

## NOTICE OF SALE

**\$21,860,000\***

### THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT HARTFORD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, ISSUE OF 2024, SERIES B

**ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS via PARITY® Competitive Bidding System** (“PARITY”) will be received by The Metropolitan District, Hartford County, Connecticut (the "District"), at The Metropolitan District, Hartford County, Connecticut, 555 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor CFO Conference Room, Hartford, Connecticut 06103 until **12:00 noon (Eastern Time) on THURSDAY,**

**AUGUST 8, 2024**

for the purchase, when issued, of the whole of the District's \$21,860,000\* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Issue of 2024, Series B, dated August 22, 2024, bearing interest payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 in each year until maturity, commencing February 1, 2025, and maturing on August 1 in each year as follows:

2025	\$2,110,000*	2030	\$2,195,000*
2026	\$2,100,000*	2031	\$2,210,000*
2027	\$2,130,000*	2032	\$2,225,000*
2028	\$2,170,000*	2033	\$2,260,000*
2029	\$2,180,000*	2034	\$2,280,000*

(the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be delivered against payment in Federal funds in New York, New York on or about August 22, 2024. The Bonds **shall not** be designated by the District as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of the deduction for federal income tax purposes by financial institutions of a portion of interest expense allocable to tax-exempt obligations.

The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and the District will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. Unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from general tax revenues from the District's Member Municipalities (as defined below). The District is authorized to levy unlimited taxes upon the City of Hartford and the Towns of Bloomfield, East Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor, Connecticut (collectively, the "Member Municipalities").

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

**Right to Change Timing and Terms of Sale.** The right to amend this Notice of Sale at any time prior to the date and time for receipt of bids by publishing the amendments on the PARITY® website, is reserved. The District further reserves the right to postpone the sale to another time and date in its sole discretion for any reason, including internet difficulties. The District will use its best efforts to notify prospective bidders in a timely manner of any need for a postponement. If the sale is postponed, an alternative bid date will be published on Bloomberg and Refinitive TM3 at least 48 hours prior to such alternative bid

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date. Upon the establishment of an alternative bid date, any bidder may submit proposals for the purchase of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

**Proposals.** All proposals for the purchase of the Bonds 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 1/20 or 1/8 of 1% the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, but shall not specify (a) more than one interest rate for any Bonds having a like maturity, or (b) any interest rate for any Bonds which exceeds the interest rate specified in such proposal for any other Bonds by more than 3%. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. In addition to the amount bid for the Bonds, the purchaser must pay an amount equal to any interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of delivery. **No proposal for less than the entire \$21,860,000\* Bonds, or for less than par and accrued interest, will be considered.**

**Basis of Award.** As between proposals which comply with this Notice of Sale, the Bonds will be sold to the responsible bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest true interest cost to the District. For the purpose of determining the successful bidder, the true interest cost to the District will be the annual interest rate, compounded semiannually, which, when used to discount all payments of principal and interest payable on the Bonds to August 22, 2024, the date of the Bonds, results in an amount equal to the purchase price for the Bonds, excluding interest accrued to the date of delivery. If there is more than one responsible bidder making said offer at the same lowest true interest cost, the Bonds will be sold to the responsible bidder whose proposal is selected by the District by lot from among all such proposals.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

**Adjustment of Maturity Schedule.** The District reserves the right to change the maturity schedule of the Bonds after the determination of the winning bidder by decreasing the principal amount of each maturity by such amount as may be necessary and in \$5,000 increments. In such event, the final aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will be decreased by the net amount of such change or changes in the principal amount of one or more maturities, which net change in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed 20 percent (20%) of the original aggregate par amount. The District anticipates that the final maturity schedule will be communicated to the successful bidder by 2:00 p.m. local time on the day of the sale provided the District has received the reoffering prices and yield for the Bonds from the successful bidder by 1:00 p.m. The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder will be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to be issued. The adjusted bid price will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter's discount and original issue discount/premium, if any, but will not change the per-bond underwriter's discount as calculated from the bid and reoffering prices required to be delivered to the District as stated herein. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bid or change the interest rates bid or initial reoffering prices as a result of any changes made to the principal amounts within these limits.

**Electronic Proposals Bidding Procedure.** Electronic proposals for the purchase of the Bonds must be submitted through the facilities of PARITY by **12:00 noon (Eastern Time), on THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024**. Any prospective bidder must be a subscriber of Bidcomp's competitive bidding system. Further information about Bidcomp/ PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from i-Deal LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, telephone (212) 849-5021. The District will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for any failure of a prospective bidder to subscribe.

