

Notice is given that the undersigned City Comptroller, of the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York (the "City") will receive electronic bids and facsimile bids, as more fully described below, for the purchase IN FEDERAL FUNDS, at not less than par and accrued interest, of \$63,870,198 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 (the "Notes"), with interest payable at maturity. Bids must be submitted electronically on Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible at www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com, or via facsimile to (315) 930-2354 by no later than **11:00 o'clock A.M. Prevailing Time on March 12, 2025.** Bidders submitting proposals via facsimile must use the "Proposal for Notes" form attached hereto.

The Notes will be dated March 27, 2025 and will mature on March 27, 2026, with interest payable at maturity. The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

# **PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

This Notice of Sale was disseminated electronically by posting to <u>www.fiscaladvisors.com</u> and <u>www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com</u>. This method of distribution of the Notice of Sale is regularly used by Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor") for purposes of disseminating notices of sale of new issuances of municipal notes.

## **PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING**

## Submission of Bids

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 has not been modified by the bidder, shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms herein and therein provided. All bidders shall be offered an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Notes. Furthermore, no bidder shall have the opportunity to review other bids before providing a bid, or be given an opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders (this is, no exclusive "last look"). By submitting a bid, the underwriter attests that they have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal notes.

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 City 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.

Electronic bidding will take place in a Closed Auction format. Bidders may change and submit bids as many times as they wish during the bidding period, but they may not withdraw a submitted bid. The last bid submitted by a bidder prior to the deadline for the receipt of bids will be compared to all other final electronic and facsimile bids, as more fully described herein, to determine the winning bid. During the auction, no bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will they see the status of their bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether their bid is a leading bid).

Each bid may be for all or any part of the Notes and state a single rate of interest therefor in a multiple of one-eighth  $(1/8^{th})$  or one-hundredth  $(1/100^{th})$  of one per centum (1%) per annum. Each bid must be for not less than the par value of the Notes bid for and for not less than \$1,000,000. Any bidder may submit two separate bids at different rates of interest.

Any attempt to bid with alterations to the specific language contained in the Notice of Sale which sets forth the documents that will be delivered to the purchaser at closing will be considered a failure to execute a proper bid as specified in this Notice of Sale and will be treated as a violation of applicable competitive bidding regulations and therefore be treated as a private placement. The bid of such party will be treated as a non-conforming bid which will be rejected.

#### Award of Notes

The Notes will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering the lowest net interest cost, that being the rate of interest which will produce the least interest cost over the life of the Notes, after accounting for the premium offered, if any. In the event bids offering the same lowest net interest cost are received, an award will be made to the bidder offering to purchase the greater principal amount of the Notes. If two or more bids offering to purchase the same principal amount of the Notes at the same lowest net interest rate are received, an award will be made by lot from among such lowest bids. The right is reserved by said City to award to any bidder all or any part of the Notes which such bidder offers to purchase and, in such event, the premium, if any, specified by such bidder will be pro-rated. In any event, the award of said Notes will be made on the basis of the bid or combination of bids offering to purchase the said City.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids (regardless of the interest rate bid), to reject any bid not complying with this official 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. All or none bids will be rejected. Conditional bids will be rejected, including any bid subject to credit approval.

#### **Registration to Bid**

To bid electronically using Fiscal Advisors Auction, bidders must first visit the website at <u>www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com</u> where, if they have never registered with either Fiscal Advisors Auction or any municipal debt auction website powered by Grant Street Group, they can register and then request admission to the City's auction. Only FINRA registered broker dealers, dealer banks with DTC clearing arrangements and banks or trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State of New York will be eligible to bid. The City will determine whether any request for admission is granted. Bidders who have previously registered with Fiscal Advisors Auction may call auction support at (412) 391-5555 x1370, to confirm their ID or password. The use of Fiscal Advisors Auction shall be at the bidder's risk, and the City shall have no liability with respect thereto. Bidders shall not be required to register in order to submit a facsimile bid.

#### **Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction**

The "Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction" can be viewed on the Fiscal Advisors Auction website and are incorporated by reference in this Notice of Sale. Bidders must comply with the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction in addition to the requirements of this Notice of Sale. In the event the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction conflict with this Notice of Sale, this Notice of Sale shall prevail.

#### Disclaimer

Each prospective bidder who wishes to submit electronic bids shall be solely responsible to register to bid via Fiscal Advisors Auction. Each qualified prospective bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access Fiscal Advisors Auction for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the City nor Fiscal Advisors Auction 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 City nor Fiscal Advisors Auction 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 Fiscal Advisors Auction. The City is using Fiscal Advisors Auction as a communications mechanism, and not as the City's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Notes. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Notes, it should telephone Fiscal Advisors Auction and notify the Municipal Advisor at (315) 752-0051 (provided that the City shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice). After receipt of bids is closed, the City through Fiscal Advisors Auction or telephone will indicate the apparent successful bidder. Such message is a courtesy only for viewers, and does not constitute the award of the Notes. The Fiscal Advisors Auction bids will be compared with bids received outside of Fiscal Advisors Auction, if any, before the award is made. Each bid will remain subject to review by the City to determine its net interest cost and compliance with the terms of this Notice of Sale.

