

NOTICE OF SALE

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY \$14,703,000* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2015A

(Book-Entry-Only) (Non-Callable)

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS will be received and announced by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Hamilton, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey located in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township"), at the Municipal Building located at 2090 Greenwood Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey, through the PARITY Electronic Bid System ("PARITY") of IPREO LLC, as described herein, on Tuesday, June 3, 2015 (unless postponed and rescheduled as provided herein) until 11:00 a.m., prevailing local time, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27, for the purchase of the following described bonds:

\$14,703,000* General Improvement Bonds, Series 2015A maturing on June 1 in the years and in the amounts set forth below (the "Bonds"):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2016	\$800,000
2017	1,410,000
2018	1,455,000
2019	1,500,000
2020	1,545,000
2021	1,595,000
2022	1,600,000
2023	1,600,000
2024	1,600,000
2025	1,598,000

*Preliminary, subject change as described herein.

All Bids (as defined below) must be submitted in their entirety through PARITY until 11:00 a.m., New Jersey time on June 3, 2015 (see "Bidding Details"). To bid, Bidders (as defined below) must submit either (i) a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check or (ii) complete a wire transfer, in either case in the amount of \$294,060 (the check or wire transfer being hereinafter referred to as the "Deposit"), to secure the Township from any loss resulting from a failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of its bid. The Deposit must be submitted to the Township prior to the time for submission of bids, and if in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check, at the following address:

**John Barrett, Chief Financial Officer
Township of Hamilton
2090 Greenwood Avenue
Hamilton, New Jersey 08560**

If a wire transfer is used for the Deposit, it must be sent according to the wire instructions provided by the Township's Financial Advisor (please contact the Financial Advisor for wire instructions) and if the bid is not accepted, the Township shall promptly return the Deposit amount to the unsuccessful bidder. **EACH BIDDER MUST PROVIDE THEIR RETURN WIRE INSTRUCTIONS.**

The use of PARITY shall be at the Bidder's risk and expense, and the Township shall have no liability with respect thereto.

Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the award of the Bonds. Any bidder that does not have a representative present at the bid announcement is requested to include with its good faith deposit overnight packaging or other return envelope for the return of its Deposit (if not the successful bidder). In the absence of other arrangements, the check of any unsuccessful bidder will be returned by certified first class mail to such name and return address as specified by such bidder when such Deposit was provided. By submitting a proposal for the Bonds, each bidder shall be deemed to have accepted any and all risks of loss associated with the return of its Deposit. Upon return of its Deposit, each such unsuccessful bidder shall acknowledge same by signing and returning a receipt to such effect provided by the Township. If a wire transfer is used, such transfer must be completed and confirmed received by the Township prior to the opening of the bids.

The Deposit of the winning bidder will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the winning bidder fails to comply with the terms of its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Township as liquidated damages. The winning bidder shall not be entitled to any interest earnings in respect of the Township.

The Bonds are to be issued in book-entry form only and all bidders for the Bonds must be participants of the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or affiliated with its participants. The Bonds will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year and will be payable as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as Securities Depository. The certificate will be deposited with DTC which will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants.

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor in accordance herewith, payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 in each year commencing June 1, 2016, until maturity, to DTC or its authorized nominee. DTC will credit payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC.

In the event (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as Securities Depository for the Bonds or (b) the Township determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, the Township will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the Township fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Township will deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Township and are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Township for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Bonds are payable, if not paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes to be levied upon all the real property taxable within the Township without limitations as to rate or amount.

Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds and the rate or rates named must be multiples of one-eighth or one-twentieth of one per centum. Not more than one rate may be named for the Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. The difference between the lowest and the highest rates named in the proposal shall not exceed two per centum (2%). The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest true interest cost ("TIC"). Such TIC cost shall be computed by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the bonds and to the price bid, excluding interest accrued to the delivery date. **Each proposal submitted must be for all of the Bonds and the purchase price specified in the proposal must be not less than \$14,703,000 nor more than \$14,997,060 (102%).** No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at a TIC higher than the lowest TIC to the Township under any legally acceptable proposal, and if two or more such bidders offer to pay the lowest TIC, then the Bonds will be sold to one of such bidders selected by lot from among all such bidders. The purchaser must also pay an amount equal to the interest (if any) on the Bonds accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price. The right is reserved to reject all bids and to reject any bid not complying with this Notice.

