

This OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE does not alone constitute an invitation for bids on the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds described herein. The invitation for bids is being made by means of this OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE, the PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT and the OFFICIAL BID FORM attached hereto. Information contained in this OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information contained in the PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE**

**\$8,620,000**

**FORT BEND COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15**

*(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located within Fort Bend County)*

**UNLIMITED TAX LEVEE IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

**SERIES 2019A**

**THE BONDS ARE NOT DESIGNATED AS “QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS” FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

**BIDS DUE: Monday, November 25, 2019 at 1:15 P.M., Houston Time in Houston, Texas**  
**BID AWARD: Monday, November 25, 2019 at 4:00 P.M., Houston Time in Sugar Land, Texas**

**THE SALE**

Bonds Offered for Sale by Competitive Bidding: The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 (the “District”) is inviting competitive bids for the purchase of \$8,620,000 Unlimited Tax Levee Improvement Bonds, Series 2019A (the “Bonds”). Bidders may submit bids for the Bonds by any of the following methods:

- (1) Deliver bids directly to the District as described below in Bids Delivered to the District;
- (2) Submit bids electronically as described below in Electronic Bidding Procedures; or
- (3) Submit bids by telephone as described below in Bids by Telephone.

Bids Delivered to the District: Sealed bids, plainly marked Bid for Bonds, should be addressed to President and Board of Directors, Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 and delivered in care of Masterson Advisors LLC, 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77046 prior to 1:15 P.M., Houston Time, on Monday, November 25, 2019. All bids must be submitted in duplicate on the Official Bid Form, without alteration or interlineation.

Electronic Bidding Procedures: Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of PARITY. Bidders must submit by email (anthea.moran@mastersonadvisors.com/713-814-0552), prior to 10:00 A.M., Houston Time, Monday, November 25, 2019, a signed Official Bid Form to Anthea Moran, Masterson Advisors LLC, 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77046. Subscription to the i-Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The District will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the District. 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.

If any provisions of this Official Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Official Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from PARITY Customer Support, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, telephone: (212) 849-5000.

For purposes of both the written sealed bid process and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their electronic bids the net interest cost to the District, as described under “Basis of Award” below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale and the Official Bid Form.

Bids by Telephone: Bidders must submit by email (anthea.moran@mastersonadvisors.com/713-814-0552), prior to 10:00 A.M., Monday, November 25, 2019, a signed Official Bid Form to Anthea Moran, Masterson Advisors LLC, 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77046, and submit their bid by telephone on the date of the sale.

Telephone bidders that have provided signed bid forms will be telephoned by a representative of Masterson Advisors LLC, as financial advisor for the District, between 12:45 P.M. and 1:10 P.M., Houston Time on the date of the sale. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The District and Masterson Advisors LLC are not responsible if such telephone is busy or is malfunctioning, which prevents a bid or bids from being submitted on a timely basis. Masterson Advisors LLC will not be responsible for submitting any bids received after the above deadlines. The District and Masterson Advisors LLC assume no responsibility or liability with respect to any irregularities associated with the submission of bids if the telephone option is exercised.

**Place and Time of Bid Opening:** The bids for the Bonds will be publicly opened and read by an authorized representative of the Board at the offices of Masterson Advisors LLC, 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77046, at 1:15 P.M., Houston Time, Monday, November 25, 2019.

**Award of the Bonds:** The District will take action to award the Bonds or reject all bids at a meeting scheduled to convene at 4:00 P.M., Houston Time, on the date of the bid opening, at the Muller Law Group, PLLC, 202 Century Square Boulevard, Sugar Land, Texas 77478. Upon awarding the Bonds to the winning bidder (the “Initial Purchaser”), the Board will adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the “Bond Resolution”). Sale of the Bonds will be made subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the Bond Resolution, to which Bond Resolution reference is hereby made for all purposes and subject to compliance with Texas Government Code § 2252.908 as more fully described below. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities, except the time of filing of the bids.

