

Drug company seeks incentives

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APP Pharmaceuticals is seeking incentives from the Erie County Industrial Development Agency to expand its factory on Grand Island.

The agency will hold a public hearing on the project at 10 a. m. June 17 in Grand Island Town Hall, 2255 Baseline Road. The size of the incentive package APP is seeking has not been disclosed.

The maker of injectable pharmaceuticals said it expects to create 36 jobs in conjunction with the expansion, fewer than the 90 positions that the State Power Authority announced in April in allocating low-cost power to the project.

The Grand Island location is picking up work from facilities in Illinois and Puerto Rico. A spokeswoman at APP's headquarters could not be reached Monday to comment.

Under the revised plan, APP's local work force would increase to 611 from current 575. The amount of the planned investment is virtually unchanged — \$28 million versus the \$30 million in the Power Authority's announcement.

APP, located at 3159 Staley Road, plans to renovate a 37,000-square-foot building and add 13,000 square feet of space. Its parent company, Fresenius Kabi Pharmaceuticals Holding, is based in Germany, with North American headquarters in Schaumburg, Ill.