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Greetings.

The Town of Hempstead IDA is pleased to announce a new sales tax exemption initiative for companies that make or are considering making personal protection equipment (PPE) and other healthcare products to assist healthcare providers in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency **COVID-19 Relief Equipment Lease Program** will grant sales and use tax exemptions of up to \$100,000.00 to manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of personal protective equipment ("PPE") for health care and medical providers, first responders, home health aides, patients and for residents' personal use, medical and hospital equipment, disinfectants, sterilizers and sanitizer equipment, products and chemicals, as well as medicine and pharmaceutical products and over the counter drugs to be used in the treatment and prevention of COVID-19. The Program applies to the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment, including, manufacturing and production equipment, material handling equipment, racking, shelving, storage and sorting equipment, computers, hardware, software and tele-communication equipment, as well the renovation and repair of existing buildings and facilities necessary for the installation and operation of such machinery and equipment.

There is no cost to this Program and it is available to all businesses in Town of Hempstead who are currently engaged in the manufacture, distribution and supply of such products or are beginning to manufacture, supply or distribute such products for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19.

Approved Applicants will enter into an Equipment Lease and Project Agreement which will grant the sales and use tax exemptions to the Applicant. The sales and use tax exemption will apply to all covered machinery and equipment that is acquired and installed in the six (6) month period beginning with the signing of the Equipment Lease and Project Agreement, unless such six (6) month period is extended by TOHIDA.

For Applicants who need to build or acquire new buildings or expand existing facilities or who need more than \$100,000.00 of sales and use tax exemptions or other benefits, TOHIDA has other existing programs that are available to assist such Applicants.

For questions or to apply for this program, please call (516) 414-6578.