# NOTICE OF SALE

# COUNTY OF CLINTON, NEW YORK (the "County")

# \$6,866,396 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2020 SERIES B (the "Notes")

SALE DATE:	July 16, 2020	TELEPHONE: (631) 331-8888
TIME:	11:00 AM (Prevailing Time)	FACSIMILE: (631) 331-8834
PLACE OF SALE:	Munistat Services, Inc. 12 Roosevelt Avenue Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776	
DATE OF NOTES:	July 29, 2020	
MATURITY DATE:	July 29, 2021	

#### Submission of Bids

Sealed proposals, telephone proposals, fax proposals and proposals via iPreo's Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("Parity") will be received at the place and time on the Sale Date as hereinabove indicated, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the Notes as hereinabove described. No other form of electronic bidding services will be accepted. The number for telephone proposals is (631) 331-8888. The number for FAX proposals is (631) 331-8834. Bidders submitting proposals via facsimile must use the "Proposal for Notes" form attached hereto.

Proposals may be submitted in accordance with this Notice of Sale until the time specified herein. No proposal will be accepted after the time for receiving proposals specified above. Any proposal received by the time for receiving proposals specified herein, which have not been modified or withdrawn by the bidder, shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms herein and therein provided. Bidders shall not submit a bid that modifies the terms contained in this Notice of Sale or adds additional conditions not set forth in the Notice of Sale.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids (regardless of the interest rate bid), to reject any bid not complying with this Notice of Sale and, so far as permitted by law, to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any bid or the bidding process.

The timely delivery of all proposals submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX) must be in legible and complete form, signed by an authorized representative of the bidder(s), and shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder(s). The County shall not be responsible for any errors and/or delays in transmission and/or receipt of such bids, mechanical or technical failures or disruptions, or any omissions or irregularities in any bids submitted in such manner.

Bids must be for all or a portion of the Notes (\$1,000,000 minimum) and must state in a multiple of one-hundredth or one-eighth of 1% rate of interest per annum which such Notes shall bear. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 30-day month and 360-day year. The Notes will not be subject to prior redemption.

#### **Bidding using Parity**

Prospective bidders wishing to submit an electronic bid via Parity must be contracted customers of Parity. Prospective bidders who do not have a contract with Parity must call (212) 849-5021 to become a customer. By submitting an electronic bid for the Notes, a bidder represents and warrants to the County that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Notes is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Notes.

Each prospective bidder who wishes to submit electronic bids shall be solely responsible to register to bid via Parity. Each qualified prospective bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access Parity for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the County nor Parity shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the County nor Parity shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by Parity. The County is using Parity as a communications mechanism, and not as the County's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the County's Notes. The County is not bound by any advice or determination of Parity as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their registration and submission of bids via Parity are the sole responsibility of the bidders, and the County is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Notes, it should telephone Parity and notify the County's Municipal Advisor, Munistat Services Inc. at (631) 331-8888 (provided that the County shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice).

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by Parity, as approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about Parity, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Parity at (212) 849-5021. The time maintained by Parity shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted.

## Payment and Security for the Notes

Said Notes are general obligations of the County and the faith and credit of such County are pledged for payment of the principal of and interest on such Notes. All the taxable real property in said County will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes, subject to certain statutory limitations, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes. (See "*Nature of Obligation*" and "*Tax Levy Limitation Law*" in the Preliminary Official Statement of the County dated July 6, 2020 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), circulated in connection with the sale of the Notes, which shall be supplemented by the Final Official Statement to be dated July 16, 2020 (the "Official Statement").

# Award of Notes

The Notes will be awarded and sold to the bidder(s) complying with the terms of sale and offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost, and if two or more such bidders offer the same lowest net interest cost, and if two or more of said bidders offer the same net interest cost, then to the one of said bidders selected by the County by lot from among all said bidders.

The right is reserved to reject all bids and any bid not complying with the terms of this notice will be rejected. Conditional bids, including bids subject to credit approval, will be rejected.

The right is reserved by the County to award to any bidder all or any part of the Notes, which such bidder offers to purchase and, in the event of a partial award, the premium, if any, specified by such bidder will be pro-rated.

Award of the Notes is expected to be made promptly after opening of the bids, but the successful bidder(s) may not withdraw his/her proposal until after 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of such bid opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The Notes will be delivered and shall be paid for on or about the Date of Notes at such place and on such business day and at such hour, as the Sale Officer and successful bidder(s) shall mutually agree.

#### Form of the Notes

At the option of the purchaser, the Notes will be issued in (i) registered certificated form registered in the name of the successful bidder(s) or (ii) registered book-entry form registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC").

If the Notes are issued registered in the name of the successful bidder(s), a single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to the respective successful bidder at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on such Notes will be payable in Federal Funds by the County, at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as selected by the successful bidder(s), at the bidder's expense.

