

NOTICE OF SALE

\$17,850,000*

KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Mayor of Knox County, Tennessee (the “County” or “Issuer”) will receive electronic or written sealed bids for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the County’s \$17,850,000* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (the “Bonds”) at the office of the County’s Financial Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, until **10:15 a.m. E.S.T.** on Wednesday, **February 18, 2015**. Prior to accepting bids, the County reserves the right to adjust the principal amount of the Bonds being offered as set forth in the Detailed Notice of Sale, to postpone the sale to a later date, or to cancel the sale based upon market conditions via Bloomberg News Service and/or the **PARITY**[®] System not later than 9:15 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the bid opening. Such notice will specify the revised principal amounts, if any, and any later date selected for the sale, which may be postponed or cancelled in the same manner. If the sale is postponed, a later public sale may be held at the hour and place and on such date as communicated upon at least forty-eight hours notice via Bloomberg News Service and/or the **PARITY**[®] System.

Electronic bids must be submitted through **PARITY**[®] via the BiDComp Competitive Bidding System as described in the Detailed Notice of Sale and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. For the purposes of the bidding process, both written and electronic, the time maintained by **PARITY**[®] shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY**[®] conflict with the terms of the Detailed Notice of Sale and this Summary Notice of Sale, the Detailed Notice of Sale and this Summary Notice of Sale shall prevail.

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form (except as otherwise described in the “Detailed Notice of Sale”) and dated their date of issuance and delivery (assume March 25, 2015) and will mature on April 1, 2016 through April 1, 2019 inclusive, with term bonds optional, and will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. Bidders must bid not less than ninety-nine and one-quarter percent (99.25%) of par or no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of par for the Bonds. The approving opinion for the Bonds will be furnished at the expense of the County by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Bond Counsel, Knoxville, Tennessee. No rate or rates bid for the Bonds shall exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum. Unless bids are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded by the County Mayor of the County on the sale date to the bidder whose bid results in the lowest true interest rate on the Bonds.

Additional information, including the PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT in near final form and the Detailed Notice of Sale, may be obtained through www.prospectushub.com or from the undersigned Tim Burchett, County Mayor, County Building, Suite 615, 400 Main Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 215-2005; or from the County’s Financial Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., 813 S. Northshore Drive, Suite 201A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, Telephone: (865) 988-2663. Further information regarding **PARITY**[®] may be obtained from i-Deal LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, telephone: 212-849-5000.

/s/ Tim Burchett
County Mayor

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Description of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form without coupons and will be issued or reissued upon transfer, in \$5,000 denominations or multiples thereof, as shall be requested by the purchaser or registered owner thereof, as applicable. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2015.

The Bonds will mature and be payable on April 1 of each year as outline below:

<u>Due</u> <u>(April 1)</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2016	\$4,405,000
2017	4,435,000
2018	4,475,000
2019	4,535,000

Registration and Depository Participation. The Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's partnership nominee. When the Bonds are issued, ownership interests will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry system maintained by DTC (the “Book-Entry-Only System”). One or more fully-registered bond certificates will be issued for each maturity, in the entire aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. The Book-Entry-Only system will evidence beneficial ownership interests of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 for the Bonds and any integral multiple of \$5,000, with transfers of beneficial ownership interest effected on the records of DTC participants and, if necessary, in turn by DTC pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, shall be required to deposit the bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co., nominee of DTC. The Bonds will be payable, at maturity to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments (as applicable) to beneficial owners of the Bonds by Participants of DTC, will be the responsibility of such participants and of the nominees of beneficial owners. The County will

not be responsible or liable for such transfer of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the winning bidder certifies that it intends to hold the Bonds for its own account and has no present intent to re-offer the Bonds, the use the Book-Entry-Only System is not required.

In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System for the Bonds is discontinued and a successor securities depository is not appointed by the County, Bond Certificates in fully registered form will be delivered to, and registered in the names of, the DTC Participants or such other persons as such DTC participants may specify (which may be the indirect participants or beneficial owners), in authorized denominations of \$5,000 for the Bonds or integral multiples thereof. The ownership of Bonds so delivered shall be registered in registration books to be kept by the Registration Agent (named herein) at its principal corporate trust office, and the County and the Registration Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owners of the Bonds, as their names appear in such registration books as of the appropriate dates, as the owners thereof for all purposes described herein and in the Resolution authorizing the Bonds.

