

## **NOTICE OF SALE**

### **THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

#### **\$5,103,000\* GENERAL BONDS OF 2021**

**ELECTRONIC BIDS** will be received by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Bernardsville, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Borough”), via the PARITY® Electronic Bid System (“PARITY®”) of i-Deal LLC (“i-Deal”) on **Thursday, April 8, 2021**, until 11:00 a.m., eastern time, at which time they will be publicly announced, for the purchase of \$5,103,000\* General Bonds of 2021 (the “Bonds”) of the Borough due on April 15 as follows\*:

\$273,000 in 2022, \$290,000 in 2023, \$310,000 in 2024, \$335,000 in 2025,  
\$360,000 in 2026, \$375,000 in 2027, \$385,000 in 2028, \$390,000 in 2029,  
\$425,000 in 2030, \$445,000 in 2031, \$465,000 in 2032, and \$525,000 in  
each of the years 2033 and 2034.

**Payment Dates.** The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery thereof and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor in accordance with this Notice of Sale payable on April 15 and October 15 in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing April 15, 2022. The record dates for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be the April 1 and October 1 next preceding each such payment date.

**Book-Entry Only.** The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, initially in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. Individual purchases will be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Payments of principal or redemption price, if any, and interest will be made by the Borough or its agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC participants to then be remitted to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

**Redemption.** The Bonds maturing prior to April 15, 2029, are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities at the option of the Borough. The Bonds maturing on or after April 15, 2029, are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities at the option of the Borough upon mailed notice, as described in the resolution of the Borough authorizing the Bonds, in whole or in part, in any order of maturity and by lot within a maturity if less than all the Bonds of such maturity are to be redeemed, on any date on or after April 15, 2028, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest accrued, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

**Bank Qualification.** The Bonds **will** be designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**Interest Rate and Price Parameters.** Each bid must specify in a multiple of one-eighth ( $1/8^{\text{th}}$ ) or one-twentieth ( $1/20^{\text{th}}$ ) of one percent (1%) the rate or rates of interest which the Bonds are to bear. Not more than one rate of interest may be specified for the Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates of interest that may be specified. The difference between the highest and the lowest rates of interest specified shall not exceed two percent (2%). No bid shall be considered that offers to pay

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

an amount less than the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale (i.e., \$5,103,000). Any bid premium must not exceed seven percent (7%) of the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale (i.e., \$357,210).

Adjustment of Maturity Schedule. The Borough may, and expects to, after the receipt of bids, adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds, provided however, that (i) no maturity schedule adjustment shall exceed ten percent (10%) upward or downward of the principal for any maturity as specified herein, (ii) the aggregate adjustment to the maturity schedule shall not exceed 10% upward or downward of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale and (iii) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, as adjusted, will not exceed \$5,103,000. The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder shall be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to be issued. The adjusted bid price will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter's discount and the original issue premium or discount, but will not change the per bond underwriter's discount, as calculated from the original bid, and the initial public offering prices required to be delivered to the Borough.

Basis of Award. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest true interest cost. Such true interest cost shall be computed, as to each bid, by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the Bonds and to the price bid. If two (2) or more bidders offer the same lowest true interest cost, then the Bonds will be sold to one (1) of such bidders selected by lot from among all such bidders. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and, to the extent permitted by law, to waive any irregularity or informality in any bid.

Good Faith Deposit. Each bidder is required to deposit a certified or cashier's or treasurer's check drawn upon a bank or trust company payable to the order of the Borough of Bernardsville, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, for \$102,060 (the "Deposit Amount"). In lieu of the foregoing, a bidder may deliver the Deposit Amount via a wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Borough. Wiring instructions may be obtained by contacting the Borough's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor"), Sherry Tracey at [tracey@muniadvisors.com](mailto:tracey@muniadvisors.com) or (609) 291-0130. Such check or wire transfer must be received by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough at or before 11:00 a.m., eastern time, on the bid date at the Municipal Building, 166 Mine Brook Road, Bernardsville, New Jersey, 07924. No interest on the Deposit Amount will accrue to the successful bidder. The Deposit Amount will be applied in part payment for the Bonds or to secure the Borough from any loss resulting from the failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms of its bid.

Award and Closing. Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder, or rejection of all bids, is expected to be made promptly after receipt of the bids, but a bidder may not withdraw its bid until after 2:00 p.m., eastern time, of the day of such bid-receipt and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The Bonds will be delivered and shall be paid for in immediately available funds on or about April 22, 2021, at such place in Newark, New Jersey, and on such business day and at such hour, as the undersigned shall fix on five (5) business days' notice to the successful bidder, or at such other place and time as may be agreed upon with the successful bidder.

