

NOTICE OF SALE

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
 \$33,045,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024
 BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY
 (the “Bonds”)

ELECTRONIC BIDS via *PARITY*® will be received by the TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT (the “Town”) at the Office of the Finance Director, Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820 until 11:30 A.M. (Eastern Time), TUESDAY

APRIL 9, 2024

(the “Bid Date”) for the purchase of all (but not less than all) of \$33,045,000* General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2024 of the Town (the “Bonds”), when issued, at not less than par, which mature on April 15 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount (\$)*</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount (\$)*</u>
2027	1,215,000	2036	1,860,000
2028	1,270,000	2037	1,935,000
2029	1,335,000	2038	2,010,000
2030	1,400,000	2039	2,095,000
2031	1,470,000	2040	2,175,000
2032	1,545,000	2041	2,265,000
2033	1,625,000	2042	2,355,000
2034	1,705,000	2043	2,450,000
2035	1,790,000	2044	2,545,000

The Issue

The full faith and credit of the Town will be pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds will be general obligations of the Town payable, unless paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Town without limit as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, with interest payable on October 15, 2024 and semiannually thereafter on each April 15 and October 15 each year until maturity, or earlier redemption. The information in this Notice of Sale is only a brief summary of certain provisions of the Bonds. For further information about the Bonds, reference is hereby made to the Preliminary Official Statement, dated March 28, 2024.

*Preliminary, subject to change. See “Adjustment to Maturity Schedule” herein.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on April 15, 2032 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the election of the Town, on or after April 15, 2031, at any time, in whole or in part and by lot within a maturity, in such amounts and in such order of maturity as the Town may determine at the following redemption price (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed) plus interest accrued and unpaid to the redemption date:

<u>Redemption Period</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
April 15, 2031 and thereafter	100%

The Town, so long as a book-entry system is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption only to DTC (or a successor securities depository) or its nominee. Any failure of DTC to advise any DTC Participant, or of any DTC Participant or Indirect Participant to notify any Indirect Participant or Beneficial Owner, of any such notice and its content or effect will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bonds called for redemption.

Ratings

The Town has applied to Moody's Investors Services, Inc. for a rating on the Bonds. The assigned ratings may be obtained from the rating agency or will be posted through the facilities of *PARITY*[®] prior to sale.

Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Agreement

The Town has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds which is dated March 28, 2024, which is deemed final as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for omissions permitted thereby, but is subject to revision or amendment. The Town will provide the winning bidder, at its request, hard copies of the Official Statement at the Town's expense. The copies of the Official Statement will be made available to the winning bidder at delivery of the Bonds or by the 7th business day after the day bids on the Bonds are received. If the Town's municipal advisor is provided with the necessary information from the winning bidder by noon of the date following the day bids on the Bonds are received, the copies of the Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages indicating the interest rates, ratings, yields or reoffering prices, the name of the winning bidder and the name of the insurer, if any, and any corrections. Additional copies of the Official Statement may be obtained by the winning bidder at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

The winning bidder agrees to promptly file a final Official Statement with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with applicable Securities and Exchange Commission and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board rules governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to the ultimate purchasers.

The Town will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement with respect to the Bonds, substantially in the form attached as Appendix C-1 to the Official Statement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), (i) annual financial information and operating data including audited financial statements, (ii) notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Bonds within ten (10) business days of such event, and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Town to provide the required annual financial information. The winning bidder's obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be conditioned upon its

receiving, at or prior to the delivery of the Bonds, an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Bonds.

Electronic Proposals Bidding Procedure

Electronic bids for the purchase of the Bonds must be submitted electronically via **PARITY**[®], in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until 11:30 A.M. (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified herein. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY**[®] shall conflict with information in this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about **PARITY**[®], including any fee charged, potential bidders may contact i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, telephone: (212) 849-5021. Any prospective bidder must be a subscriber of i-Deal LLC's BiDCOMP competitive bidding system. The Town neither will confirm any subscription nor be responsible for any failure of a prospective bidder to subscribe.

Once an electronic bid made through the facilities of **PARITY**[®] is communicated to the Town, it shall constitute an irrevocable offer, in response to this Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the Town. By submitting a bid for the Bonds via **PARITY**[®], the bidder represents and warrants to the Town that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Bonds is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective bidder by an irrevocable offer and that acceptance of such bid by the Town will bind the bidder by a legal, valid and enforceable contract, for the purchase of the Bonds on the terms described in this Notice of Sale. **The Town shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of PARITY[®], or the inaccuracies of any information, including bid information or worksheets supplied by PARITY[®], the use of PARITY[®] facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. Each Bidder is solely responsible for knowing the terms of the sale as set forth herein.**

For the purpose of the electronic bidding process, the time maintained on **PARITY**[®] shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their bids the true interest cost to the Town, as described under "Award, Delivery and Payment" below, represented by the rate or rates of interest and the bid price specified in their respective bids. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

Disclaimer. Each **PARITY**[®] prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access **PARITY**[®] for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Town nor **PARITY**[®] shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such arrangements to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any prospective bidder, and neither the Town nor **PARITY**[®] shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, **PARITY**[®]. The Town is using **PARITY**[®] as a communication mechanism, and not as the Town's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. The Town is not bound by any advice and determination of **PARITY**[®] to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the bid requirements herein set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of bids via **PARITY**[®] are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Town is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in arranging to bid or submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Bonds, the prospective bidder should telephone **PARITY**[®] at (212) 849-5021.