Security Pledged. The Bonds are payable from unlimited *ad valorem* taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the County. For the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the County are irrevocably pledged.

Purpose. The Bonds are being issued for the purposes of providing funds for (i) refinancing the Outstanding Bonds, as described herein; and (ii) payment of costs incident to the issuance of the Bonds.

Optional Redemption. The Bonds will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Term Bond Option; Mandatory Redemption. Bidders shall have the option to designate certain consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds as one or more term bonds (“Term Bonds”) bearing a single interest rate. If the successful bidder for the Bonds designates certain consecutive serial maturities of such series of Bonds to be combined as one or more Term Bonds as allowed herein, then each Term Bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption by the County at a redemption price equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption at the rate stated in the Term Bonds to be redeemed. Each such mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be made on the date on which a consecutive maturity included as part of a Term Bond is payable in accordance with the proposal of the successful bidder for the Bonds and in the amount of the maturing principal installment for the Bonds listed herein for such principal payment date. Term Bonds to be redeemed within a single maturity shall be selected in the same manner as above for optional redemption of Bonds within a single maturity.

Bidding Instructions. The County will receive electronic or sealed written bids for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the Bonds. Bidders for the Bonds are requested to name the interest rate or rates the Bonds are to bear in multiples of one-eighth of one percent and/or one-hundredth of one percent (.01%) or one (1) basis point, but no rate specified shall be in excess of five percent (5.00%) per annum. There will be no limitation on the number of rates of interest that may be specified in a single bid for the Bonds but a single rate shall apply to each single maturity of the Bonds. Bidders must bid not less than ninety-nine and one-quarter percent (99.25%) of par or no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of par.

Electronic bids must be submitted through **PARITY**[®] via BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the i-Deal LLC Dalcomp Division’s BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The County will not confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by **PARITY**[®] shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids whether in electronic or written form. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY**[®] conflict with the terms of this Detailed Notice of Sale, this Detailed Notice of Sale shall prevail. An electronic bid made through the facilities of **PARITY**[®] shall be deemed an offer to

purchase in response to this Detailed Notice of Sale and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed written bid delivered to the County. The County shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of the electronic bidding facilities provided and maintained by **PARITY**[®]. The use of **PARITY**[®] facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders.

For further information regarding **PARITY**[®], potential bidders may contact i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018, telephone: 212-849-5000.

In the event of a system malfunction in the electronic bidding process only, bidders may submit bids prior to the established date and time by FACSIMILE transmission sent to the County's Financial Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc. at 865-988-1863. Any facsimile submission is made at the sole risk of the prospective bidder. The County and the Financial Advisor shall not be responsible for confirming receipt of any facsimile bid or for any malfunction relating to the transmission and receipt of such bids.

Separate written sealed bids should be submitted in sealed envelope marked "Bid for Bonds" at the offices of the County's Financial Advisor, 350 Lighthouse Pointe Drive, Lenoir City, TN 3772. Written bids must be submitted on the Bid Forms included with the PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Acceptance or rejection of "Bids for Bonds" for the Bonds will not obligate the County to accept or reject "Bids for Bonds".

Unless all bids for the Bonds are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded by the County Mayor of the County to the bidder whose bid complies with this notice and results in the lowest true interest rate on the Bonds to be calculated as that rate that, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest on the Bonds (compounded semi-annually from the date of the Bonds), produces an amount equal to the purchase price of the Bonds exclusive of accrued interest. For purposes of calculating the true interest cost, the principal amount of Term Bonds scheduled for mandatory sinking fund redemption as part of the Term Bond shall be treated as a serial maturity in such year. In the event that two or more bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same lowest true interest rate, the County Mayor shall determine in his sole discretion which of the bidders shall be awarded the Bonds.

The County reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive informalities in the bids accepted.

