Re: Notice of Sale of \$38,238,000 Notes consisting of \$15,302,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018A (Tax-Exempt), \$19,045,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018B (Tax-Exempt), \$440,000 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2018C (Tax-Exempt), \$339,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes Series 2018D (Federally Taxable) and \$3,112,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018E (Federally Taxable) of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey

To Whom It May Concern:

Proposals are being solicited for the above issue of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township" or the "Issuer") \$38,238,000 Notes, consisting of \$15,302,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018A (Tax-Exempt) (the "Series 2018A Notes"), \$19,045,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018B (Tax-Exempt) (the "Series 2018B Notes"), \$440,000 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2018C (Tax-Exempt) (the "Series 2018C Notes", and together with the Series 2018A Notes and the Series 2018B Notes, for a total amount of \$34,787,000, the "Tax-Exempt Notes"), \$339,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018D (Federally Taxable) (the "Series 2018D Bonds") and \$3,112,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018E (Federally Taxable) (the "Series 2018E Notes", and together with the Series 2018D Bonds, for a total amount of \$3,451,000, the "Taxable Notes", and together with the Tax-Exempt Notes, the "Notes") for the purchase at not less than par of the Notes through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-72 and 40A:2-28. All bids will be publicly opened and announced by Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Municipal Advisor, on behalf of the Township. Bids will be received either (a) via facsimile, at 609-291-9940, attention: Anthony Inverso, (b) via email to ainverso@muniadvisors.com, or (c) electronically via PARITY[®] in the manner described below under the heading "Procedures Regarding Electronic Bidding" on May 9, 2018 (the "Bid Date") until 11:00 a.m., New Jersey time. A separate proposal must be submitted for each of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes, and the selection of the winning bidder will be made separately for each of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes. Separate CUSIP numbers will be assigned to each of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township and its Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, will evaluate the bids on the basis of the lowest net interest cost to the Township. The telephone number for the Municipal Advisor is 609-291-0130. The Notes will be dated May 22, 2018 and will mature on May 21, 2019.

<u>Bids Delivered By Fax.</u> If a bidder wishes to transmit its bid by fax, it must be accompanied by a cover sheet stating clearly "PROPOSAL FOR NOTES", and such bidder hereby acknowledges that such faxed bid will not be reviewed by the Township until the public opening of bids as aforesaid. Bids delivered by facsimile transmission must be on the official bid forms attached hereto as <u>Exhibit</u> <u>A-1</u> and/or <u>Exhibit A-2</u>, as the case may be, signed by the bidder, and sent to Fax No. 609-291-9940, Attention: Anthony Inverso.

All bids which are submitted electronically via PARITY[®] pursuant to the procedures described below shall be deemed to constitute a "Proposal for Notes" and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference all of the terms and conditions of this Notice of Sale. The submission of a bid electronically via PARITY[®] shall constitute and be deemed to be the bidder's signature on the Proposal for Notes.

Warnings: A bid submitted by facsimile transmission will not be considered timely unless, at the deadline for submission of bids, the entire bid form has been received by the receiving fax machines. The official time for receipt of bids will be determined by the Township at the place of bid

opening, and the Township shall not be required to accept any bidder's fax machine time-stamp as evidence of a timely bid. Neither the Township, the Municipal Advisor nor the law firm of GluckWalrath LLP ("Bond Counsel") shall be responsible for, and the bidder expressly assumes the risk of, any incomplete or untimely bid submitted by facsimile transmission by such bidder, including, without limitation, by reason of garbled transmission, mechanical failure, engaged telephone or telecommunications lines, or any other cause arising from delivery by facsimile transmission rather than by hand. Bidders may call 609-291-0130 to confirm receipt of their bids; however the Township and the Municipal Advisor take no responsibility for informing any bidder prior to the time for receiving bids that its bid is incomplete, illegible or not received.