It is requested that each proposal be accompanied by a computation of the TIC to the Township under the terms of the proposal in accordance with the method of calculation described in the preceding paragraph (computed to six decimal places), but such computation is not to be considered as part of the proposal for Bonds. Determinations of TIC by the Township shall be final.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township may determine to postpone, upon not less than 24 hours' notice, the date and time established for receipt of Bids. **ANY SUCH POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THOMSON MUNICIPAL MARKET MONITOR ("TM3") (www.tm3.com) AND/OR PARITY, BEFORE 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE SALE.** If any date fixed for the receipt of Bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date will be announced through TM3 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative sale date. On any such alternative sale date, any Bidder may submit a Bid for the purchase of the Bonds in conformity in all respects with the provisions of

the Notice of Sale, except for the date of sale and except for the changes announced on TM3 at the time the sale date and time are announced.

Each electronic proposal must be submitted through PARITY. No bidder will see any other bid, nor will any bidder see the status of its bid relative to other bids—i.e., whether its bid is a leading bid. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth on PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may call PARITY at IPREO at (212) 849-5021. The Township may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically through PARITY. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted through PARITY, the bidder further agrees that the Township may regard the electronic transmission of the bid through PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Bonds, the interest rate or rates to be borne by the Bonds, the term Bonds, if any, specified, the initial public offering price of each maturity of the Bonds and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were submitted on the official “Proposal for Bonds” provided by the Township and executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If a bid submitted electronically through PARITY is accepted by the Township, the terms of the official “Proposal for Bonds” and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY shall form a contract, and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

The Township may, after the receipt and opening of bids, adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds, provided however, that (i) no maturity schedule adjustment shall exceed 10% upward or downward of the principal for any maturity as specified herein, and (ii) the aggregate adjustment to the maturity schedule shall not exceed 10% upward or downward of the aggregate principal amount of bonds as specified herein and as adjusted will not exceed the amount authorized by the Ordinances. The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder shall be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued. The adjusted bid price will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter’s discount and the original issue premium or discount, but will not change the per bond underwriter’s discount as calculated from the bid and the Initial Public Offering Prices required to be delivered to the Township as stated herein. The Township shall notify the successful bidder of the final maturity schedule and the resulting adjusted purchase price no later than 5:00 p.m., New Jersey time, on the day of the sale and award of the Bonds. The interest rate or rates specified by the successful bidder for each maturity will not be altered.

PARITY is not an agent of the Township, and the Township shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder’s use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Township or information provided by the bidder.

The Township may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding through PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect through TM3, or by other available means, no later than 4:00 p.m., New Jersey Time, on the last business date prior to the bid date.

Once the bids are communicated electronically through PARITY to the Township, each bid will constitute an official "Proposal for Bonds" and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all "Proposals for Bonds," whether electronically or sealed, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

Each 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 Township nor IPREO shall have any duty or obligation to any bidder, or be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by PARITY. The Township is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Township's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY each bidder agrees to hold the Township harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

Bidders should be aware of the following bidding details ("Bidding Details") associated with the sale of the Bonds:

1. BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT GOOD FAITH CHECK OR WIRE TRANSFER (PLEASE CONTACT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR WIRE INSTRUCTIONS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$294,060 PAYABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M. ON THE DAY OF SALE. HOWEVER, BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT CHECKS ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE SALE TO ASSURE RECEIPT OF PAYMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**John Barrett, Chief Financial Officer
Township of Hamilton
2090 Greenwood Avenue
Hamilton, New Jersey 08560**

BIDDERS SUBMITTING GOOD FAITH CHECKS SHOULD ALSO ENCLOSE A RETURN ENVELOPE FOR USE BY THE TOWNSHIP.

2. All Bids must be submitted through PARITY. No telephone, telefax, telegraph or personal delivery Bids will be accepted.

3. All Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an "All or None" ("AON") basis.

4. Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds and the rate or rates named must be multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%. Not more than one rate may be named for the Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. The difference between the lowest and the highest rates named in the proposal shall not exceed two per centum (2%). Each proposal submitted must state the purchase price, which must be not less than \$14,703,000 or more than \$14,997,060 (102%). The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at

the lowest TIC (as such term is defined herein). No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at an interest cost higher than the lowest TIC to the Township under any legally acceptable proposal. The purchaser must also pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price, if any.

5. Bidders are only permitted to submit Bids for the Bonds during the bidding period.

Definitions

“Bid” any confirmed purchase offer received by PARITY on or before the proposal submission deadline.

“Bidder” any firm registered and approved for participation in sale.

“Winning Bid” any purchase offer made by a Bidder and received by PARITY that, at the end of the bidding time period, results in the lowest TIC that is acceptable to the Township.

“True Interest Cost” or “TIC” computed by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the Bonds and to the price bid, excluding interest accrued to the delivery. The TIC serves as the basis for awarding bonds to winning Bidders.