**THE BONDS**

**Description of the Bonds:** The Bonds will be dated December 1, 2019, and interest will be payable on March 1, 2020 (three months of interest) and on each September 1 and March 1 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or redemption. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity, and principal and interest will be paid, initially by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the “Paying Agent/Registrar” or “Paying Agent or Registrar”). The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Beneficial Owners of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing the Bonds but will receive a credit balance on the books of the nominees of such Beneficial Owners. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Paying Agent directly to DTC, which will, in turn, remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds as described herein. See the Preliminary Official Statement (made a part hereof) for a more complete description of the Bonds. The Bonds will mature serially on September 1 in the years and amounts as follows:

YEAR DUE	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	YEAR DUE	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	YEAR DUE	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
2021	\$ 450,000	2028	\$ 450,000	2035	\$ 400,000
2022	450,000	2029	450,000	2036	400,000
2023	450,000	2030	450,000	2037	400,000
2024	450,000	2031	450,000	2038	400,000
2025	450,000	2032	450,000	2039	400,000
2026	450,000	2033	420,000	2040	400,000
2027	450,000	2034	400,000		

**Serial Bonds and/or Term Bonds:** Bidders may provide that all the Bonds be issued as serial bonds or may provide that any two or more consecutive annual principal amounts be combined into one or more term bonds.

**Redemption Provisions:** The Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2026 are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, as a whole or in part, on September 1, 2025, or on any date thereafter at a price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. If fewer than all of the Bonds are redeemed at any time, the particular maturities of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the District. If fewer than all the Bonds of any maturity are redeemed at any time, the particular Bonds within a maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the Paying Agent/Registrar by lot or other customary method of selection (or by DTC in accordance with its procedures while the Bonds are in book-entry-only form).

**Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption:** If the Initial Purchaser designates principal amounts to be combined into one or more term bonds, each such term bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption commencing on September 1 of the first year which has been combined to form such term bond and continuing on September 1 in each year thereafter until the stated maturity date of that term bond. The amount redeemed in any year shall be equal to the principal amount for such year set forth on the cover page of the Preliminary Official Statement under the caption “MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES AND INITIAL REOFFERING YIELDS.” Bonds to be redeemed in any year by mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be redeemed at par by lot or other customary method. The principal amount of Term Bonds to be mandatorily redeemed is subject to reduction by the amount of any prior optional redemption.

**Successor Paying Agent/Registrar:** Provision is made in the Bond Resolution for replacement of the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the District, the new paying agent/registrar shall act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any paying agent/registrar selected by the District shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by federal or state banking authorities.

**Source of Payment:** The Bonds will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied against taxable property located within the District, as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement. The Bonds are obligations solely of Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 and are not obligations of Fort Bend County, the City of Sugar Land, the City of Missouri City, the State of Texas, or any entity other than the District.

## CONDITIONS OF THE SALE

Types of Bids and Interest Rates: The Bonds will be sold in one block, all or none and no bid of less than ninety-seven percent (97%) of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for delivery will be considered. Bidders are to name the rate or rates of interest to be borne by the Bonds, provided that each interest rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/20 of 1%. No bid which results in a net effective interest rate as defined by Chapter 1204, Texas Government Code, as amended, in excess of 4.86% will be considered. No bid generating a cash premium greater than \$5,000 will be accepted. Subject to the conditions below, no limitation will be imposed upon bidders as to the number of interest rates that may be used, each rate of interest specified for the Bonds maturing in the years 2026 (base year) through 2040 shall not be less than the rate of interest specified for any earlier maturity in the years 2026 through 2040 and the highest interest rate bid may not exceed the lowest interest rate bid by more than two and one-half percent (2.5%) in rate. All Bonds maturing within a single year must bear the same rate of interest, and no bids for the Bonds involving supplemental interest rates will be considered. Each bidder shall state in its bid the total and net interest cost in dollars and the net effective interest rate determined thereby, which shall be considered informative only and not as a part of the bid.

