

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

\$7,810,000

HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 538

(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Harris County)

UNLIMITED TAX BONDS

SERIES 2023

BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED BY:

9:00 A.M., CENTRAL TIME

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

BONDS TO BE AWARDED:

11:00 A.M., CENTRAL TIME

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

This Official Notice of Sale does not alone constitute an invitation for bids, but is merely notice of sale of the bonds described herein. The invitation for such bids is being made by means of this Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form, and the Preliminary Official Statement. Information contained in this Official Notice of Sale is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information contained in the Preliminary Official Statement.

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BONDS OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BID: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 (the "District") is offering for sale at competitive bid \$7,810,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds").

METHODS FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS AND BID FORMS: Bids for the Bonds may be submitted by any one the following methods:

1. Submit bids in writing as described below under "WRITTEN BIDDING PROCEDURE."
2. Submit bids electronically as described below under "ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE."
3. Submit bids by telephone as described below under "TELEPHONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE."

All bids must be submitted by 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023. Any prospective bidder must also submit, by 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023, signed Official Bid Form(s) to the District's financial advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Financial Advisor"), as more fully described below. Any bid or bid form submitted after such scheduled time for bid receipt will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. The District will not accept bids by facsimile. See "CONDITIONS OF SALE – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES" for additional requirements concerning submission of bids by certain entities.

WRITTEN BIDDING PROCEDURE: A prospective bidder that intends to submit its bid in writing must do so in accordance with this paragraph. Two (2) sealed bids, which must be submitted on the Official Bid Form and plainly marked "Bid for Bonds," are to be addressed to "President and Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538." The two (2) sealed bids must be submitted on signed Official Bid Forms and delivered, by 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023, to the office of the Financial Advisor, as follows: Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Attn: David Smalling, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas, 77010. For purposes of the written bidding procedure, the time as maintained by PARITY (described below) shall constitute the official time.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE: A prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of PARITY. A prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must also submit, prior to 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023, one (1) signed copy of the Official Bid Form that is signed but otherwise incomplete to the Financial Advisor by e-mail to the following address: dsmalling@rwbaird.com. Subscription to i-Deal's BIDCOMP Competitive 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. Electronic bids must be received via PARITY in the manner described below, until 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Electronic bids must be submitted via PARITY in accordance with this Official Notice of Sale, until 9:00 A.M., Central Time, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. 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 Official 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 i-Deal, 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, (212) 849-5000.

For purposes of 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 effective interest rate to the District, as described under “CONDITIONS OF SALE – BASIS OF AWARD” below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Official Notice of Sale and the Official Bid Form. See “CONDITIONS OF SALE – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES” for additional requirements concerning submission of bids.

TELEPHONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE: Any prospective bidder that intends to submit its bid by telephone must submit its bid in accordance with this section. Prior to 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023, bidders must submit two (2) signed Official Bid Forms, executed by an authorized representative of the bidder, to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Attn: David Smalling, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010, (dsmalling@rwbaird.com). Bidders who have provided signed bid forms may thereafter submit bids by telephone on the date of sale by 9:00 A.M., Central Time. Inquiries with respect to this procedure may be directed to David Smalling of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated at (713) 230-6121.

LATE BIDS AND IRREGULARITIES: Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated is not authorized and will not be responsible for the submission of any bids made after the time prescribed, nor does the District or Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated assume any responsibility or liability with respect to any irregularities associated with the submission, delivery, or electronic transmission of any bid. The District and the Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing.

AWARD AND SALE OF THE BONDS: The District will take action to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and awarding sale of the Bonds (the “Bond Resolution”) or will reject any and all bids or accept the bid that produces the lowest effective interest rate for the Bonds promptly after the opening of bids at 11:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, April 3, 2023 at a meeting to be held at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing. Please note that all bids must comply with the requirement listed in “CONDITIONS OF SALE – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES.”