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Once an electronic proposal made through the facilities of PARITY is communicated to the District, 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 proposal delivered to the District. By submitting a proposal for the Bonds via PARITY, the bidder represents and warrants to the District that such bidder's proposal 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 proposal by the District 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 District shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of, PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

**Disclaimer** - Each PARITY prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for the purposes of submitting its proposal in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the District 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 District nor PARITY shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a proposal or for proper operation of, or have any liability for, any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY. The District is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the District's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. The District is not bound by any advice and determination of PARITY to the effect that any particular proposal complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the proposal requirements set forth herein. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of proposals via PARITY are the sole responsibility of the bidders, and the District 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 proposal for the Bonds, the prospective bidder should telephone PARITY at (212) 849-5021. If any provision of this Notice of Sale conflicts with information provided by PARITY, this Notice of Sale shall control.

For the purpose of the bidding process, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their proposals the true interest cost to the District, as described under "Basis of Award" above, represented by the rate or rates of interest and the premium, if any, specified in their respective proposals. All electronic proposals shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

**Bond Counsel Opinion.** The legal opinion of Shipman & Goodwin LLP of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel, will be furnished without charge and will be placed on file with the certifying bank for the Bonds. A copy of the opinion will be delivered to each purchaser of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel will cover the following matters: (1) that the Bonds will be valid and binding general obligations of the District when duly certified, (2) that, assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the District with its representations and covenants relating to certain requirements contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), based on existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations under the Code; and (3) that interest on the Bonds is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates, and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

**Obligation to Deliver Issue Price Certificate.** Pursuant to the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, the District must establish the “issue price” of the Bonds. **In order to assist the District, the winning bidder is obligated to deliver to the District a certificate (an “Issue Price Certificate”) and such additional information satisfactory to Bond Counsel described below, prior to the delivery of the Bonds.** The District will rely on the Issue Price Certificate and such additional information in determining the issue price of the Bonds. The form of Issue Price Certificate is available by contacting Mr. Bill Lindsay, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., Email: [bill.lindsay@munistat.com](mailto:bill.lindsay@munistat.com), Telephone: (203) 421-2880 municipal advisor to the District (the “Municipal Advisor”).

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Bonds, 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 rule relating to the establishment of the issue price of the Bonds pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the “Competitive Sale Rule”).

The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Rule was met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Bonds. **Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied.**

**Competitive Sale Rule Met.** If the Municipal Advisor advises the winning bidder that the Competitive Sale Rule has been met, the winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Bonds, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public of each maturity of the Bonds as of August 8, 2024 (the “Sale Date”).

**Competitive Sale Rule Not Met.** By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Rule is not met, it will satisfy either the **10% Sale Rule** or the **Hold the Offering Price Rule** described below with respect to each maturity of the Bonds prior to the delivery date of the Bonds. The rule selected with respect to each maturity of the Bonds shall be set forth on an Issue Price Rule Selection Certificate, which shall be sent to the winning bidder promptly after the award of the Bonds. The winning bidder shall complete and execute the Issue Price Rule Selection Certificate and email it to Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the day after the Sale Date. **If the Issue Price Rule Selection Certificate is not returned by this deadline, or if no selection is made with respect to maturity, the winning bidder agrees that the Hold the Offering Price Rule shall apply to such maturities.**

**10% Sale Rule.** To satisfy the 10% Sale Rule for any maturity, the winning bidder:

(i) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the initial offering prices and provide the District with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel;

(ii) will report to the District information regarding the actual prices at which at least 10 percent (10%) of the Bonds of each maturity have been sold to the public;

(iii) will provide the District with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sales prices, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. If the 10% Sale Rule is used with respect to a maturity of the Bonds, this reporting requirement will

continue, beyond the closing date of the Bonds, if necessary, until such date that at least 10 percent (10%) of such maturity of the Bonds has been sold to the public; and

(iv) has or will include in any agreement among underwriters, selling group agreement or retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

**Hold the Offering Price Rule.** To satisfy the Hold the Offering Price Rule for any maturity, the winning bidder:

(i) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the initial offering prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel;

(ii) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Bonds of such maturity at a price that is higher than the initial offering price of each maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least ten percent (10%) of the Bonds of such maturity at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the Sale Date of the Bonds; and

(iii) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, selling group agreement or retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Bonds as set forth above.

For purposes of the 10% Sale Rule or the Hold the Offering Price Rule, a “maturity” refers to Bonds that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

If the winning bidder has purchased any maturity of the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Rule was met, the Issue Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which such maturity of the Bonds was purchased.