#### **Issue Price**

Following the sale of the notes, on the Sale Date, the successful bidder will be required to provide to the City 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 Municipal 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 City a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, dated as of the day of the delivery of the notes, which assuming three separate bids from at least three separate 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 City 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 City 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 City (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 City 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 City or the Municipal 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.

## THE NOTES

#### Security for the Notes

The Notes will be valid and legally binding general obligations of the City, all the taxable real property within which will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, subject to applicable statutory limitations. See Official Statement "NATURE OF OBLIGATION" and "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" therein. The City will pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of the Notes and interest thereon. Principal and interest on the Notes are payable at maturity in lawful money of the United States of America (Federal Funds).

#### **Purpose of Issue**

The Notes are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the General City Law, the Local Finance Law and various bond resolutions authorizing the issuance of serial bonds to finance the wastewater treatment plant improvements at a maximum cost of \$53,769,890 and a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of serial bonds to finance the construction of improvements to the Glenmore Dam at a maximum cost of \$20,560,000. The City currently has \$52,153,598 bond anticipation notes outstanding which are scheduled to mature on March 28, 2025 for the wastewater treatment plant project.

The proceeds of the Notes, along with \$843,400 available funds of the City will partially redeem and renew \$52,153,598 bond anticipation notes maturing March 29, 2024 and provide \$12,560,000 of new monies for the Glenmore Dam project.

## Form of the Notes

At the option of the successful bidder(s), the Notes will be issued in registered certificated form in the name of the purchaser, or as stated below, in the denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for one necessary odd denomination which is or includes \$5,198, as determined by the successful bidder(s), without the option of prior redemption. If issued in registered certificated form, principal and interest will be payable at maturity in Federal Funds at such bank(s) or trust company(ies) located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as may be selected by such successful bidder(s). Paying agent fees, if any, will be paid by the successful bidder(s).

Alternatively, at the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be issued as registered notes book-entry form, and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as the securities depository for the Notes. Registered noteholders will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes purchased. Under this option, payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes to the Beneficial Owner of the Notes will be made by DTC Participants and Indirect Participants in accordance with standing instructions and customary practices. Payment will be the responsibility of DTC, subject to any statutory and regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. DTC fees are the responsibility of the successful bidder(s).

If the purchaser(s) notifies Bond Counsel by 3:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time on the date of sale, such Note may be issued in the form of a book-entry-only note, in a denomination corresponding to the principal amount of the Note bearing the rate of interest and CUSIP number. In the event that the purchaser(s) choose such DTC registered notes, as a condition to delivery of the Notes, the successful bidder(s) will be required to cause such note certificates to be (i) registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, ("DTC") New York, New York, and (ii) deposited with DTC to be held in trust until maturity. DTC is an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a book-entry system for recording the ownership interests of its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfers 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 only be made through book entries (without certificates issued by the City) made on the books and records of DTC (or a successor depository) and its participants, in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for one necessary odd denomination which is or includes \$5,198. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the City by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of 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 City 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**

The Municipal Advisor intends to provide the purchaser of the issue with CUSIP identification numbers, as is discussed in the Official Statement, in compliance with MSRB Rule G-34, (a)(i) (A)-(H). As is further discussed in Rule G-34, the purchaser, as the "dealer who acquires" the issue, is responsible for the registration fee to the CUSIP Bureau for this service. It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Notes. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes will be paid for by the City provided, however; that the City assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charges that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

### **Delivery Date and Place of Delivery**

The Notes will be delivered through the facilities of DTC located in Jersey City, New Jersey, or as may be agreed with the purchaser(s), on or about March 27, 2025. The purchase price of said Notes, in accordance with each purchaser's bid, shall be paid in Federal Funds or other funds available for immediate credit on said delivery date. The Municipal Advisor shall provide the successful bidder with wire instructions relative to the payment of the purchase price of the Notes and the successful bidder shall be entitled to rely on such instructions.

# Ratings

The Notes are <u>not</u> rated. Subject to the approval of the City, the purchaser(s) of the Notes may have a rating completed after the sale at the expense of the purchaser(s), including any fees to be incurred by the City, such rating action may result in a material event notification to be posted to EMMA.