THE BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN TERMS OF THE BONDS: The Bonds will be dated April 1, 2023, with interest accruing from the initial date of delivery and payable on September 1, 2023, and each March 1 and September 1 thereafter (each an “Interest Payment Date”) until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form. Principal will be payable to the registered owner(s) of the Bonds (the “Bondholder(s)”) upon presentation and surrender at the principal payment office of the paying agent/registrar, initially, Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Houston, Texas (the “Paying Agent/Registrar”). Interest on the Bonds will be payable by check of the Paying Agent/Registrar, dated as of the Interest Payment Date, and mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Bondholders, as shown on the records of the Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each Interest Payment Date (the “Record Date”). 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/Registrar 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 “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Bonds will mature serially on September 1 in each of the following years in the following principal amounts:

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>
2024	\$170,000	2033	\$255,000	2041	\$ 375,000
2025	175,000	2034	270,000	2042	390,000
2026	185,000	2035	280,000	2043	410,000
2027	195,000	2036	295,000	2044	430,000
2028	205,000	2037	310,000	2045	450,000
2029	215,000	2038	325,000	2046	470,000
2030	225,000	2039	340,000	2047	490,000
2031	235,000	2040	355,000	2048	515,000
2032	245,000				

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 may be combined into one or more term bonds.

REDEMPTION: The Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2030, are subject to redemption and payment, at the option of the District, in whole or, from time to time, in part, on April 1, 2029, or on any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. If less than all the Bonds are redeemed at any time, the District shall determine the maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed in integral multiples of \$5,000 in principal amount, and if less than all of the Bonds within a maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall designate by method of random selection the Bonds within such maturity to be redeemed (or by DTC in accordance with its procedures while the Bonds are in book-entry-only form). The Bondholder of any Bond, all or a portion of which has been called for redemption, shall be required to present such Bond to the Paying Agent/Registrar for payment of the redemption price on the portion of the Bond so called for redemption and issuance of an exchange Bond in a principal amount equal to the portion of the Bond not so redeemed.

SECURITY FOR PAYMENT: The Bonds, when issued, 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 all taxable property within the District.

OTHER TERMS AND COVENANTS: Other terms of the Bonds and the various covenants of the District contained in the Bond Resolution are described in the Preliminary Official Statement, to which reference is made for all purposes.

USE OF PROCEEDS: Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to reimburse the Developer (herein defined) for the costs set out herein under "THE BONDS—Use and Distribution of Proceeds of the Bonds." Additionally, proceeds of the Bonds will also be used to pay twelve (12) months of capitalized interest, developer interest and other costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS – Use and Distribution of Proceeds of the Bonds" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE AND RATINGS: The District has made an application for a commitment for municipal bond insurance on the Bonds. The purchase of such insurance, if available, and payment of all associated costs, including the premium charged by the insurer, will be at the option and expense of the Underwriter (herein defined). The rating fees charged by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") will be paid by the District. Moody's has assigned an underlying credit rating of "Baa3" to the Bonds. See "MUNICIPAL BOND RATING AND MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE," and "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS – Bond Insurance Risk Factors" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

TYPES OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES: The Bonds will be sold in one block on an "all or none" basis at a price of not less than 98% of the par value thereof. Bidders are to name the rates of interest to be borne by the Bonds, provided that each interest rate bid must be a multiple of 1/8th or 1/20th of 1%. All Bonds maturing within a single year must bear the same rate of interest. The net effective interest rate on the Bonds may not exceed 5.75%, as calculated pursuant to Chapter 1204 of the Texas Government Code. No limitation will be imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates which may be used, but the highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 2-1/2% in interest rate. No bids involving supplemental interest payments will be considered. No bid that generates a cash premium greater than \$5,000 will be considered. Each bid shall indicate the total and net interest costs in dollars and the net effective interest rate determined therefrom, which shall be considered informative only and not as a part of the bid.

BASIS OF AWARD: For the purpose of awarding sale of the Bonds, the total interest cost of each bid will be computed by determining, at the 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 deducting therefrom the premium bid, if any. Subject to the District's right to reject any or all bids, sale of the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder (the "Initial Purchaser") whose bid, under the above computation, produces the lowest net effective interest rate to the District subject to compliance with Texas Government Code §2252.908. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. In the event of mathematical discrepancies between the interest rate(s) bid and the interest cost determined therefrom, as both appear on the Official Bid Form, the bid will be governed solely by the interest rate(s) bid.

REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES: Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act" or the "Act"), the District may not award the Bonds to a bidder that is a privately held entity unless the bidder, and each privately held syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form, has provided to the District (c/o Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: David Smalling, dsmalling@rwbaird.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 Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, LLP 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027) 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 "Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538" and the contract ID number is "HCMUD538 – S2023 – 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 CERTAIN COMPANIES: 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 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2271 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 Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott Israel. The terms "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meaning 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 Company² (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.

Additionally, 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 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable Texas or 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 Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott energy companies. The terms "boycotts energy companies" and "boycott energy companies" shall have the meaning assigned to the term "boycott energy company" in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, 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 the purchase of goods or services within the meaning of Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, "SB 19"), as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable Texas or 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 Company¹ that has a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or will discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The term "discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to the term "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" in Section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code (as added by SB 19).

¹ "Company" means a for-profit 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, but does not mean a sole proprietorship.

² "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association whose securities are publicly traded, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists to make a profit.

By submitting a bid, bidder makes and certifies to the representations necessary and convenient for the compliance with the aforementioned laws and, at the request of District, agrees to execute further written certifications as may be necessary or convenient for District to establish compliance with the aforementioned laws.

CONTRACTING INFORMATION: 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 552.371 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, the bidder and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form will (i) preserve all contracting information related to the bid as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the District through the delivery date of the Bonds, (ii) promptly provide to the District any contracting information related to the bid that is in the custody or possession of the bidder or any syndicate member on request of the District, and (iii) upon delivery of the Bonds to the bidder, either (a) provide at no cost to the District all contracting information related to the bid that is in the custody or possession of the bidder or any syndicate member or (b) preserve the contracting information related to the bid as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the District. The term “contracting information” as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 552.003 of the Texas Government Code.

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 that 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 (b) 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. Alternative Certificates of Initial Purchaser are attached for use (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 “Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538” in the amount of \$156,200, which is 2% of the par value of the Bonds (the “Good Faith Deposit”). “Official Checks” will not be accepted. The check of the Initial Purchaser will be considered as the Good Faith Deposit and will be retained uncashed by the District pending the Initial Purchaser’s compliance with the terms of the bid. In the event the Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Bonds in accordance with such terms, then the Good Faith Deposit will be cashed and the proceeds accepted by the District as full and complete liquidated damages. The Good Faith Deposit may accompany the bid 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 which authorize its use as the Good Faith Deposit of bidders named in such instructions. The Good Faith Deposit of the Initial Purchaser will be returned to the Initial Purchaser uncashed on the date of delivery of the Bonds. No interest will be credited on the Good Faith Deposit. The checks accompanying all other bids will be returned immediately after the bids are opened and the award of the sale of the Bonds has been made.

DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

DELIVERY OF INITIAL BONDS: Initial delivery of the Bonds will be as one Bond for each maturity, as set forth below. Unless otherwise agreed with the Initial Purchaser, delivery will be at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Houston, 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 five (5) business days’ notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Bonds. It is anticipated that initial delivery can be made on or about April 26, 2023 (the “Date of Delivery”), and subject to the aforesaid notice, it is understood and agreed that the Initial Purchaser will accept delivery and make payment for the initial Bonds by 10:00 A.M., Central Time, on April 26, 2023, or thereafter on the date the Initial Bonds are tendered for delivery, up to and including May 30, 2023. If for any reason the District is unable to make delivery on or before May 30, 2023, then the District immediately shall 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 five (5) days thereafter, then the 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. All expenses relating to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the District; however, payment of the CUSIP Global Services charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser.

EXCHANGE ON DELIVERY DATE: Upon written request of the Initial Purchaser, delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar not less than five (5) business days prior to the date fixed for delivery, the Paying Agent/Registrar will, on the delivery date, exchange the Bonds to be delivered by the District for Bonds registered in accordance with instructions contained in such request, in integral multiples of \$5,000, maturing as set out in the Official Notice of Sale and bearing interest in accordance with the terms of the Initial Purchaser's bid.

CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY: The obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds is subject to the following conditions: the issuance of an approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas, the Initial Purchaser's receipt of the initial bonds, the Initial Purchaser's receipt of the legal opinion of Bond Counsel and the no-litigation certificate, and the non-occurrence of the events described below under the caption "NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE," all as described below. In addition, if the District fails to comply with its obligations described under "OFFICIAL STATEMENT" below, the Initial Purchaser may terminate its contract to purchase the Bonds by delivering written notice to the District within five (5) days thereafter.