PARITY®. Each bid must be submitted via PARITY®. No bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will any bidder see the status of its bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether its bid is a leading bid). To the extent any instructions or directions set forth on PARITY® conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact PARITY® at i-Deal at (212) 404-8102. The Borough may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically via PARITY®. Each bidder further agrees that: (1) if a bid submitted electronically via PARITY® is accepted by the Borough, the terms of this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted via PARITY® shall form a contract and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract, (2) PARITY® is not an agent of the Borough

and the Borough 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 Borough or information provided by the bidder, (3) the Borough may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY® by issuing a notification to such effect via TM3 News Services, or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m., eastern time, on the last business date prior to the bid date, (4) once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY® to the Borough, each bid shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and (5) each bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY® for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Borough nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure such access to any bidder, and neither the Borough nor i-Deal shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY®. The Borough is using PARITY® as a communication mechanism, and not as the Borough's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY®, each bidder agrees to hold the Borough harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY® for bidding on the Bonds.

Change in Federal Tax Law. The successful bidder may at its option refuse to accept the Bonds if prior to their delivery any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is taxable, or shall be taxable at a future date, for federal income tax purposes, and in such case the Deposit Amount paid by it will be returned and the successful bidder will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its bid.

Bond Insurance Option. If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of a bidder, any purchase of such insurance or commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of the bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of such insurance, unless otherwise paid, shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued shall not in any way relieve the successful bidder of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its bid for the purchase of the Bonds.

Establishment of Issue Price (10% Test or Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule May Apply if Competitive Sale Requirements are Not Satisfied – Bidder Option). The successful bidder shall assist the Borough in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Borough 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 Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the successful bidder, the Borough and bond counsel to the Borough. The form of such certificate is available from bond counsel to the Borough.

The Borough 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 Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the “competitive sale requirements”) because: (1) the Borough 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 Borough may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds and (4) the Borough anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds 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 Bonds, as specified in the bid. Unless a bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, a bidder by submitting its bid represents that it is an underwriter of municipal bonds that has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Borough shall so advise the successful bidder. In such event, unless the successful bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, the successful bidder shall elect to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (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 Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The successful bidder shall advise the Borough if any maturity of the Bonds does not satisfy the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The successful bidder shall promptly advise the Borough which of such maturities of the Bonds shall be subject to the 10% test or shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to either the 10% test or the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

By submitting a bid, the successful bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds 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 successful bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds 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 (5th) business day after the sale date or (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public. The winning bidder will advise the Borough promptly after the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date whether it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied and the successful bidder has elected the 10% test to apply to any maturity of the Bonds, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each such maturity of the Bonds, the successful bidder agrees to promptly report to the Borough the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the successful bidder’s reporting obligation after the closing date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Borough or bond counsel to the Borough.

The Borough acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the successful bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, 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 Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires and (iii) in the event that an underwriter or dealer who is a member of the

selling group is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Borough further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, 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 third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds 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 third-party distribution agreement, as applicable: (A)(1) to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the successful bidder that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the closing date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the successful bidder and (2) to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, (B) to promptly notify the successful bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below) and (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the successful bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public and (ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the closing date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the successful bidder or such underwriter and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder or the underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below) 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) the successful bidder, (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the successful bidder to form an underwriting syndicate to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (C) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (B) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public), (iii) "related party" means any entity if an underwriter and such entity are subject, directly or indirectly, to (I) more than 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 applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other) and (iv) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Borough to the successful bidder.

CUSIP Numbers. The Borough’s Municipal Advisor will apply for CUSIP identification numbers with respect to the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for the failure or refusal of the successful bidder to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

Initial and Continuing Disclosure. A preliminary official statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) relating to the Bonds is available at [www.munihub.com](http://www.munihub.com) and the Preliminary Official Statement is deemed final as of its date by the Borough for purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A final official statement (the “Official Statement”) will be delivered to the successful bidder within seven (7) business days of the award of the Bonds. In order to assist bidders in complying with said Rule 15c2-12, the Borough will undertake to provide certain continuing disclosure as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

Legal Opinion and Closing Documents. The successful bidder will be furnished, without cost, with the approving opinion of the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, bond counsel to the Borough, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Borough and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all the taxable property therein without limitation as to rate or amount. The obligations under this Notice of Sale to deliver or accept the Bonds pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be conditioned on the availability to the successful bidder and delivery at the time of delivery of the Bonds of the said approving opinion and of certificates in form and tenor satisfactory to said law firm evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor and including a statement, dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that, except as may be disclosed in the Official Statement, there is no litigation pending or (to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof) threatened relating to the Bonds.

Postponement and Adjustments. The Borough reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the date and time established for receipt of bids and the right to adjust the maturity schedule for the Bonds. Any such postponement or adjustment will be published on TM3 News Services, or by other available means, not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the sale. If any date fixed for the receipt of bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date will be announced via TM3 News Services, or by other available means, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative sale date.

Availability of Information. Printed copies of the Preliminary Official Statement, this Notice of Sale and additional information regarding the sale, may be obtained from Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, bond counsel to the Borough, One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey, 07102-5311 (Telephone: 973-642-8677) ) or the Borough’s Municipal Advisor, Sherry Tracey, 625 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505 (Telephone: 609-291-0130).

**ANTHONY SURIANO**  
Borough Clerk