If the Notes are issued in book-entry form, such notes will be delivered to DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Notes. Individual purchases may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for one necessary odd denomination which is or includes \$6,396. A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on said Notes will be paid in Federal Funds by the County to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Notes as described herein. Transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners. The County will not be responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The County will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the book-entry Notes if Bond Counsel is provided with such numbers by the close of business on the Sale Date of the Notes, but neither the failure to print such number on any Note nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery and pay for the Notes in accordance with the terms hereof. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes shall be paid for by the County; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser. DTC is an automated depository for securities and a clearinghouse for securities transactions, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a book-entry-only system for recording the ownership interests of its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfer of the interests among its participants. The DTC participants will be responsible for establishing and maintaining records with respect to the Notes. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interests in the Notes may be made only through book entries made on the books and records of DTC (or a successor depository) and its participants.

The County will act as Paying Agent for the Notes. The County's contact information is as follows: Rebecca M. Murphy, Deputy Treasurer, County of Clinton, Clinton County Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York 12901, telephone number 518/565-4733, fax number 518/565-4516, and email: Rebecca.murphy@clintoncountygov.com.

#### Delivery of the Notes

Said Notes will be delivered on or about the Date of Notes, referred to herein, at no cost to the purchaser, in New York, New York or otherwise as may be agreed with the purchaser; however, if the Notes are issued in book-entry only form, said Notes will be delivered to DTC, through their facilities in Jersey City, New Jersey. The purchase price of said Notes shall be paid in FEDERAL FUNDS or other funds available for immediate credit on said delivery date.

# Legal Opinion

The proposed form of the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in <u>Appendix B</u> to the Preliminary Official Statement and will be furnished to the purchaser upon delivery of the Notes.

#### Tax Exemption

The successful bidder(s) may at its option refuse to accept the Notes if prior to their delivery the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("Bond Counsel") is not delivered or if any income tax law of the United States of America is hereafter enacted which shall provide that the interest thereon is taxable, or shall be taxable at a future date, for federal income tax purposes, and in such case said successful bidder(s) will be relieved of their contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of their proposal.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. Concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the County will execute and deliver an Arbitrage Certificate, which will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with the requirements of the Code and a certification to the effect that the County will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on the Notes is excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

Upon delivery of the Notes, Bond Counsel will deliver an opinion that states that, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with the provisions and procedures set forth in the Arbitrage Certificate, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code; and (ii) interest on the Notes is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax.

In addition, the opinion of Bond Counsel will state that, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

The County will NOT designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to the provisions of Section 265 of the Code.

#### Issue Price Considerations

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Notes, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Notes pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal notes who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal notes (the "Competitive Sale Requirements"). The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Notes. Bids will <u>not</u> be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Notes, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial offering price or yield to the public of the Notes (the "Initial Reoffering Price") as of the date of the award upon which the winning bidder's bid is based.

Following the sale of the Notes, on the Sale Date, the successful bidder will be required to provide to the County and its Bond Counsel certain information regarding the reoffering price to the public of the notes. If the winning bidder is purchasing the notes for its own account and not with a view to distribute or resale, they should inform the financial advisor at the time of award and a certificate to that effect will be required on or before closing. Otherwise, the successful bidder also must submit to the County a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, dated as of the day of the delivery of the notes, which assuming three bids from underwriters are received, states:

(a)(i) on the date of award, such successful bidder made a bona fide public offering of the notes at the initial offering price corresponding to the price or yield indicated in the information furnished in connection with the successful bid, and (ii) as of such date, the first price or yield at which an amount equal to at least ten percent of the notes was reasonably expected to be sold to the public was, respectively, a price not higher or a yield not lower than indicated in the information furnished with the successful bid (the "first price rule"), and (iii) provides a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the notes attached to the Reoffering Price Certificate. The term "public" as used herein means any persons including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company or corporation (other than the successful bidder(s) or a related party to the successful bidder(s), being two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership directly or indirectly, or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract or other agreement with a successful bidder to participate in the initial sale of the notes to the public).

- (b) the successful bidder was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (c) the bid submitted by the successful bidder constituted a firm offer to purchase the notes.

In the event that at least three bids are not received by the County on the Sale Date, and at least ten percent of the notes have been sold on the Sale Date, the successful bidder shall certify as to the first price or yield at which ten percent of the notes was sold in accordance with the first price rule and provide a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication.

In addition, in the event that (1) at least three bids are not received by the County on the Sale Date, and (2) 10% of the notes have not been sold on the Sale Date, the successful bidder (and any members of its underwriting group or syndicate) shall have the option (i) to provide to the County (or its agents) ongoing pricing information, together with reasonable supporting documentation acceptable to bond counsel (such as the pricing wire), until 10% of the notes is sold (the "Follow-the-Price Requirement"), or (ii) shall be required to hold the initial reoffering price to the public of such notes (as reported to the County on the Sale Date) for the lesser of five (5) business days after the Sale Date or the date on which at least 10% of such notes are sold

(the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Requirement"). A certification as to the details of compliance with this requirement shall be part of the Reoffering Price Certificate.