INITIAL PURCHASER'S CERTIFICATION OF ISSUE PRICE: In order to provide the District with information required to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (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" of the Bonds 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 Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Bond Counsel.

DTC DEFINITIVE BONDS: After delivery, the Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form. Cede & Co. is the nominee for DTC. All references herein to the registered owners of the Bonds shall mean Cede & Co. and not the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. Purchase of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form (without registered Bonds) in the denomination of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. Under certain limited circumstances described herein, the District may determine to forego immobilization of the Bonds at DTC, or another securities depository, in which case, such beneficial interests would become exchangeable for one or more fully registered Bonds of like principal amount for the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

LEGAL OPINIONS: The District will furnish 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 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 Attorney General has examined a transcript of proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, and that based upon such examination, the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, levied without legal limitation as to rate or amount upon all taxable property in the District. The District will also furnish the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel, to the effect that, based upon an examination of such transcript, the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, except to the extent that enforcement of the rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Bonds may be limited by laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization, or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions such as the District. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will further state that the Bonds are payable, both as to principal and interest, from the levy of ad valorem taxes without legal limitation as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property within the District, that, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals, however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for the purpose of determining the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS" in the Preliminary Official Statement. Such opinions express no opinion with respect to the sufficiency of the security for or marketability of the Bonds.

NOT QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS: The Bonds are **not** "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

NO-LITIGATION CERTIFICATE: On the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser, the District will execute and deliver to the Initial Purchaser, a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is pending, as of that date, of which the District has notice, to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds, or which would affect the provisions made for their payment or security, or in any manner question the validity of the Bonds.

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 affairs 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 delivery.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To assist the Initial Purchaser in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the District and the Initial Purchaser contract and agree, by the submission and acceptance of the winning bid, as follows.

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 presently 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(e)(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 "OFFICIAL STATEMENT – Certification as to 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 do so 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 (but not more than 90 days after the date the District delivers the Bonds) until all of the Bonds have been sold to ultimate customers.

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. 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 request prior to the 90th day after the end of the underwriting period described in SEC Rule 15c2-12(e)(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.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION: The District will agree in the Bond Resolution to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain events in accordance with 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 Purchasers or their agent of a certified copy of the Bond Resolution containing the provisions described under such heading.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

REGISTRATION: The Bonds are transferable on the bond register kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar upon surrender and reissuance. The Bonds are exchangeable for an equal principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity in any authorized denomination upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged, but the District may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS: THE BONDS INVOLVE CERTAIN INVESTMENT RISKS AS SET FORTH IN THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE ENTIRE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT BEFORE MAKING THEIR INVESTMENT DECISION. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INFORMATION SET FORTH THEREIN UNDER THE CAPTION "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS."

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The District reserves the right to reject all bids or any bid not conforming with the terms hereof and the right 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.

SECURITIES REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION: No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions provided thereunder. 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 laws or regulations of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws or regulations of any other jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be offered, sold 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 in such other jurisdictions.

By submission of a bid, the Initial Purchaser represents that the sale of the Bonds in states other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or qualification or, where necessary, the Initial Purchaser will register or qualify the Bonds in accordance with the securities laws or regulations of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees to cooperate, at the Initial Purchaser's written request and expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds, or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification, in any jurisdiction where such action is necessary, provided that the District shall not be required to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

ADDITIONAL COPIES: Additional copies of the Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010.

/s/ William Jordan
President, Board of Directors
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538

CERTIFICATE OF INITIAL PURCHASER – FEDERAL TAX COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS MET

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows with respect to the sale of \$7,810,000 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds").

1. The undersigned is the initial purchaser or the manager of the syndicate of initial purchasers ("Initial Purchaser") which has purchased the Bonds from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 (the "District") at competitive sale.

2. The Initial Purchaser was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid, and the bid submitted by the Initial Purchaser constituted a firm bid to purchase the Bonds.

3. As of the Sale Date (defined below), the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public by the Initial Purchaser (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) is as set forth below.