Basis of Award: For the purpose of awarding the sale of the Bonds, the interest cost of each bid will be computed by determining, at the interest rate or rates specified therein, the total dollar value of all interest on the Bonds from the date thereof to their respective maturities and adding thereto the dollar amount of the discount bid, if any, or subtracting therefrom the dollar amount of the premium bid, if any. Subject to the District's right to reject any or all bids, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid, under the above computation, produces the lowest net interest cost, as calculated pursuant to Section 1204, Texas Government Code, as amended, to the District subject to compliance with Texas Government Code § 2252.908. In the event of mathematical discrepancies between the interest rate or rates and the interest cost determined therefrom, as both appear on the OFFICIAL BID FORM, the bid will be solely governed by the interest rates shown in the OFFICIAL BID FORM.

Provision of Texas Ethic Commission Form 1295 ("TEC Form 1295") by Bidders: Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act" or the "Act"), the District may not award the Series 2019A Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder, and each syndicate member listed on the OFFICIAL BID FORM, unless such bidder or syndicate member is exempt from such requirements pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.908(c)(4), have provided the District (c/o Masterson Advisors LLC, 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77046; Attn: Anthea Moran, anthea.moran@mastersonadvisors.com) a completed and signed TEC Form 1295 which has been assigned a certificate number by the Texas Ethics Commission (the "TEC"). Pursuant to the rules prescribed by the TEC, the TEC Form 1295 must be completed online through the TEC's website, assigned a certificate number, printed, signed and provided to the District. The TEC Form 1295 may accompany the Official Bid Form or may be submitted separately but must be provided to the District prior to the time prescribed for the award of the Bonds. The TEC Form 1295 may be provided to the District via facsimile or electronically, however, the original signed TEC Form 1295 complete with certificate number must be physically delivered to the District (c/o The Muller Law Group, PLLC, 202 Century Square Boulevard, Sugar Land, Texas 77478) within two business days of the award. Following the award of the Bonds, the District will notify the TEC of the receipt of each completed TEC Form 1295. The District reserves the right to reject any bid that does not comply with the requirements prescribed herein or to waive any such requirements. **For purposes of completing the TEC Form 1295, the entity's name is Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 and the contract ID number is FBLID15-S2019A-B.** Neither the District nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a TEC Form 1295, and neither have an obligation nor undertake responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to the proper completion of the TEC Form 1295. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Bonds should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form promptly upon notification from the District that its bid is the apparent winning bid.

Compliance With Laws Prohibiting Contracts With Companies That Boycott Israel And Certain Companies Engaged In Business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organizations: The District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder verifies on behalf of itself and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form that, to the extent the Official Bid Form represents a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company<sup>1</sup> that boycotts or will boycott Israel. The term "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meanings assigned to the term "boycott Israel" in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. Additionally, the District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder certifies that, to the extent the Official Bid Form represents a governmental contract within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company<sup>1</sup> (i) that engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2270.0201 or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

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<sup>1</sup> "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit.

Competitive Bidding and Certificate of Initial Purchaser: In the event that the District does not receive sufficient qualified bids to satisfy the competitive sale requirements of Treasury Regulation §1.148-1(f)(3)(i), allowing the District to treat the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public as of the sale date as the issue price of the Bonds, the “hold-the-offering-price” rule shall apply, which will allow the District to treat the initial offering price to the public of each maturity as of the sale date as the issue price of the maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”). So long as the hold-the-offering-price rule applies to any maturity of the Bonds, the Initial Purchaser will neither offer nor sell that maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following: (i) the date on which the Initial Purchaser has sold at least 10 percent of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public or (ii) the close of the fifth business day after the sale date. The Initial Purchaser agrees to promptly report to the District’s financial advisor when it has sold 10 percent of a maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth business day after the sale date. The Certificate of Initial Purchaser has language for (I) when the competitive sale requirements of Treasury Regulation § 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) are met and (II) when such requirements are not met.