For purposes of this Notice of Sale, the “public” does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any “derivative products” (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Bonds.

**Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement.** The District has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement dated August 1, 2024 for this Bond issue. The District deems such Preliminary Official Statement final as of its date for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for omissions permitted thereby, but the Preliminary Official Statement is subject to revision or amendment. The District will make available to the winning purchaser a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement at the District's expense by the delivery of the Bonds or, if earlier, by the seventh business day after the day proposals on the Bonds are received. The purchaser shall arrange with the Municipal Advisor the method of delivery of the copies of the final Official Statement to

the purchaser. Additional copies may be obtained by the purchaser at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

The purchaser agrees to promptly file the 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.

**DTC Book-Entry.** The Bonds will be issued by means of a book-entry-only 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 the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. Ownership of the Bonds will be evidenced in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples 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 purchaser, 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 and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the District or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Principal and interest payments by DTC to Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; principal and interest payments to Beneficial Owners by Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such Participants and other nominees of Beneficial Owners. The District will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its Participants or by DTC Participants or Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its Participants or persons acting through such Participants.

**Certifying, Transfer, Paying and Escrow Agent; Registrar.** The Bonds will be certified by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Hartford, Connecticut, which will also act as transfer, escrow and paying agent and registrar.

**CUSIP Numbers.** The deposit of the Bonds with DTC under a book-entry-only system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the District's Municipal Advisor, Munistat Services, Inc., to apply for CUSIP numbers for the Bonds by no later than one business day after dissemination of this Notice of Sale. Munistat Services, Inc. will provide CUSIP Global Services with the final details of the sale of the Bonds in accordance with Rule G-34 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, including the identity of the winning purchaser. The District will not be responsible for any delay caused by the inability to deposit the Bonds with DTC due to the failure of Munistat Services, Inc. to obtain such numbers and provide them to the District in a timely manner. The District 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 purchaser.

**Continuing Disclosure Agreement.** The District will agree, in a Continuing Disclosure Agreement entered into in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, to provide, or cause to be provided, (i) certain annual financial information and operating data; (ii) timely, but not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of certain listed events with respect to the Bonds; and (iii) timely notice of its failure to provide such annual financial information. The winning purchaser'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.

**Additional Information.** For more information regarding this Bond issue and the District, reference is made to the Preliminary Official Statement dated August 1, 2024. The Preliminary Official Statement may be accessed via the Internet at [www.i-dealprospectus.com](http://www.i-dealprospectus.com). Electronic access to the Preliminary

Official Statement is being provided as a matter of convenience only. The only official version of the Preliminary Official Statement is the printed version for physical delivery. Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement may be obtained from Mr. Bill Lindsay, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, telephone (203) 421-2880.

August 1, 2024

Donald Currey  
Chairman

Robert Barron  
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

**ISSUE PRICE RULE SELECTION CERTIFICATE**

The Metropolitan District, Hartford County, Connecticut  
 \$21,860,000\* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Issue of 2024, Series B

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER/REPRESENTATIVE] (the “Representative”), on behalf of itself and [OTHER UNDERWRITERS] (together, the “Underwriting Group”), hereby certifies that it will use the rule selected below for the respective maturity of the above-captioned bonds (the “Bonds”), as described in the Notice of Sale for the Bonds, dated August 1, 2024 (the “Notice of Sale”). For a description of the requirements of each rule, please refer to the section “Obligation to Deliver Issue Price Certificate” in the Notice of Sale. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in the Notice of Sale.

<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<b>10% Sale Rule</b> (Underwriter has or will comply with 10% Sale Rule for this Maturity)		<b>Hold the Offering Price Rule</b> (Underwriter will comply with Hold the Offering Price Rule for this Maturity)	
			<u>Check Box</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>	<u>Check Box</u>	<u>Initial Offering Price</u>
08/01/2025	\$2,110,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2026	2,100,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2027	2,130,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2028	2,170,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2029	2,180,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2030	2,195,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2031	2,210,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2032	2,225,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2033	2,260,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
08/01/2034	2,280,000*	____%	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

(All Sales Prices or Initial Offering Prices must be filled in prior to the delivery date of the Bonds.)

**[NAME OF UNDERWRITER/  
REPRESENTATIVE]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name:  
 Title:

Email this completed and executed certificate to the following by 5:00 P.M. (Eastern Time) on August 9, 2024:

**Bond Counsel:** [dbraun@goodwin.com](mailto:dbraun@goodwin.com)      **Municipal Advisor:** [bill.lindsay@munistat.com](mailto:bill.lindsay@munistat.com)

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