Adjustment and/or Revision. While it is the County's intention to sell and issue the approximate par amounts of the Bonds as offered herein, there is no guarantee that adjustment and/or revision may not be necessary in order to properly size the Bonds. Accordingly, the County Mayor reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to adjust down the original par amount of the Bonds by up to \$4,400,000. Among other factors the County Mayor may (but shall be under no obligation to) consider in sizing the par amounts and individual maturities of the Bonds is the size of individual maturities or sinking fund installments the amount of the premium and the amount of proceeds needed, and/or other preferences of the County. Additionally, the County Mayor reserves the right to change the dated date of the Bonds. The maximum adjustment will only occur if the bidder bids the maximum price of 125% of par.

In the event of any such adjustment and/or revision with respect to the Bonds, no rebidding will be permitted, and the portion of such premium or discount (as may have been bid for the Bonds) shall be adjusted in the same proportion as the amount of such revision in par amount of the Bonds bears to the original par amount of such Bonds offered for sale.

The successful bidder for the Bonds will be tentatively notified by not later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), on the sale date of the exact revisions and/or adjustments required, if any.

Good Faith Deposit. No good faith check will be required to accompany any bid submitted. The successful bidder shall be required to deliver to the County's Financial Advisor (wire transfer or certified check) the amount of two percent (2%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale which will secure the faithful performance of the terms of the bid. A certified check or wire transfer must be received by the County's Financial Advisor no later than the close of business on the day following the competitive sale. A wire transfer may be sent to First Tennessee Bank, ABA Number: 084-000-026 First Tenn Mem, FAO Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., Account No. 183302631, for further credit to Good Faith Trust Account.

The good faith deposit shall be applied (without interest) to the purchase price of the Bonds. If the successful bidder should fail to accept or pay for the Bonds when tendered for delivery and payment, the good faith deposit will be retained by the County as liquidated damages.

In the event of the failure of the County to deliver the Bonds to the purchaser in accordance with the terms of this Detailed Notice of Sale within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, the good-faith deposit will be promptly returned to the purchaser unless the purchaser directs otherwise.

Reoffering Prices; Other Information. The successful bidder must furnish the following information to the County to complete the *Official Statement* in final form within two (2) hours after receipt and award of the bid for the Bonds:

1. The offering prices or yields for the Bonds (expressed as a price or yield per maturity, exclusive of any accrued interest, if applicable);
2. Selling compensation (aggregate total anticipated compensation to the underwriters expressed in dollars, based on the expectation that all Bonds are sold at the prices or yields as provided above);
3. The identity of the underwriters if the successful bidder is part of a group or syndicate; and
4. Any other material information necessary to complete the *Official Statement* in final form but not known to the County.

In addition, within two hours of the award of the Bonds, the successful bidder shall furnish to the County a certificate acceptable to Bond Counsel stating: (i) the reoffering prices (as shown in the bidder's winning bid); (ii) that the successful bidder will make a bona fide public offering of all of the Bonds at such reoffering prices; and (iii) that the successful bidder reasonably expects that the Bonds (or at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds) will be sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers and other intermediaries) at those reoffering prices.

As a condition to the delivery of the Bonds, the successful bidder will be required to deliver a certificate to the County confirming that nothing has come to the bidder's attention that would lead it to believe that its certification with respect to the reoffering prices of the Bonds given in connection with the award of the Bonds is inaccurate, and addressing such other matters as to the reoffering prices of the Bonds as bond counsel may request.

Legal Opinion. The approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Knoxville, Tennessee, Bond Counsel along with other certificates including, but not limited to, a tax certificate and a continuing disclosure certificate dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds will be furnished to the purchaser at the expense of the County. As set forth in the *Preliminary Official Statement*, Bond Counsel's opinion with respect to the Bonds will state that interest on the Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal law alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations; however, such interest is taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings of certain

corporations for purposes of the alternative minimum tax on corporations. As set forth in the *Preliminary Official Statement*, the owners of the Bonds, however, may be subject to certain additional taxes or tax consequences arising with respect to ownership of the Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the *Preliminary Official Statement* and the form of the opinions contained in Appendix A.