Good Faith Deposit: Each bid must be accompanied by a bank cashier's check payable to the order of Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 in the amount of \$172,400, which represents two percent (2%) of the principal amount of the Bonds. The check will be considered as a Good Faith Deposit, and the check of the successful bidder will be retained uncashed by the District until the Bonds are delivered. In the event the Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with its bid, then the Good Faith Deposit shall be cashed and the proceeds accepted by the District as full and complete liquidated damages against the Initial Purchaser. The Good Faith Deposit may accompany the Official Bid Form or it may be submitted separately. If submitted separately, it shall be made available to the District prior to the opening of the bids and shall be accompanied by instructions from the bank on which it is drawn to authorize its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the bidder, who shall be named in such instructions. The Good Faith Deposit will be returned immediately after full payment has been made by the Initial Purchaser to the District in federal or immediately available funds in the amount of the purchase price plus accrued interest thereon. No interest will be paid on the Good Faith Deposit. The checks accompanying bids other than the winning bid will be returned immediately after the bids are opened and an award of the Bonds has been made.

## **DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS**

Initial Delivery of Initial Bond: Initial delivery (“Initial Delivery”) will be accomplished by the issuance of one initial bond (the Initial Bond ), either in typed or printed form, in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,620,000, payable in stated installments, registered in the name of the Initial Purchaser, manually signed by the President and Secretary of the Board, or executed by the facsimile signatures of the President and Secretary of the Board, and approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas or his authorized deputy. Initial Delivery will be at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Dallas, Texas. Payment for the Bonds must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the District, or as otherwise directed by the District. The Initial Purchaser will be given three (3) business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Bonds. It is anticipated that Initial Delivery can be made on or about December 19, 2019, and subject to the aforementioned notice it is understood and agreed that the Initial Purchaser will accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds by 10:00 A.M., Houston Time, on December 19, 2019, or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for delivery, up to and including January 21, 2020. If for any reason the District is unable to make delivery on or before January 21, 2020, then the District shall immediately contact the Initial Purchaser and offer to allow the Initial Purchaser to extend its offer for an additional thirty (30) days. If the Initial Purchaser does not elect to extend its offer within three (3) business days thereafter, then its Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the District and the Initial Purchaser shall be relieved of any further obligation.

CUSIP Numbers: 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 Initial Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Official Notice of Sale. The Financial Advisor will obtain CUSIP identification numbers from the CUSIP Service Bureau, New York, New York prior to the date of sale. CUSIP identification numbers will be made available to the Initial Purchaser at the time the Bonds are awarded or as soon thereafter as practicable. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid by the Initial Purchaser.

Conditions to Delivery: The Initial Purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds is subject to the issuance of the legal opinion of the Attorney General of Texas as to the legality of the Bonds, and the legal opinion of The Muller Law Group, PLLC, Sugar Land, Texas, Bond Counsel for the District (“Bond Counsel”), and the No-Litigation Certificate, all as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement. In order to provide the District with information to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Code relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the Initial Purchaser will be required to complete, execute and deliver to the District a certification regarding “issue price” substantially in the form accompanying this Official Notice of Sale. If the Initial Purchaser will not reoffer the Bonds for sale or has not sold a substantial amount of the Bonds of any maturity by the date of delivery, such certificate may be modified in a manner acceptable to the District. By submitting its bid, the Initial Purchaser agrees to complete, execute and deliver to the District such a certificate on or before the 6th business day prior to the delivery of the Bonds, and further agrees, if the District receives fewer than three bids for the Bonds, that it will neither offer nor sell the Bonds of any maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public for the Bonds of that maturity during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the 5th business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the winning bidder has sold at least 10% of the Bonds of that maturity to the public at a price no higher than the initial offering price to the public. Masterson Advisors LLC will advise the winning bidder the number of bids received by the District on the Sale Date. It will be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel.

Legal Opinions: The District will furnish without cost to the Initial Purchaser a transcript of certain certified proceedings incident to the issuance and authorization of the Bonds, including a certified copy of the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of Texas, as recorded in the Bond Register of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District, payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, levied upon all taxable property within the District, based upon an examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel to a like effect and to the effect that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law and interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals.

Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations: The Bonds are not “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of the Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

No-Litigation Certificate: The District will furnish the Initial Purchaser a certificate executed by both the President or Vice President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board, dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, to the effect that to their best knowledge no litigation of any nature is pending or threatened, either in state or federal courts, contesting or attacking the Bonds; restraining or enjoining the levy, assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes to pay the interest on or principal of the Bonds; in any manner questioning the authority or proceedings for the issuance, execution or delivery of the Bonds; or affecting the validity of the Bonds or the titles of the present officers of the District.

No Material Adverse Change: The obligation of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Initial Bonds, and of the District to deliver the Initial Bonds, is subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Initial Bonds, there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District subsequent to the date of sale from that set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, as it may have been finalized, supplemented or amended through the date of sale.

Rule G-32 Requirements: It is the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser to comply with the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board's Rule G-32 within the required time frame. The Initial Purchaser must send two copies of the Official Statement along with two complete Form G-32's to the appropriate address.

Certification Regarding Offering Price of Bonds: In order to provide the District with information to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the Initial Purchaser will be required to complete, execute and deliver to the District (on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds) a certification regarding the “issue price” substantially in the form accompanying this OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE. Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute and deliver such a certificate by the date of delivery of the Bonds if its bid is accepted by the District. It will be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel.

## **RULE 15c2-12 COMPLIANCE**

Continuing Disclosure: The District will agree in the Bond Resolution to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain specified events in accordance with United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Rule 15c2-12, as described in the Preliminary Official Statement under “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.” The Initial Purchaser’s obligation to accept and pay for the Bonds is conditioned upon delivery to the Initial Purchaser or its agent of a certified copy of the Bond Resolution containing the agreement described under such heading.

Substantive Requirements for Official Statement: To the best knowledge and belief of the District, the Preliminary Official Statement contains information, including financial information or operational data, concerning every entity, enterprise, fund, account or person that is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Bonds. The District has entered into previous continuing disclosure undertakings in written contracts or agreements specified in SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i) and, during the last five years, has complied in all material respects with such undertakings.

Final Official Statement: The District has approved and authorized distribution of the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Bonds but does not intend to prepare any other document or version thereof for such purpose, except as described below. Accordingly, the District intends the Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for information relating to the offering prices, interest rates, final debt service schedule, selling compensation, identity of the Initial Purchaser and other similar information, terms and provisions to be specified in the competitive bidding process. The Initial Purchaser shall be responsible for promptly informing the District of the initial offering yields of the Bonds. Thereafter, the District will complete and authorize distribution of the Official Statement identifying the Initial Purchaser and containing such omitted information. The District does not intend to amend or supplement the Official Statement otherwise, except to take into account certain subsequent events, if any, as described below. By delivering the final Official Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto in the requested quantity to the Initial Purchaser on or after the sale date, the District intends the same to be final as of such date, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12(f)(3). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only representations concerning the absence of material misstatements or omissions from the Official Statement which are being or which will be made by the District are those described and contained in the Official Statement under the caption “PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT—Certification of Official Statement.”

Changes to Official Statement: If subsequent to the date of the Official Statement, the District learns, through the ordinary course of business and without undertaking any investigation or examination for such purposes, or is notified by the Initial Purchaser, of any adverse event which causes the Official Statement to be materially misleading, and unless the Initial Purchaser elects to terminate its obligation to purchase the Bonds, as described above under “DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS—Conditions to Delivery”, the District will promptly prepare and supply to the Initial Purchaser an appropriate amendment or supplement to the Official Statement satisfactory to the Initial Purchaser provided, however, that the obligation of the District to so amend or supplement the Official Statement will terminate when the District delivers the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser, unless the Initial Purchaser notifies the District on or before such date that less than all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers in which case the District's obligations hereunder will extend for an additional period of time as provided in SEC Rule 15c2-12 (but not more than 90 days after the date the District delivers the Bonds).