A separate proposal must be submitted for each of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes, and the selection of the winning bidder will be made separately for each of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes. Bids submitted must offer to purchase all of the Tax-Exempt Notes or all of the Taxable Notes (as the case may be) and the purchase price specified in the proposal must be not less than \$34,787,000 (in the case of the Tax-Exempt Notes) or \$3,451,000 (in the case of the Taxable Notes). Bids must state a multiple of one-hundredth (1/100 of 1%) or one-eighth (1/8 of 1%) of a rate or rates of interest per annum which such Notes shall bear. The Notes will bear interest at a rate or rates within the limits prescribed by law and the interest is payable at maturity. No proposal for less than par will be considered. THE TAX-EXEMPT NOTES AND THE TAXABLE NOTES WILL BE SEPARATELY AWARDED AND SOLD TO THE BIDDER(S) COMPLYING WITH THE TERMS OF SALE AND OFFERING TO PURCHASE THE TAX-EXEMPT NOTES OR THE TAXABLE NOTES (AS THE CASE MAY BE) AT THE LOWEST NET INTEREST COST, AND IF TWO OR MORE SUCH BIDDERS OFFER THE SAME LOWEST NET INTEREST COST, THEN TO THE ONE OF SAID BIDDERS SELECTED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BY LOT FROM AMONG ALL SAID BIDDERS OR BY ALLOCATION IN THE MANNER DIRECTED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. The Chief Financial Officer and the Township's Municipal Advisor shall choose the method to resolve any bidding tie. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with the terms of this Notice of Sale shall be rejected. Award of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes is expected to be made promptly after opening of the bids, but the successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until two hours after the time set forth above on the day of such bid opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal.

<u>Procedures Regarding Electronic Bidding</u>. Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY[®] in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until 11:00 a.m., New Jersey time on the Bid Date, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY[®] conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY[®], potential bidders may contact the Township's Municipal Advisor (using the contact information set forth in the final paragraph of this Notice of Sale) or PARITY[®] at 212-849-5023. In the event that a bid for the Notes is submitted via PARITY[®], the bidder further agrees that:

1. The Township may regard the electronic transmission of the bid through PARITY[®] (including information about the purchase price of each series of Notes, the interest rate or rates to be borne by each series of Notes and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were submitted on the Proposal for Notes provided by the Township and executed and submitted by a duly authorized representative of the bidder. If the bid submitted electronically via PARITY[®] is accepted by the Township, the terms of the bid for the Notes and this Notice of Sale, as well as the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY[®], shall form a contract and the Successful Bidder(s) shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

2. 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.

3. The Township may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY[®] by issuing a notification to such effect via Thomson News Service ("TM3") no later than 3:00 p.m. (New Jersey time) on the last business date prior to the Bid Date.

4. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY[®] to the Township, as described above, each bid will constitute a bid to the Notes and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting bids for the Notes electronically via PARITY[®], the time maintained on PARITY[®] shall constitute the official time.

5. Each bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY[®] for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely matter and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Township, the Municipal Advisor, nor PARITY[®] shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to any bidder, and neither the Township, the Municipal Advisor nor PARITY[®] shall 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 Notes. By using PARITY[®], each bidder agrees to hold the Township harmless for any harm or damages caused by such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY[®] for bidding on the Notes.

<u>Clarification Prior to the Opening of Bids.</u> The Township may, in its sole discretion and prior to the opening of the bids clarify any term hereof, including without limitation, its decision to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY[®], by issuing a notification of the clarification via TM3, or any other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the last business day prior to the Bid Date.

The Township further reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the Bid Date. Any such postponement will be announced by TM3, or any other available means, not later than 9:00 a.m., New Jersey time, on the Bid Date. Any such alternative Bid Date and the time at which bids are due will be announced via TM3, or any other available means, at least 48 hours before bids are due on the alternative Bid Date. On any such alternative Bid Date, bidders shall submit Proposals for Notes in conformity with all of the requirements hereof, other than the date of submission and sale and any further or contrary provisions set forth in such announcement, which further or contrary provisions must be complied with by all bidders.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE

(a) The winning bidder of the Tax-Exempt Notes shall assist the Issuer in establishing the issue price of the Tax-Exempt Notes and shall execute and deliver to the Issuer at Closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public or the sales price or prices of the Tax-Exempt Notes, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the forms reflected as <u>Exhibits B, C or D</u>, which are incorporated by reference herein and are available from Bond Counsel and shall be posted with the

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Notice of Sale on the Issuer's website, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Issuer and Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the Issuer under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Tax-Exempt Notes may be taken on behalf of the Issuer by the Issuer's municipal advisor, if any, identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the Issuer may be provided to the Issuer's municipal advisor or Bond Counsel.

