

BROOME COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
WHISTLE-BLOWER POLICY

Every member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Broome County Industrial Development Agency (The Agency) and all officers and employees thereof, in the performance of their duties shall conduct themselves with honesty and integrity and observe the highest standard of business and personal ethics set forth in the Code of Ethics of The Agency (the “Code.”)

Each member, officer or employee is responsible to report any violations of the Code (whether suspected or known) to The Agency’s Executive Director. Reports of violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible. No individual, regardless of their position with The Agency, will be subject to any retaliation against someone who has reported a violation, shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include termination of employment. Regardless, any claim of retaliation will be taken and treated seriously and irrespective of the outcome of the initial complaint, will be treated as a separate offense.

The Executive Director is responsible for immediately forwarding any claim to The Agency’s counsel who shall investigate and handle the claim in a timely manner.

In accordance with Public Authorities Law Section 2857, no state or local authority shall fire, discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass or discriminate against an employee because of the employee’s role as a whistleblower, insofar as the actions taken by the employee are legal.

Approved and Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019