Delivery of Official Statements: The District shall furnish to the Initial Purchaser (and to each participating underwriter of the Bonds, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12(a), designated by the Initial Purchaser), within seven (7) business days after the sale date, the aggregate number of Official Statements specified in the winning bid, not to exceed 250 copies. The District also shall furnish to the Initial Purchaser a like number of any supplements or amendments approved and authorized for distribution by the District for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Bonds, as well as such additional copies of the Official Statement or any such supplements or amendments as the Initial Purchaser may reasonably request prior to the 90th day after the end of the underwriting period described in SEC Rule 15c2-12(f)(2). The District shall pay the expense of preparing the number of copies of the Official Statement specified in the winning bid and an equal number of any supplements or amendments issued on or before the delivery date, but the Initial Purchaser shall pay for all other copies of the Official Statement or any supplement or amendment thereto.

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Investment Considerations: The Bonds involve certain investment considerations. Prospective bidders are urged to examine carefully the entire Preliminary Official Statement, with respect to the investment considerations associated with the Bonds. Particular attention should be given to the information set forth therein under the caption “INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS.”

Municipal Bond Insurance and Municipal Bond Rating: Application has been made to Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”) for an underlying rating on the Bonds, and Moody’s has assigned an underlying rating of “A1” to the District. Application has also been made to various municipal bond insurance companies for qualification of the Bonds for municipal bond insurance. If qualified, such insurance will be available at the option of the Initial Purchaser at the Initial Purchaser's expense. The rating fee of Moody’s will be paid for by the District; payment of any other rating fee will be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser. A downgrade of the insurer by any rating agency subsequent to submitting a bid with municipal bond insurance and before the closing of the transaction is not a material adverse change nor is it basis for the Initial Purchaser to terminate its obligations to pay for the Bonds at closing. See “DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS—Conditions to Delivery” and “—No Material Adverse Change” herein. It should be noted that the state of the municipal bond insurance industry is under stress, which could result in downgrades of certain bond insurers. Accordingly, investors should evaluate the underlying credit quality of the District.

Reservation of Rights: The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities, except time of filing.

Not an Offer to Sell: This OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE does not alone constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds. The invitation for bids on the Bonds is being made by means of this Official Notice of Sale, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Bid Form.

Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale: The offer and sale of the Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemptions provided thereunder. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein, and the Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions. By submission of its bid, the Initial Purchaser represents that the sale of the Bonds in states other than the State of Texas will be made pursuant to exemptions from registration or qualification, or where necessary, the Initial Purchaser will register the Bonds in accordance with the securities laws of the state in which the Bonds are offered or sold. The District agrees to cooperate with the Initial Purchaser, at the Initial Purchaser's written request and expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds or obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification (other than filing a consent to service of process in such state), in any state where such action is necessary.

Additional Copies of Documents: Additional copies of this OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE, the PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT and the OFFICIAL BID FORM may be obtained from the Financial Advisor, Masterson Advisors LLC, 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77046.

Mr. Darrell Groves  
President, Board of Directors  
Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15

**OFFICIAL BID FORM**

President and Board of Directors  
 Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15  
 c/o Masterson Advisors LLC  
 3 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100 Houston,  
 Texas 77046

November 25, 2019

Board Members:

We have read in detail the OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE and PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT dated October 21, 2019, relating to the \$8,620,000 Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 (the "District") Unlimited Tax Levee Improvement Bonds, Series 2019A (the Bonds). We realize that the Bonds involve certain investment risks, and we have made inspections and investigations as we deem necessary relating to the District and to the investment quality of the Bonds.

For your legally issued Bonds, as described in the Official Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement, we will pay you a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, representing \_\_\_% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery to us. Such Bonds mature September 1, in each of the years and in the amounts and interest rates shown below:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$ 450,000	_____ %	2031	\$ 450,000 *	_____ %
2022	450,000	_____ %	2032	450,000 *	_____ %
2023	450,000	_____ %	2033	420,000 *	_____ %
2024	450,000	_____ %	2034	400,000 *	_____ %
2025	450,000	_____ %	2035	400,000 *	_____ %
2026	450,000 *	_____ %	2036	400,000 *	_____ %
2027	450,000 *	_____ %	2037	400,000 *	_____ %
2028	450,000 *	_____ %	2038	400,000 *	_____ %
2029	450,000 *	_____ %	2039	400,000 *	_____ %
2030	450,000 *	_____ %	2040	400,000 *	_____ %

\* Subject to optional redemption on September 1, 2025 and thereafter.