The County or its Financial Advisor on its behalf shall advise the successful bidder on the Sale Date as to whether at least three bids were received. Delivery of a bid shall constitute the bidder's agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Requirement or the Follow-the-Price Requirement of this Notice of Sale and to certify to compliance therewith under the circumstances described herein.

Such certificate shall state that it is made on the best knowledge, information and belief of the successful bidder after appropriate investigation.

## Official Statement, Undertaking to Provide Notices of Events and Compliance History

The County will provide a reasonable number of Official Statements to each successful bidder within five (5) business days following receipt of a written request therefor made to the County and its Municipal Advisor. Such request may specify the applicable (a) offering price, (b) selling compensation, (c) rating, (d) credit enhancement and (e) identity and complete name of such bidder and any participating underwriters, and if so, the Preliminary Official Statement will be modified or supplemented by the information so specified. Neither the County nor its Municipal Advisor shall be liable in any manner for any delay, inaccuracy, or omission on the part of any successful bidder with respect to such request, nor shall the County's failure, as a result thereof, to provide the Official Statement within the above time period, constitute cause for a failure or refusal by such bidder to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes in accordance with the terms hereof.

The Preliminary Official Statement is in a form "deemed final" by the County for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12"), but may be modified or supplemented as noted above. In order to assist bidders in complying with Rule 15c2-12 and as part of the County's contractual obligation arising from its acceptance of the proposal of the successful bidder(s), at the time of the delivery of the Notes the County will provide an executed copy of its "Undertaking to Provide Notices of Events" (the "Undertaking").

Except as otherwise set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement (see the caption entitled "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING"), the County is in compliance in all material respects with all previous undertakings made pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 during each of the past five years.

#### Documents Accompanying the Delivery of the Notes

As a condition to the purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes, the purchaser(s) will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery and payment for the Notes: (i) a certificate of the County Treasurer certifying that (a) the Official Statement issued in connection with the sale of \$6,866,396 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2020 Series B (which Official Statement is deemed by the County to be final for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, except for the omission therefrom of these items allowable under said Rule), did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in said Official Statement, obtained from sources other than the County is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness she has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate, and (b) to her knowledge, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the County and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the County or in its financial condition as shown in said Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by said Official Statement, (ii) a Closing Certificate constituting receipt for the Note proceeds and a signature certificate, which will include a statement that no litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the signers, threatened affecting the Notes; (iii) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the County, which includes, among other things, covenants relating to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), with the owners of the Notes that the County will, among other things, (a) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Notes not to

be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investment earnings thereon making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (b) refrain from taking any acting which would cause interest on the Notes to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Notes and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes, (iv) a Certificate of the County, executed by the President of the Board of Education stating that the County has agreed, in accordance with the Rule, to provide or cause to be provided, timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Notes, and (v) the approving legal opinion, as to the validity of the Notes, of Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, New York, New York. Reference should be made to said Official Statement for a description of the scope of Bond Counsel's engagement in relation to the issuance of the Notes and the matters covered by such legal opinion. Furthermore, reference should be made to the information under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Official Statement.

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Copies of this Notice of Sale and the Preliminary Official Statement prepared in connection with the sale of the Notes may be obtained upon request from the offices of Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776, telephone number (631) 331-8888 and website: http://www.munistat.com.

## COUNTY OF CLINTON, NEW YORK

# By: <u>/s/ KIMBERLY DAVIS</u>

County Treasurer

Dated: July 6, 2020

Ms. Kimberly Davis County Treasurer, County of Clinton c/o Munistat Services, Inc. 12 Roosevelt Avenue Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776

TELEPHONE: (631) 331-8888

# FACSIMILE: (631) 331-8834

# COUNTY OF CLINTON, NEW YORK

# \$6,866,396 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2020 SERIES B (the "Notes")

DATED: July 29, 2020

# MATURITY: July 29, 2021

	Amount	Interest Rate	Premium	Net Interest Cost
Bid 1	\$	%	\$	%
Bid 2	\$	%	\$	%
Bid 3	\$	%	\$	%
Bid 4	\$	%	\$	%

Please select one of the following (if no option is selected, the book-entry-only option will be assumed to have been selected by the bidder):

□ Book-Entry-Only registered to Cede & Co.

 $\Box$  Registered in the name of the bidder

Please select one of the following:

We are purchasing the Notes for our own account, and have no intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Notes.

In the event the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, we hereby elect to:

Hold the Offering Price Requirement

Follow the Offering Price Requirement

The computation of the net interest cost is made as provided in the above-mentioned Notice of Sale, but does not constitute any part of the foregoing Proposal for the purchase of the Notes therein described.

Signature:

Name of Bidder:

Address:

Telephone (Area Code):

Fax (Area Code):