookhaven IDA.
2. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee shall consult with the Town Assessor to ascertain the amounts due pursuant to each PILOT Agreement. Thereafter, the PILOT payment for each project shall be billed to the current lessees. The lessees can pay the PILOT payment in full by January 31st of each year, or in two equal payments due January 31st and May 31st of each year of the PILOT Agreement. The CEO or their designee shall send all PILOT invoices to the lessees on a timely basis.
3. The Town of Brookhaven IDA shall establish a separate, interest bearing bank account for receipt and deposit of all PILOT payments. The CEO or their designee shall be responsible for depositing and maintaining said funds with input from the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
4. The CEO or their designee shall remit PILOT payments and penalties if any, to the respective taxing authorities in the proportionate amounts due to said authorities. These remittances shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of the payments to the Agency.
5. If first-half PILOT payments are not received on a timely basis (as outlined in paragraph 2 hereof), the following interest and penalties shall accrue:

(i)	2/1 to 2/28	1% of the amount due
(ii)	3/1 to 3/31	2% of the amount due
(iii)	4/1 to 4/30	3% of the amount due
(iv)	5/1 to 5/31	4% of the amount due
(v)	6/1 to 6/30	5% of the amount due
(vi)	7/1 to 7/31	5% of the amount due
(vii)	8/1 to 8/31	5% of the amount due
(viii)	9/1 to 9/30	5% of the amount due
(ix)	10/1 to 10/31	5% of the amount due
(x)	11/1 to 11/30	5% of the amount due

PILOT payments paid after May 31st shall pay interest and penalties as follows:

(i)	6/1 to 6/30	5% interest and 5% penalty
(ii)	7/1 to 7/31	6% interest and 5% penalty
(iii)	8/1 to 8/31	7% interest and 5% penalty
(iv)	9/1 to 9/30	8% interest and 5% penalty
(v)	10/1 to 10/31	9% interest and 5% penalty
(vi)	11/1 to 11/30	10% interest and 5% penalty

For PILOT payments past due beyond one year, additional interest and penalties will accrue.

6. If a PILOT payment is not received by January 31st of any year or May 31st of the second half of the year the lessee shall be in default pursuant to the PILOT Agreement. The Agency may

give the lessee notice of said default. If the payment is not received within sixty (60) days of when due, the CEO shall notify the Board, and thereafter take action as directed by the Board.

7. The CEO shall maintain records of the PILOT accounts at the Agency office.
8. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require the Agency to collect or disburse PILOT payments for any projects which are not Agency projects.
9. Should the Applicant fail to reach employment levels as outlined in their application to the Agency, the Board reserves the right to reduce or suspend the PILOT Agreement, declare a default under the Lease or the Installment Sale Agreement, and/or convey the title back to the applicant.
10. This policy has been adopted by the IDA Board upon recommendation of the Governance Committee and may only be amended in the same manner.

CERTIFICATION

Charles Vigiotti (name of Chief Executive Officer of company submitting application) deposes and says that he or she is the President & CEO (title) of American Organic Energy, LLC (company name) named in the attached application; that he or she has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his or her knowledge.

Deponent further says that the reason this verification is being made by the Deponent and not by American Organic Energy, LLC (company name) is because the said company is a corporation. The grounds of Deponent's belief relative to all matters in the said application which are not stated upon his or her own personal knowledge, are investigations which Deponent has caused to be made concerning the subject matter of this application as well as information acquired by Deponent in the course of his or her duties as an officer of and from books and papers of said corporation.

As an officer of said corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant"), Deponent acknowledges and agrees that Applicant shall be and is responsible for all costs incurred by the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") acting on behalf of the Applicant in connection with this application and all matters relating to the issuance of bonds. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails to act within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper, or requested action or withdraws, abandons, cancels or neglects the application or if the Applicant is unable to find buyers willing to purchase the total bond issue required, then upon presentation of invoice, Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents or assigns, all actual costs incurred with respect to the application, up to that date and time, including fees to bond counsel for the Agency and fees of general counsel for the Agency. Upon successful conclusion and sale of the required bond issue, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency an administrative fee set by the Agency not to exceed an amount equal to 1% of the total project cost financed by the bond issue, which amount is payable at closing. The Agency's bond counsel's fees and the administrative fee may be considered as a cost of the project and included as part of any resultant bond issue.

Deponent further certifies that he or she has read the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Policy of the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency and will agree to the terms thereof.