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, we have created term bonds as indicated in the following table (which may include multiple term bonds, one term bond or no term bond if none is indicated). For those years which have been combined into a term bond, the principal amount shown in the table above shall be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the term bond maturity date shall mature in such year. The term bonds created are as follows:

<u>Term Bond Maturity Date September 1</u>	<u>Year of First Mandatory Redemption</u>	<u>Principal Amount of Term Bond</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %

Our calculation (which is not a part of this bid) of the interest cost from the above is:

Gross Interest Cost .....	\$ _____
Plus: Dollar Amount of Discount (or Less: Dollar Amount of Premium) .....	\$ _____
NET INTEREST COST .....	\$ _____
NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE .....	_____ %

The Bonds [are] [are not] being insured by \_\_\_\_\_ at a premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, said premium to be paid by the Initial Purchaser. The rating fees associated with the insurance will be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser.

We request \_\_\_ copies of the final Official Statement (not to exceed 250 copies). By submitting this bid, we agree to provide copies of the final Official Statement, and any amendments and supplements thereto, in accordance with the terms of the Official Notice of Sale and as required by Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

The initial Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co. We will advise The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in Dallas, Texas, the Paying Agent/Registrar, of our registration instructions at least five (5) business days prior to the date set for Initial Delivery.

A Cashier's Check payable to the order of the District in the amount of \$172,400 has been made available to you prior to the opening of this bid, as a Good Faith Deposit, and is submitted in accordance with the OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE. Should we fail or refuse to make payment for the Bonds in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE, this check shall be cashed and the proceeds retained as complete liquidated damages against us.

Unless the bidder is exempt from such requirements pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908(c)(4), the District may not accept this bid until it has received from the bidder a completed and signed TEC Form 1295 and Certification of Filing pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908 and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Texas Ethics Commission. The undersigned understands that failure to provide said form and Certification of Filing, when required, will result in a non-conforming bid and will prohibit the District from considering this bid for acceptance.

By executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder represents and verifies that, to the extent this Official Bid Form represents a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company<sup>1</sup> that boycotts or will boycott Israel. The term "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meanings assigned to the term "boycott Israel" in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and certifies that, to the extent the Official Bid Form represents a governmental contract within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company<sup>1</sup> (i) that engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2270.0201 or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code. The undersigned agrees to execute, at the request of the District, further written certifications as may be necessary or convenient for the District to establish compliance with these laws.

The undersigned agrees to complete, execute, and deliver to the District, by the date of delivery of the Bonds, a certificate relating to the "issue price" of the Bonds in the form accompanying OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE, with such changes thereto as may be acceptable to the District.

We understand the sale of the Bonds has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemptions provided thereunder. We understand further that the Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein, nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction.

We further understand that the District assumes no responsibility or obligation for the distribution or delivery of any copies of the OFFICIAL STATEMENT or other information concerning the District and the Bonds to anyone other than to us.

We agree to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds in immediately available funds at the offices of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, not later than ten o'clock A.M., Houston Time, on December 19, 2019, or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for delivery, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Official Notice of Sale.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE**

The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Directors

<sup>1</sup> "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit.