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Offering</u> <u>Price</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Offering</u> <u>Price</u>
2024	\$ 170,000	_____ %	2037	\$ 310,000 *	_____ %
2025	175,000	_____ %	2038	325,000 *	_____ %
2026	185,000	_____ %	2039	340,000 *	_____ %
2027	195,000	_____ %	2040	355,000 *	_____ %
2028	205,000	_____ %	2041	375,000 *	_____ %
2029	215,000	_____ %	2042	390,000 *	_____ %
2030	225,000 *	_____ %	2043	410,000 *	_____ %
2031	235,000 *	_____ %	2044	430,000 *	_____ %
2032	245,000 *	_____ %	2045	450,000 *	_____ %
2033	255,000 *	_____ %	2046	470,000 *	_____ %
2034	270,000 *	_____ %	2047	490,000 *	_____ %
2035	280,000 *	_____ %	2048	515,000 *	_____ %
2036	295,000 *	_____ %			

* Subject to optional redemption on April 1, 2029 and thereafter.

4. The Initial Purchaser [has] [has not] purchased bond insurance for the Bonds. The bond insurance has been purchased from _____ (the "Insurer") for a fee of \$ _____ (net of any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating agency fees). The amount of such fee is set forth in the Insurer's commitment and does not include any payment for any direct or indirect services other than the transfer of credit risk, unless the compensation for those other services is separately stated, reasonable, and excluded from such fee. Such fee does not exceed a reasonable, arms-length charge for the transfer of credit risk. The present value of the debt service savings expected to be realized as a result of such insurance exceeds the amount of the fee set forth above. For this purpose, present value is computed using the yield on the Bonds, determined by taking into account the amount of the fee set forth above, as the discount rate. No portion of the fee payable to the Insurer is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such fee that had not been earned.

5. The term "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. A related party generally means two or more persons with greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

6. The term "Sale Date" means the first date on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 3, 2023.

The undersigned understands that the statements made herein will be relied upon by the District and Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP in complying with the conditions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from the gross income of their owners for federal income tax purposes.

EXECUTED AND DELIVERED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

(Name of Initial Purchaser or Manager)

CERTIFICATE OF INITIAL PURCHASER – FEDERAL TAX COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows with respect to the sale of \$7,810,000 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023 (the “Bonds”).

1. The undersigned is the initial purchaser or the manager of the syndicate of initial purchasers (“Initial Purchaser”) which has purchased the Bonds from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 (the “District”) at competitive sale.

2. As of the date of this Certificate, for each of the following maturities (the “Sold Maturities”), the first price at which a substantial amount (at least ten percent) of such maturity was sold to the public (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) is set forth below:

<u>Maturity (September 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Offering Price</u>	<u>Maturity (September 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Offering Price</u>
2024	\$ 170,000	_____ %	2037	\$ 310,000 *	_____ %
2025	175,000	_____ %	2038	325,000 *	_____ %
2026	185,000	_____ %	2039	340,000 *	_____ %
2027	195,000	_____ %	2040	355,000 *	_____ %
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2032	245,000 *	_____ %	2045	450,000 *	_____ %
2033	255,000 *	_____ %	2046	470,000 *	_____ %
2034	270,000 *	_____ %	2047	490,000 *	_____ %
2035	280,000 *	_____ %	2048	515,000 *	_____ %
2036	295,000 *	_____ %			

* Subject to optional redemption on April 1, 2029 and thereafter.

3. As of the Sale Date (defined below), each of the following maturities (the “Unsold Maturities”) was offered to the public for purchase at the price (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) set forth below:

<u>Maturity (September 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Offering Price</u>	<u>Maturity (September 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Offering Price</u>
2024	\$ 170,000	_____ %	2037	\$ 310,000 *	_____ %
2025	175,000	_____ %	2038	325,000 *	_____ %
2026	185,000	_____ %	2039	340,000 *	_____ %
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2032	245,000 *	_____ %	2045	450,000 *	_____ %
2033	255,000 *	_____ %	2046	470,000 *	_____ %
2034	270,000 *	_____ %	2047	490,000 *	_____ %
2035	280,000 *	_____ %	2048	515,000 *	_____ %
2036	295,000 *	_____ %			

* Subject to optional redemption on April 1, 2029 and thereafter.