Charles Vigiotti
Chief Executive Officer of Company

Sworn to me before this 17th
Day of May, 2015.
Patricia C. Monti
(seal)

PATRICIA C. MONTI
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
NO 4954028
QUALIFIED IN SUFFOLK COUNTY
COMMISSION EXPIRES 7-31-2017

Amercian Organic Energy, LLC
 "Employment Table" for Yaphank Site - Section IV of Brookhaven IDA Application

Current Employment

	Under \$30k	\$30k-\$50k	\$50k-\$75k	Over \$75k	Total
<u>LICC</u>					
Number of full-time employees	18	26	15	12	71
Number of part time employees	0	0	0	0	0

Total payroll for full time employees
 Total payroll for part time employees
 Total payroll for all employees

\$	82,956	WEEKLY
\$	-	
\$	82,956	

Scotts (Estimated)

Number of full-time employees	23	4	3	3	33
Number of part time employees	0	0	0	0	0

Total payroll for full time employees
 Total payroll for part time employees
 Total payroll for all employees

\$	21,792	WEEKLY
\$	-	
\$	21,792	

Total for Yaphank Site

Total - Full Time Employees	41	30	18	15	104
Total - Part Time Employees	0	0	0	0	-

Total Payroll for All Employees - Current

\$	104,748	WEEKLY
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**Amercian Organic Energy, LLC
"Employment Table" for Yaphank Site - Section IV of Brookhaven IDA Application**

Projected Employment Figures - Year One (this represents year 1 of AOE operation, post construction)

	Under \$30k	\$30k-\$50k	\$50k-\$75k	Over \$75k	Total
AOE					
Number of full-time employees	10	6	4	0	20
Number of part time employees	0	0	0	0	0

Total payroll for full time employees **\$ 15,400** WEEKLY
 Total payroll for part time employees **\$ -**
 Total payroll for all employees **\$ 15,400**

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LICC					
Number of full-time employees	18	26	15	12	71
Number of part time employees	0	0	0	0	0

Total payroll for full time employees **\$ 82,956** WEEKLY
 Total payroll for part time employees **\$ -**
 Total payroll for all employees **\$ 82,956**

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Scotts (Estimated)					
Number of full-time employees	23	4	3	3	33
Number of part time employees	0	0	0	0	0

Total payroll for full time employees **\$ 21,792** WEEKLY
 Total payroll for part time employees **\$ -**
 Total payroll for all employees **\$ 21,792**

	Under \$30k	\$30k-\$50k	\$50k-\$75k	Over \$75k	Total
Total for Yaphank Site					
Total - Full Time Employees	51	36	22	15	124
Total - Part Time Employees	0	0	0	0	-

Total Payroll for All Employees - Year One of AOE Operation **\$ 120,148 WEEKLY**

Amercian Organic Energy, LLC
"Employment Table" for Yaphank Site - Section IV of Brookhaven IDA Application

Projected Employment Figures - Year Two (this represents year 2 of AOE operation, post construction)

AOE	Under \$30k			\$30k-\$50k			\$50k-\$75k			Over \$75k			Total
Number of full-time employees	10			6			4						20
Number of part time employees	0			0			0						0

Total payroll for full time employees **\$ 15,400 WEEKLY**
 Total payroll for part time employees **\$ -**
 Total payroll for all employees **\$ 15,400**

LICC	Under \$30k			\$30k-\$50k			\$50k-\$75k			Over \$75k			Total
Number of full-time employees	18			26			15			12			71
Number of part time employees	0			0			0			0			0

Total payroll for full time employees **\$ 82,956 WEEKLY**
 Total payroll for part time employees **\$ -**
 Total payroll for all employees **\$ 82,956**

Scotts (Estimated)	Under \$30k			\$30k-\$50k			\$50k-\$75k			Over \$75k			Total
Number of full-time employees	23			4			3			3			33
Number of part time employees	0			0			0			0			0

Total payroll for full time employees **\$ 21,792 WEEKLY**
 Total payroll for part time employees **\$ -**
 Total payroll for all employees **\$ 21,792**

Total for Yaphank Site	Under \$30k			\$30k-\$50k			\$50k-\$75k			Over \$75k			Total
Total - Full Time Employees	51			36			22			15			124
Total - Part Time Employees	0			0			0			0			-

Total Payroll for All Employees - Year Two of AOE Operation **\$ 120,148 WEEKLY**