(b) The Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Tax-Exempt Notes) will apply to the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

(1) the Issuer shall disseminate this Notice of Sale to potential Underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential Underwriters;

(2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;

(3) the Issuer may receive bids from at least three Underwriters of municipal Tax-Exempt Notes who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal notes; and

(4) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Tax-Exempt Notes, as specified in the bid.

(c) If the successful bidder is purchasing for its own account without a present intention to reoffer the Tax-Exempt Notes, it must complete Exhibit B, and the provisions of paragraph (d) below shall not apply.

(d) In the event that paragraph (c) does not apply and the Competitive Sale Requirements are satisfied, the winning bidder must complete <u>Exhibit C</u>, and the provisions of paragraphs (e) below shall not apply.

(e) In the event that paragraph (c) does not apply and the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied, the Issuer shall so advise the winning bidder and the winning bidder must complete <u>Exhibit D</u>. The Issuer may determine to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes (the "10% test") is sold to the Public as the issue price of that Maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the Public as of the Sale Date of any Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes as the issue price of that Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), in each case applied on a Maturity-by-Maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a Maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that Maturity). Immediately following the award of the Tax-Exempt Notes, the winning bidder shall advise the Issuer if any Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes satisfies the 10% test. Any Maturity (and if different interest rates apply within a Maturity, any separate CUSIP number within that Maturity) of the Tax-Exempt Notes as to which the winning bidder has not so advised the Issuer that the 10% test has been satisfied shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule applies to any Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the

maturities of the Tax-Exempt Notes will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Tax-Exempt Notes.

(f) By submitting a bid, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the Underwriters have offered or will offer the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the "initial offering price"), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the Underwriters participating in the purchase of the Tax-Exempt Notes, that the Underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Tax-Exempt Notes of any Maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply 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:

(1) the close of the fifth (5^{th}) business day after the Sale Date; or

(2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of that Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the Issuer when the Underwriters have sold 10% of that Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

(g) If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Issuer the prices at which the unsold Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity or until all Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity have been sold.

(h) The Issuer acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each Underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among Underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the holdthe-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an Underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public, the agreement of each brokerdealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Issuer further acknowledges that each Underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the holdthe-offering-price rule and that no Underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other Underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offeringprice rule as applicable to the Tax-Exempt Notes.

(i) By submitting a bid for the Tax-Exempt Notes, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among Underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail

distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Tax-Exempt Notes of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity or all Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among Underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Tax-Exempt Notes of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity or all Tax-Exempt Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

(j) Sales of any Tax-Exempt Notes to any person that is a related party to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

(i) "Public" means any person other than an Underwriter or a related party,

(ii) "Underwriter" means (A) 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 Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public),

(iii) a purchaser of any of the Tax-Exempt Notes is a "related party" to an Underwriter if the Underwriter and the purchaser 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 profits 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 other), and

(iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Tax-Exempt Notes are awarded by the Issuer to the winning bidder.

The Notes will be non-callable general obligations of the Township payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all taxable property within the Township to the extent that payment is not otherwise provided. The Notes of each series will bear interest (payable at maturity and calculated on the basis of a 30-day month, 360-day year) at the rate specified by the successful bidder. The full faith and credit of the Township will be pledged for the punctual payment, in accordance with their terms,

of the principal of and the interest on the Notes. The Tax-Exempt Notes will <u>not</u> be "qualified taxexempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No opinion will be rendered regarding the taxability of interest on the Taxable Notes for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Notes and any gain from the sale thereof will be excludable from gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

Delivery of the Notes will be on or about May 22, 2018. Payment shall be in immediately available funds.

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 to the successful bidder, and (b) amendment. The Preliminary Official Statement, as so revised, will constitute the final Official Statement.

In order to assist bidders in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12, the Township will undertake pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide 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.

No later than seven business days following the award of the Notes, the Township will provide the successful bidder with a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement, provided that all information necessary to complete the final Official Statement is supplied to the Township within twenty-four (24) hours after the award of the Notes.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Notes, but neither the failure to print such number on any Note 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 Notes in accordance with the terms of this Notice of Sale. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes shall be paid for by the Township; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said number shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder. <u>Separate</u> CUSIP numbers will be assigned to each of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Taxable Notes.