4. As set forth in the Official Notice of Sale, the Initial Purchaser has agreed in writing that, for each of the Unsold Maturities, the Initial Purchaser would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for each maturity, as set forth in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds attached to this Certificate, during the Offering Period for such maturity, nor would the Initial Purchaser permit a related party to do so. Pursuant to such agreement, the Initial Purchaser has neither offered nor sold any of the Unsold Maturities at a price higher than the respective initial offering price for that maturity of the Bonds during the Offering Period.

5. The Initial Purchaser [has] [has not] purchased bond insurance for the Bonds. The bond insurance has been purchased from _____ (the "Insurer") for a fee of \$ _____ (net of any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating agency fees). The amount of such fee is set forth in the Insurer's commitment and does not include any payment for any direct or indirect services other than the transfer of credit risk, unless the compensation for those other services is separately stated, reasonable, and excluded from such fee. Such fee does not exceed a reasonable, arms-length charge for the transfer of credit risk. The present value of the debt service savings expected to be realized as a result of such insurance exceeds the amount of the fee set forth above. For this purpose, present value is computed using the yield on the Bonds, determined by taking into account the amount of the fee set forth above, as the discount rate. No portion of the fee payable to the Insurer is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such fee that had not been earned.

6. The term "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. A related party generally means two or more persons with greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

7. The term "Sale Date" means the first date on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 3, 2023.

8. The term "Offering Period" means, with respect to an Unsold Maturity, the period beginning on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (a) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date or (b) the date on which the Initial Purchaser has sold at least 10 percent of such Unsold Maturity to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price for such Unsold Maturity.

The undersigned understands that the statements made herein will be relied upon by the District and Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP in complying with the conditions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from the gross income of their owners for federal income tax purposes.

EXECUTED AND DELIVERED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Company: _____
(Name of Initial Purchaser or Manager)

OFFICIAL BID FORM

April 3, 2023

President and Board of Directors
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538
c/o Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated
Attn: David Smalling
1331 Lamar Street, Suite 1360
Houston, Texas 77010

Board Members:

We have read in detail the Official Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement, which are hereby made a part hereof, of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 (the "District") relating to its \$7,810,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds"). We realize that the Bonds involve certain investment risks and that the ability of the District to service the Bonds depends, in part, on the investment considerations set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement dated February 27, 2023. We have made such inspections and investigations as we deem necessary relating to the investment quality of the Bonds. Accordingly, we offer to purchase the Bonds for a cash price of \$_____ (which represents _____% of par value), provided such Bonds bear interest at the following rates:

Maturity (September 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity (September 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
2024	\$ 170,000	_____ %	2037	\$ 310,000 *	_____ %
2025	175,000	_____ %	2038	325,000 *	_____ %
2026	185,000	_____ %	2039	340,000 *	_____ %
2027	195,000	_____ %	2040	355,000 *	_____ %
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2035	280,000 *	_____ %	2048	515,000 *	_____ %
2036	295,000 *	_____ %			

- (a) Subject to optional redemption and payment, at the option of the District, on September 1, 2030, in whole or, from time to time, in part, on April 1, 2029, or on any date thereafter at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

We hereby designate the following as term bonds ("Term Bonds") with mandatory sinking redemptions.

Term Bond Maturity Date (September 1)	Year of First Mandatory Redemption	Principal Amount of Term Bonds	Interest Rate
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %
_____	_____	_____	_____ %

As part of our bid, we agree/disagree to pay the premium for the municipal bond insurance issued by _____ in the amount of \$_____ and the rating agency fee(s) of \$_____.

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

Total Interest Cost from the Date of Delivery	\$
Plus: Dollar Amount of Discount (or Less: Dollar Amount of Premium)	\$
NET INTEREST COST	\$
NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE%

The initial Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co. We will advise the corporate trust office of Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Houston, Texas, the Paying Agent/Registrar, on forms to be provided by the Paying Agent/Registrar, of our registration instructions at least five (5) business days prior to the date set for Initial Delivery.