## **Tax Exemption Status and Legal Opinion**

As a condition to each purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes, such purchaser(s) will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery of and payment for said Notes: (i) a certificate of the City Comptroller certifying that (a) as of the date of the Official Statement furnished by the City in relation to said Notes which Official Statement is deemed by the City to be final for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, except for the omission therefrom of those items allowable under said Rule, said Official Statement did not contain any untrue statements of material fact or omit to state 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 City 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 or misleading, and (b) to her knowledge, since the date of said Official Statement, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the City and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the City 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 a 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 City which will include, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), with the owners of the Notes that the City will, among other things, (A) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Notes to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Notes and 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 action which would cause interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Notes and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes; and (iv) the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, Bond Counsel, New York, New York. Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals. Interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. 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 matters covered by such legal opinion. Furthermore, reference should be made to the information under the headings "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS" in the Official Statement.

THE NOTES WILL <u>NOT</u> BE DESIGNATED "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE CODE.

#### **Document Accompanying the Delivery of the Notes**

Any party executing and delivering a bid for the Notes agrees, if its bid is accepted by the City, to provide to the City, in writing, within two business days after the date of such award, all information which said successful bidder(s) determines is necessary for it to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12, including all necessary pricing and sale information, if any, and underwriter identification. Within five business days following receipt by the City thereof, the City will furnish to the successful bidder(s), in reasonable quantities as requested by the successful bidder(s), copies of said Official Statement, updated as necessary, and supplemented to include said information. Failure by the successful bidder(s) to provide such information will prevent the City from furnishing such Official Statement as described above. The City shall not be responsible or liable in any manner for the successful bidder(s)'s determination of information necessary to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 or the accuracy of any such information provided by the successful bidder(s) to provide the aforementioned information within the time specified. Acceptance by the successful bidder(s) of such final Official Statements shall be conclusive evidence of the satisfactory completion of the obligations of said City with respect to the preparation and delivery thereof.

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# **Contact Information**

Copies of the Notice of Sale and the Official Statement relating to the Notes may be obtained upon request from the offices of Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., 250 South Clinton Street – Suite 502, Syracuse, New York 13202 (315) 752-0051. www.fiscaladvisors.com.

The City's Bond Counsel contact information is as follows: Douglas E. Goodfriend, Esq., of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, 51 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10019, Phone: (212) 506-5212, Telefax: (212) 506-5151, Email: <u>dgoodfriend@orrick.com</u>.

The City contact information is as follows: Jessica Kaiser, Deputy City Comptroller, 109 North Main Street, Oneida, New York 13421, Phone: (315) 363-2022, Fax: (315) 363-2022, Email: jkaiser@oneidacity.com.

# **CITY OF ONEIDA**

Dated: March 7, 2025

JESSICA KAISER Deputy City Comptroller & Chief Fiscal Officer

# **PROPOSAL FOR NOTES**

Ms. Jessica Kaiser, Deputy City Comptroller City of Oneida, Madison County, New York c/o Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. 250 South Clinton Street • Suite 502 Syracuse, New York 13202 **Telefax # 315-930-2354** 

# SALE DATE: March 12, 2025 SALE TIME: 11:00 A.M., Prevailing Time

# CITY OF ONEIDA MADISON COUNTY, NEW YORK \$63,870,198 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025

## Dated: March 27, 2025

Maturity: March 27, 2026

	Amount	Interest Rate	Premium	Net Interest Cost <sup>(1)</sup>
Bid	\$	%	\$	%
Bid	\$	%	\$	%

<sup>(1)</sup> The computation of the net interest cost is made as provided in the Notice of Sale, but does not constitute any part of the foregoing Proposal for the purchase of the Notes therein described.

#### 1. FORM OF NOTES:

- (if no option is selected, the book-entry-only option will be assumed to have been selected by the purchaser)
  - Book-Entry-Only registered to Cede & Co.
  - □ Non Book-Entry, Registered to Purchaser

## 2. ISSUE PRICE:

A) If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, the Bidder will use one or more of the following methods to determine the issue price of the Notes:

#### Please select one of the following:

(if none are selected, then the method shall be assumed to be Follow the Price for each maturity with at least 10% sold on the Sale Date at the Initial Reoffering Price and Hold the Price for all unsold maturities):

- □ Follow the Price; or
- Hold the Price

#### B) TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDERS WHO ARE PURCHASING NOTES FOR THEIR OWN ACCOUNT

The Bidder is not acting as an underwriter with respect to the Notes or is not a related party to an underwriter with respect to the Notes and has no present intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Notes.

Confirmed

# 3. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Signature:		
Name of Bidder:		
Bank or Institution:		
Address:		 
Telephone (Area Code):		
Email Address:		
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Bids may also be submitted electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction"), in accordance with the Notice of Sale, until the time specified herein. No other form of electronic bidding services will be accepted. No bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. No phone bids will be accepted. Once the bids are communicated electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction or facsimile to the City, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms provided in the Notice of Sale.