The successful bidder may, at its option, refuse to accept the Bonds if prior to their delivery any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, or shall be so includable at a future date. In such case the deposit made by the bidder shall be returned and it will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and any bids not complying with provisions hereof or New Jersey law will be rejected. The Township also reserves the right to waive any and all irregularity in any bid, to take any action adjourning or postponing the sale of the Bonds or to take any other action the Township may deem to be in the best interest of the Township.

The purchaser shall be obligated to furnish to the Township, when and if requested prior to the delivery of the Bonds, such information requested by the Township as shall be necessary to enable the Township to determine the "issue price" of the Bonds as defined in Section 1273 and 1274 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

A Preliminary Official Statement has been prepared and is available for viewing in electronic format on www.prospectushub.com and may also be obtained from the Township's financial advisor identified in the last paragraph of this Notice. The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement, as of its date, within the meaning of Rule

15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, but is subject to (a) completion with certain pricing and other information to be made available by the successful bidder for the Bonds and (b) amendment. The Preliminary Official Statement, as so revised, will constitute the final "Official Statement". By the submission of a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder contracts for the receipt, within seven (7) business days of the award of the Bonds, of one hundred (100) copies of the final Official Statement at the expense of the Township, with any additional copies of the final Official Statement that the successful bidder shall reasonably request to be provided at the sole cost and expense of the successful bidder. In order to complete the final Official Statement, the successful bidder must furnish the following information to the Township's financial advisor and Bond Counsel by email or facsimile transmission or overnight delivery received by the Township's financial advisor and Bond Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours after the award of the Bonds: (a) initial offering prices (expressed as a price, exclusive of accrued interest, or yield per maturity), and (b) any other material information necessary for the final Official Statement but not known to the Township (such as the bidder's purchase of credit enhancement). In addition, the successful bidder must, if requested by the Township, furnish a written confirmation of its bid.

The Township will undertake to provide certain continuing disclosure in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A description of this undertaking is contained in the Preliminary Official Statement under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE".

Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder or rejection of all bids is expected to be made within two (2) hours after announcement of the bids, but such successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 5:30 p.m. of the day of such bid-opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in immediately available funds by wire transfer to the Township on the delivery date of the Bonds.

If a proposal is accepted but the Township shall fail to deliver the Bonds to the successful bidder in accordance with the terms and conditions of its proposal, the Deposit shall be returned to such bidder. If a proposal is accepted but the successful bidder shall default in the performance of any of the terms and conditions of its proposal, the Deposit shall be retained by the Township as and for liquidated damages.

The Bonds will be delivered through DTC on or before June 11, 2015, or such other date agreed to by the Township and the successful bidder. **PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AT THE TIME OF THE CLOSING SHALL BE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS.**

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance, the purchaser of the Bonds may, at its sole option and expense, purchase such insurance. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall

constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

The obligation hereunder to deliver and accept the Bonds shall be conditioned on the availability and the delivery at the time of delivery of the Bonds of: (a) the approving opinion of the law firm of GluckWalrath LLP, Trenton, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, which will be furnished without cost to the successful bidder, substantially to the effect set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement referred to below; (b) certificates in form satisfactory to said law firms evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, and compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") necessary to preserve the tax exemption as to the Bonds; (c) a certificate, in form and tenor satisfactory to said law firm and dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof, threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds; and (d) the Township's Continuing Disclosure Certificate substantially in the form described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

In order to assist bidders in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the Township will undertake, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide certain annual information and notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the final Official Statement.

The successful bidder is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("ELEC") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 (P.L. 2005, c.271, s.3) if the successful bidder enters into agreements or contracts, such as its agreement to purchase the Bonds, with a public entity, such as the Township and receives compensation or fees in excess of \$50,000 in the aggregate from public entities, such as the Township, in a calendar year. It is the successful bidder's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to do so can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

The successful bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees that no later than the end of business on the day of bid opening, it will provide in writing to the Chief Financial Officer and the Township's Financial Advisor, the initial offering price to the public at which a substantial portion of the Bonds of each maturity were sold to the public. To provide the Township with information necessary for compliance with Section 148 of the Code, the successful bidder will be required to complete, execute and deliver to the Township prior to the delivery of the Bonds a certificate regarding the "Issue Price" of the Bonds (as defined in Section 148 of the Code), reflecting the initial offering prices (excluding accrued interest and expressed as dollar prices) at which a substantial amount (i.e., 10% or more) of the Bonds of each maturity have been sold to the public. The term "public" excludes bond houses, brokers, or similar persons, or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesale. Such certificates shall state that 10% or more of the Bonds of each maturity have been sold to the public at prices no higher than such initial offering prices.

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the Township's financial advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505, telephone number 609-291-0130, Attention: Anthony P. Inverso.

Dated: May 22, 2015

BY: /s/ John Barrett
Chief Financial Officer
Township of Hamilton
County of Mercer, New Jersey