Due: September 1, Annually  
Dated: December 1, 2019

**BOND YEARS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Bond Years</u>	<u>Cumulative Bond Years</u>
2021	\$ 450,000	787.500	787.500
2022	450,000	1,237.500	2,025.000
2023	450,000	1,687.500	3,712.500
2024	450,000	2,137.500	5,850.000
2025	450,000	2,587.500	8,437.500
2026	450,000	3,037.500	11,475.000
2027	450,000	3,487.500	14,962.500
2028	450,000	3,937.500	18,900.000
2029	450,000	4,387.500	23,287.500
2030	450,000	4,837.500	28,125.000
2031	450,000	5,287.500	33,412.500
2032	450,000	5,737.500	39,150.000
2033	420,000	5,775.000	44,925.000
2034	400,000	5,900.000	50,825.000
2035	400,000	6,300.000	57,125.000
2036	400,000	6,700.000	63,825.000
2037	400,000	7,100.000	70,925.000
2038	400,000	7,500.000	78,425.000
2039	400,000	7,900.000	86,325.000
2040	400,000	8,300.000	94,625.000
Total	<u>\$ 8,620,000</u>		
	<b>Average Maturity</b>	<b>10.977</b>	

## EXHIBIT A

### CERTIFICATE REGARDING ISSUE PRICE

The undersigned, being a duly authorized representative of the initial purchaser or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters (“Initial Purchaser”) which has purchased the \$8,620,000 Unlimited Tax Levee Improvement Bonds, Series 2019A, being issued by the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 15 (the “District”), hereby certifies and represents, based on its records and information, as follows:

(1) On the Sale Date, the Initial Purchaser’s reasonably expected initial offering price of each Maturity of the Bonds (the “Expected Offering Price”) to as the Public is set forth in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds, as attached to this Issue Price Certificate as **Schedule A**. The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Bonds used by the Initial Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds.

(2) The Initial Purchaser had an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Bonds and it was not given the opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders (i.e., no last look).

(3) The bid submitted by the Initial Purchaser constituted a firm bid to purchase the Bonds.

(4) The Initial Purchaser has made a bona fide offering of all the Bonds of each Maturity to the Public at its Expected Offering Price set forth in **Schedule A**.

***If less than 3 qualified bids are received from underwriters please attach Schedule B.***

(5) On the Sale Date, the first price at which at least 10% of each Maturity of the Bonds, except for Bonds listed on Schedule B (the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities”), was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.

(6) As set forth in the Notice of Sale for the Bonds, the Initial Purchaser has agreed in writing that, (i) for each of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Expected Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Initial Purchaser (as defined below) has offered or sold any Bonds of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to any person at a price that is higher than the respective Expected Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.

**(0) Defined Terms.**

(i) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule B hereto as the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.”

(ii) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the Initial Purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Expected Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.

(iii) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

(iv) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Initial Purchaser or a related party to an Initial Purchaser. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any entity if an Initial Purchaser and such entity are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profit interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).

(v) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is November 25, 2019.

(vi) *Initial Purchaser* 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 to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

(8) Please choose the appropriate statement:

( ) Purchaser will not purchase bond insurance for the Bonds.

( ) Purchaser will purchase bond insurance from \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Insurer") for a fee/premium of \$(the "Fee"). To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, based upon the facts available at this time and current market conditions, the Fee is a reasonable amount payable solely for the transfer of credit risk for the payment of debt service on the Bonds and does not include any amount payable for a cost other than such guarantee, e.g., a credit rating or legal fees. Purchaser represents that the present value of the Fee for each obligation constituting the Bonds to which such Fee is properly allocated and which are insured thereby is less than the present value of the interest reasonably expected to be saved as a result of the insurance on each obligation constituting the Bonds. In determining present value for this purpose, the yield of the Bonds (determined with regard to the payment of the guarantee fee) has been used as the discount rate. The Fee has been paid to a person who is not exempt from federal income taxation and who is not a user or related to the user of any proceeds of the Bonds. No portion of the Fee is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such Fee that has not been earned.

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by District with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by The Muller Law Group, PLLC in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the District from time to time relating to the Bonds. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will also be relied upon by District and by The Muller Law Group, PLLC with respect to compliance with the requirements of Section 1202.008 of Chapter 1202, Texas Government Code, as amended. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the Initial Purchaser is not engaged in the practice of law and makes no representation as to the legal sufficiency of the factual matters set forth herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE A**

**PRICING WIRE**

**SCHEDULE B**

**HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE MATURITIES**