As a condition to the delivery of the Notes, the successful bidder will be required to execute a receipt therefor containing a certification that either (i) all of the Notes have been the subject of an initial public offering, and at least ten percent (10%) of the Notes have been sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriter or wholesaler) at such initial offering price or prices as would produce a yield to the purchaser(s) thereof equal to a stated percent per annum, and it has no reason to believe that any of the Notes have been or will be initially sold to the public at a lower yield than aforesaid, or (ii) it has not reoffered the Notes to the public and has no present intention to reoffer the Notes to the public.

A Preliminary Official Statement will be posted on the internet and can be downloaded at <u>www.munihub.com</u>. Potential bidders may also obtain a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement by contacting the Township's Municipal Advisor, Anthony Inverso at Phoenix Advisors, LLC at (609) 291-0130.

The successful bidder of each series of Notes 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 Notes of such series, 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.

Very truly yours,

<u>/s/ John Barrett</u> John Barrett, Chief Financial Officer

May 2, 2018

EXHIBIT A-1

PROPOSAL FOR TAX-EXEMPT NOTES

May 9, 2018

Mr. John Barrett Chief Financial Officer Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey c/o Anthony Inverso 4 West Park Street Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

Dear Mr. Inverso:

Subject to the provisions of the "Notice of Sale", which is attached hereto and considered a part hereof, we will pay the sum of <u>(not less than \$34,787,000,</u> which represents the total par amount of the Tax-Exempt Notes, defined herein) for the \$15,302,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018A (Tax-Exempt), \$19,045,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018B (Tax-Exempt), \$440,000 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2018C (Tax-Exempt) (collectively, the "Tax-Exempt Notes"), due May 21, 2019 and as described in the notice, provided the Tax-Exempt Notes bear interest at the following interest rate per annum:

Interest Rate

%

Bidder

Authorized Signature

Name

Telephone Number

Each Bidder is requested to supply the following for informational purposes only and such information is not part of the bid:

| Aggregate amount of ir | terest | t on the Tax-Exempt Notes | \$ |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----|
| Less: amount of premiu | m | \$ | |
| Net interest cost | | | |
| Net interest rate | | % | |

EXHIBIT A-2

PROPOSAL FOR TAXABLE NOTES

May 9, 2018

Mr. John Barrett Chief Financial Officer Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey c/o Anthony Inverso 4 West Park Street Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

Dear Mr. Inverso:

Subject to the provisions of the "Notice of Sale", which is attached hereto and considered a part hereof, we will pay the sum of \$______ (not less than \$3,451,000 which represents the total par amount of the Taxable Notes, defined herein) for the \$339,000 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018D (Federally Taxable) and \$3,112,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018E (Federally Taxable) (collectively, the "Taxable Notes") due May 21, 2019 and as described in the notice, provided the Taxable Notes bear interest at the following interest rate per annum:

| Interest | Rate |
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%

Bidder

Authorized Signature

Name

Telephone Number

Each Bidder is requested to supply the following for informational purposes only and such information is not part of the bid:

 Aggregate amount of interest on the Taxable Notes \$_____

 Less: amount of premium
 \$______

 Net interest cost
 \$______

 Net interest rate
 ______%

EXHIBIT B

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

\$34,787,000 NOTES CONSISTING OF

\$15,302,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018A (TAX-EXEMPT), \$19,045,000 SEWER UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018B (TAX-EXEMPT) AND \$440,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES, SERIES 2018C (TAX-EXEMPT)

CERTIFICATE OF THE PURCHASER

(NO REOFFERING PURCHASER)

The undersigned, on behalf of _____ (the "Purchaser"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the purchase of the above-captioned obligations (the "Tax-Exempt Notes").

1. **Purchase of the Tax-Exempt Notes**. On the date of this certificate, the Purchaser is purchasing the Tax-Exempt Notes for the amount of ______. The Purchaser is not acting as an Underwriter with respect to the Tax-Exempt Notes. The Purchaser has no present intention to sell, reoffer, or otherwise dispose of the Tax-Exempt Notes (or any portion of the Tax-Exempt Notes or any interest in the Tax-Exempt Notes). The Purchaser has not contracted with any person pursuant to a written agreement to have such person participate in the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes and the Purchaser has not agreed with the Issuer pursuant to a written agreement to sell the Tax-Exempt Notes to persons other than the Purchaser or a related party to the Purchaser.