We will require __ copies of the final Official Statement for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Bonds (not to exceed 250 copies). By our submission of this bid, we agree to provide such copies of the final Official Statement and of any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale, and to undertake the obligations of the Initial Purchaser described therein, as contemplated by Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

The District may not accept this bid until it has received from the bidder a completed and signed TEC Form 1295 complete with a certificate number assigned thereunder by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"), pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908 and the rules promulgated thereunder by the TEC. The undersigned understands that failure to provide said form complete with the certificate number assigned by the TEC as provided for in the Official Notice of Sale will result in a non-confirming 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 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2271 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 Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott Israel. The terms "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meaning 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 Company² (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.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and verifies that, to the extent this Official Bid Form represents a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable Texas or 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 Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott energy companies. The terms "boycotts energy companies" and "boycott energy companies" as used in this paragraph have the meaning assigned to the term "boycott energy company" in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and verifies that, to the extent this Official Bid Form represents a contract for the purchase of goods or services within the meaning of Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, "SB 19"), as amended, solely for purposes of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable Texas or 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 Company¹ that has a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or will discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm

¹ "Company" means a for-profit 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, but does not mean a sole proprietorship.

² "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association whose securities are publicly traded, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists to make a profit.

trade association. The term “discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to the term “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” in Section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code (as added by SB 19).

By submitting a bid, bidder makes and certifies to the representations necessary and convenient for the compliance with the aforementioned laws and, at the request of Issuer, agrees to execute further written certifications as may be necessary or convenient for Issuer to establish compliance with the aforementioned laws.

Cashier’s Check (“Official Checks” are not acceptable) No. _____, issued by _____ Bank, and payable to your order in the amount of \$156,200 (is attached hereto) (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this bid) as a Good Faith Deposit for disposition in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Official Notice of Sale. Should we fail or refuse to make payment for the Bonds in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the Official Notice of Sale, this check shall be cashed and the proceeds retained as complete liquidated damages against us. The Good Faith Deposit will be returned to the Initial Purchaser uncashed on the date of delivery of the Bonds.

We agree to accept delivery of and make payment for the initial Bonds in immediately available funds at the corporate trust office of Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Houston, Texas, not later than 10:00 A.M., Central Time, on April 26, 2023, or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for delivery pursuant to the terms set forth in the Official Notice of Sale.

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 the Official Notice of Sale.

We hereby represent that sale of the Bonds in jurisdictions other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or qualification and that, where necessary, we will register or qualify the Bonds in accordance with the securities laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the Bonds are offered or sold.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Authorized Representative

ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE

The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 538 this 3rd day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

President, Board of Directors

Return of \$156,200 Good Faith Deposit is hereby acknowledged:

Firm: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

(For your information you will find attached a list of the group of underwriters associated with us in this proposal.)

\$7,810,000

HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 538

**UNLIMITED TAX BONDS
SERIES 2023**

BOND YEARS

Dated Date: April 1, 2023

Interest accrues from: Date of Delivery

Due: September 1

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bond Years</u>	<u>Accumulated Bond Years</u>
9/1/2024	\$ 170,000	240.8333	240.8333
9/1/2025	175,000	422.9167	663.7500
9/1/2026	185,000	632.0833	1,295.8333
9/1/2027	195,000	861.2500	2,157.0833
9/1/2028	205,000	1,110.4167	3,267.5000
9/1/2029	215,000	1,379.5833	4,647.0833
9/1/2030	225,000	1,668.7500	6,315.8333
9/1/2031	235,000	1,977.9167	8,293.7500
9/1/2032	245,000	2,307.0833	10,600.8333
9/1/2033	255,000	2,656.2500	13,257.0833
9/1/2034	270,000	3,082.5000	16,339.5833
9/1/2035	280,000	3,476.6667	19,816.2500
9/1/2036	295,000	3,957.9167	23,774.1667
9/1/2037	310,000	4,469.1667	28,243.3333
9/1/2038	325,000	5,010.4167	33,253.7500
9/1/2039	340,000	5,581.6667	38,835.4167
9/1/2040	355,000	6,182.9167	45,018.3333
9/1/2041	375,000	6,906.2500	51,924.5833
9/1/2042	390,000	7,572.5000	59,497.0833
9/1/2043	410,000	8,370.8333	67,867.9167
9/1/2044	430,000	9,209.1667	77,077.0833
9/1/2045	450,000	10,087.5000	87,164.5833
9/1/2046	470,000	11,005.8333	98,170.4167
9/1/2047	490,000	11,964.1667	110,134.5833
9/1/2048	515,000	13,089.5833	123,224.1667
	<u>\$ 7,810,000</u>		

Total Bond Years: 123,224.1667

Average Maturity: 15.7777 years