Continuing Disclosure. At the time the Bonds are delivered, the County will execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in which it will covenant for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information relating to the County by not later than twelve months after each of the County's fiscal years (the "Annual Report"), and to provide notice of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, if determined by the County to be material under applicable federal securities laws. The Annual Report (and audited financial statements, if filed separately) will be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") through the operation of the Electronic Municipal Market Access system (the "EMMA") and any State Information Depository established in the State of Tennessee (the "SID"). If the County is unable to provide the Annual Report to the MSRB and the SID by the date required, notice of each failure will be sent to the MSRB and the SID on or before such date. The notices of material events will be filed by the County either with the MSRB and the SID. The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of material events will be summarized in the County's *Official Statement* to be prepared and distributed in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

Delivery of Bonds. Delivery of the Bonds is expected within forty-five (45) days. At least five (5) days notice will be given the successful bidder. Delivery will be made in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC, New York, New York. Payment for the Bonds must be made in *Federal Funds* or other immediately available funds. Delivery is currently expected on or about March 25, 2015.

CUSIP Numbers. CUSIP numbers will be assigned to the Bonds at the expense of the County. The County will assume no obligation for assignment of such numbers or the correctness of such numbers and neither failure to record such numbers on Bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds.

Official Statements; Other. The County has deemed the PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT to be final as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") except for the omission of certain pricing and other information. The County will furnish the successful bidder at the expense of the County a reasonable number of copies of *Official Statement* in final form, containing the pricing and other information to be supplied by the successful bidder and to be dated the date of the sale, to be delivered by the successful bidder(s) to the persons to whom such bidder and members of its bidding group initially sell the Bonds. Acceptance of the bid will constitute a contract between the County and the successful bidder for the provision of such copies within seven business days of the sale date.

Further Information. Additional information, including the *Preliminary Official Statement*, the Detailed Notice of Sale and the Official Bid Form, may be obtained from the County's Financial Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., 813 S. Northshore Drive, Suite 201A Knoxville, Tennessee, telephone: 865-988-2663. Further information regarding *PARITY*[®] may be obtained from i-Deal LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, Telephone: 212-849-5000.

/s/ Tim Burchett, County Mayor

BID FORM
(Written Alternative)

Honorable Tim Burchett, County Mayor
County Building, Suite 615
400 Main Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

February 18, 2015

Dear Mr. Burchett:

For your legally issued, properly executed \$17,850,000* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (the "Bonds") of Knox County, Tennessee (the "County") in all respects as more fully outlined in your Notices of Sale which by reference are made a part hereof, we will pay you a sum of _____.

The Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery (assume March 25, 2015) and shall be callable in accordance with the Detailed Notice of Sale. The Bonds shall mature on April 1 and bear interest at the following rates:

<u>Due</u> <u>(April 1)</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2016	\$4,405,000	_____ %
2017	4,435,000	_____ %
2018	4,475,000	_____ %
2019	4,535,000	_____ %

We have the option to designate two or more consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds as term bond maturities as indicated:

Term Bond 1: Maturities from April 1, 20_____ through April 1, 20_____ @ _____%.
Term Bond 2: Maturities from April 1, 20_____ through April 1, 20_____ @ _____%.

It is our understanding that the Bonds are offered for sale subject to the final approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Bond Counsel, Knoxville, Tennessee, whose opinion together with the executed Bonds, will be furnished by the County without cost to us.

If our bid is accepted, we agree to provide a good faith deposit for 2% of the Bonds on which we have bid by the close of business on the date following the competitive public sale as outlined in the *Detailed Notice of Sale*. Should for any reason we fail to comply with the terms of this bid, this good faith deposit shall be forfeited by us as full liquidated damages. Otherwise, this good faith deposit shall be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds on which we have bid.

Accepted for and on behalf of
Knox County, Tennessee, this
18th day of February, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Burchett, County Mayor

Total interest cost from
March 25, 2015 to final maturity \$ _____
Less: Premium /plus discount, if any \$ _____
Net Interest Cost..... \$ _____
True Interest Rate _____ %

The computations of net interest cost and true interest rate are for comparison purposes only and are not to be considered as part of this proposal.

* Preliminary, subject to change.