2. Defined Terms.

(a) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(b) Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax or Arbitrage Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Tax-Exempt Notes, and by GluckWalrath LLP, Bond Counsel to the Issuer, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Issuer from time to time relating to the Tax-Exempt Notes.

[PURCHASER]

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EXHIBIT C

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

\$34,787,000 NOTES CONSISTING OF

\$15,302,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018A (TAX-EXEMPT), \$19,045,000 SEWER UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018B (TAX-EXEMPT) AND \$440,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES, SERIES 2018C (TAX-EXEMPT)

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(Competitive Sale Requirement Satisfied)

The undersigned (the "Representative"), on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group (if any) (collectively, the "Underwriter") hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Tax-Exempt Notes").

1. Sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes

All Maturities of the Tax-Exempt Notes have been the subject of a bona fide initial offering to the public.

2. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices and yields of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public by the Underwriter are the prices and yields listed in <u>Schedule A</u> (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Tax-Exempt Notes used by Underwriter in formulating its bid to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes. Attached as <u>Schedule B</u> is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Underwriter to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes.

(b) The Underwriter was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by the Underwriter constituted a firm offer to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes.

(d) The reoffering yield of the Tax-Exempt Notes is %.

3. Defined Terms.

(a) *Issuer* means the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey.

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

(c) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(d) Sale Date means the first day on which the Tax-Exempt Notes are awarded by the Issuer to the winning bidder. The Sale Date of the Tax-Exempt Notes is May 9, 2018.

(e) Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Underwriter's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Issuer's Tax or Arbitrage Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Tax-Exempt Notes, and by GluckWalrath LLP, Bond Counsel to the Issuer, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Issuer from time to time relating to the Tax-Exempt Notes.

[REPRESENTATIVE, on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group]

| By: | | |
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| Name: | | |
| Title: | | |
| Dated: | | |

SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES AND YIELDS

SCHEDULE B

COPY OF BID

EXHIBIT D

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

\$34,787,000 NOTES CONSISTING OF

\$15,302,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018A (TAX-EXEMPT), \$19,045,000 SEWER UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2018B (TAX-EXEMPT) AND \$440,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES, SERIES 2018C (TAX-EXEMPT)

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(Hold the Price for all or some maturities)

The undersigned, on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group (if any) (collectively, the "Underwriter), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Tax-Exempt Notes"). Select appropriate provisions below:

1. Sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes

All Maturities of the Tax-Exempt Notes have been the subject of a bona fide initial offering to the public.

2. Initial Offering Price of the Tax-Exempt Notes

(a) As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in <u>Schedule A</u>. The Underwriter offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in <u>Schedule A</u> (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Tax-Exempt Notes is attached to this certificate as <u>Schedule B</u>.

(b) As set forth in the Notice of Sale and bid award, the Underwriter has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Tax-Exempt Notes of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial 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 Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-

Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes during the Holding Period.

(c) The reoffering yield of the Tax-Exempt Notes is ____%.

3. Defined Terms.

(a) *General Rule Maturities* means those Maturities of the Tax-Exempt Notes listed in Schedule A hereto as the "General Rule Maturities."

(b) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Tax-Exempt Notes listed in Schedule A hereto as the "Hold-the-Price Maturities."

(c) *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 (May 16, 2018), or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.

(d) *Issuer* means the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey.

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

(f) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(g) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes. The Sale Date of the Tax-Exempt Notes is May 9, 2018.

(h) Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only.

Nothing in this certificate represents the Underwriter's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder.

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax or Arbitrage Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Tax-Exempt Notes, and by GluckWalrath LLP, Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Tax-Exempt Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Tax-Exempt Notes.

[REPRESENTATIVE, on behalf of itself and each member of the underwriting group]

| By: | | | |
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| Name: | | | |
| Title: | | | |
| Dated: | | | |

SCHEDULE A

ISSUE PRICE OF THE TAX-EXEMPT NOTES (Attached)

| Maturity Date | Par Amount | Rate | Issue Price | GR or HTP |
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GR - General Rule

HTP – Hold the Offering Price

SCHEDULE B

PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION (Attached)

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