Bid Requirements

Each bid must be for the entire \$33,045,000* of the Bonds. Each proposal must specify the amount bid for the Bonds (which shall be the aggregate par value of the Bonds, and, at the option of the bidder, a premium), and must specify in a multiple of one-twentieth of one percent (1/20 of 1%) or one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1%) the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, provided that such proposal shall not state (a) more than one interest rate for any Bonds having a like maturity or (b) any interest rate for any Bonds of one maturity which exceeds the interest rate stated in such proposal for Bonds of a different maturity by more than two (2) percentage points. Interest shall be computed on the basis of twelve 30-day months and a 360 day year. No bid for less than par will be considered.

Establishment of Issue Price

In order to provide the Town with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from the gross income of their owners, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the Town at or prior to the delivery of the Bonds an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (the "Initial Offering Price") or the actual sales price or prices of the Bonds, as circumstances may determine, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel. For purposes of this "Establishment of Issue Price" section, Bond Counsel may act on behalf of the Town.

The Town intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "Competitive Sale Rule") because:

- (1) The Town shall disseminate, or have disseminated on its behalf, this Notice of Sale to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Town anticipates receiving bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Town anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest TIC, as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid. Acceptance by the Town of a bid pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall constitute a written contract between the Town and the winning bidder.

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In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Town shall so advise the successful bidder in writing on the sale date. The Town may treat the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the bonds (the “Actual Sale Rule”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The successful bidder shall advise the Town if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the Actual Sale Rule as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds.

Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the Actual Sale Rule has been satisfied as to each maturity of the bonds, the successful bidder agrees to promptly report to the Town the prices at which the unsold Bonds of each maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until the Actual Sale Rule has been satisfied for each maturity or until all Bonds of that maturity have been sold.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public.

Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a Related Party (as defined below) to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- (1) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (2) *Related Party* generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (3) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds , and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of the selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public)

Award, Delivery and Payment

Unless all bids are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid will result in the lowest true interest cost (“TIC”) to the Town. The purchase price must be paid in Federal Funds.

Promptly upon verbal notification that a bidder’s proposal may be accepted, the bidder shall confirm to the Town the reoffering prices of all the Bonds of each maturity.

Bids will be finally accepted or rejected promptly after opening and not later than 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the Bid Date in accordance with the provisions herein.

At or prior to the delivery of the Bonds the successful bidder shall be furnished, without cost, with the approving opinion of Pullman & Comley, LLC, of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, substantially in the form set out in Appendix B-1 to the Official Statement. The successful bidder will also be furnished with a receipt of payment for the Bonds, a Signature and No Litigation Certificate dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, stating that there is no litigation pending, or to the knowledge of the signers thereof, threatened, affecting the validity of the Bonds or the power of the Town to levy and collect taxes to pay them. A copy of the final Official Statement prepared for this Bond issue will also be furnished together with a certificate of Town Officials relating to the accuracy and completeness of the Official Statement.

The Bonds **SHALL NOT BE** designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for federal income tax purposes of a portion of interest expense allocable to tax exempt obligations.

The Town will have no responsibility to pay for any expenses of the winning bidder except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale. The winning bidder will have no responsibility to pay for any of the Town’s costs of issuance except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale.

The winning bidder will be responsible for the clearance or exemption with respect to the status of the Bonds for sale under securities or “Blue Sky” laws and the preparation of any surveys or memoranda in connection with such sale. The Town shall have no responsibility for such clearance, exemption or preparation.

The Bonds will be delivered to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) or its agent via Fast Automated Securities Transfer (“FAST”) on or about April 25, 2024 against payment in immediately available Federal Funds. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the winning bidder or bidders to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Bonds prior to delivery, and the Town will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the inability to deposit the Bonds with DTC due to the failure of the winning bidder or bidders to obtain such numbers and to supply them to the Town in a timely manner. The Town assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charge that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers, which charges shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the winning bidder.

Adjustment of Maturity Schedule

After the receipt of bids, the Town reserves the right to adjust the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and to increase or decrease the principal amount of individual maturities of the Bonds and the final purchase price of the Bonds. The Town anticipates the adjustments to eliminate excess premium

proceeds and to achieve level debt service. Prior to award, the successful bidder will be required to provide the coupon, yield and reoffering price information to be included in the issue price certificate, if requested, for purposes of determining the adjustment. The Town will make every effort to maintain the underwriting discount percentage based on the bid and reoffering price information.

The adjustments are at the sole discretion of the Town, a bidder may not withdraw its bid for the Bonds or change interest rates or reoffering prices of its bid, as a result of any changes made, and agrees to purchase the Bonds based on the adjustments, if any, described herein

Right to Reject Bids; Waiver

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

Postponement; Change of Terms

The Town reserves the right to alter any terms of the Bonds or this Notice of Sale and to postpone, from time to time, the date or time established for the receipt of the bids.

Book-Entry-Only Form

The Bonds will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. The Bonds will be issued in registered form and one bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to DTC, registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its Participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its Participants. The winning bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Town or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest payments by DTC to Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest payments to Beneficial Owners by Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such Participants and other nominees of Beneficial Owners. The Town 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.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Town fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, or (b) the Town determines to discontinue the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds, the Town will authenticate and deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bond certificates directly to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds or their nominees. (The record dates for the Bonds will be the close of business on the last day of March and September in each year, or the preceding business day if such last day is not a business day.)

Additional Information

More information concerning the issue and the Town may be obtained from Mark Chapman, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, CT 06443; (203) 421-2087.

JON E. ZAGRODZKY
First Selectman

JOAN D. HENDRICKSON
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Finance Director

March 28, 2024