#### NOTICE OF SALE

# \$2,000,000 TOWN OF CLINTON, CONNECTICUT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

TELEPHONE BIDS AND ELECTRONIC BIDS via *PARITY* ® (as described herein) will be received by the **TOWN OF CLINTON**, **CONNECTICUT** (the "Town") at the Offices of Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, Connecticut 06443, until 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), THURSDAY,

## January 18, 2024

(the "Sale Date") for the purchase of \$2,000,000 Town of Clinton, Connecticut General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes"). Telephone bids and/or electronic bids via *PARITY* will be received on the Sale Date until 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) (See "Telephone Bidding Procedures" and "Electronic Bidding Procedures" herein).

#### The Notes

The Notes are expected to be dated February 1, 2024 and will mature and be payable to the registered owner on January 30, 2025 as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement for the Notes dated January 8, 2024 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"). The Notes will bear interest (which interest shall be computed on a 360-day year, 30-day month basis) payable at maturity at the rate or rates per annum fixed in the proposal or proposals accepted for their purchase, which rates shall be in multiples of 1/100 of 1% per annum.

## The Issue

The full faith and credit of the Town will be pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Notes. The Notes will be general obligations of the Town payable, unless paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Town without limit as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The information in this Notice of Sale is only a brief summary of certain provisions of the Notes. For further information about the Notes, reference is hereby made to the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Notes are **NOT** subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes **SHALL BE** designated by the Town as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Code, as amended, for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for federal income tax purposes of a portion of interest expense allocable to the Notes.

## Registration

Book Entry

Subject to the paragraph below, the Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public. The Notes will be issued in registered form and one note certificate for each interest rate will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Notes in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its participants. The winning bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Notes, will be required to deposit the note certificates with DTC, or its custodian, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Town or its agent in same-day funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The Town will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Notes and the Town fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, or (b) the Town determines to discontinue the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Notes, the Town will authenticate and deliver replacement Notes in the form of fully registered Note certificates directly to the Beneficial Owners of the Notes or their nominees.

## Option For No Book Entry

A bidder for the Notes may request that the Notes be issued in the form of a single fully registered physical certificate in the par amount of the Notes, rather than in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC, provided the bid is for all the Notes at the same interest rate. A bidder for the Notes requesting that the Notes be issued in non-book-entry form may request that it be designated by the Town as the Certifying Agent, Registrar and Paying Agent for the Notes if it is a bank or trust company authorized to act in such capacity pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes. Any bidder seeking to have the Notes issued in non-book-entry form, or to be designated as Certifying Agent, Registrar and Paying Agent for such Notes, shall indicate this preference to the Town at the time of the submission of the bid. The Town reserves the right to decline any request to issue the Notes in non-book entry form, or to designate the winning bidder as Certifying Agent, Registrar and Paying Agent for the Notes, if it should determine, in its sole discretion, that issuing the Notes in such manner or with such designation is not in its best interests. If the Notes are issued in non-book-entry form, the winning bidder, and any subsequent registered owner of the Notes, shall not impose on or charge the Town any costs or expenses of any re-registration or transfer of Notes from time to time, including any costs of counsel or of converting the Notes to book-entry only form, or for any costs or expenses of services as Certifying Agent, Registrar and Paying Agent for the Notes if the winning bidder is so designated.

## **Ratings**

The Town has NOT applied for a rating on the Notes. Certain of the Town's outstanding bonds are currently rated by S&P Global Ratings.

## Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Agreement

The Town has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement for the Notes which is dated January 8, 2024, which is deemed final as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for omissions permitted thereby, but is subject to revision or amendment. The Town will make available to the winning purchaser a reasonable number of copies of the Official Statement at the Town's expense. The copies of the Official Statement will be made available to the winning purchaser at delivery of the Notes or by the 7th business day after the day bids on the Notes are received. If the Town's municipal advisor is provided with the necessary information from the winning purchaser by noon of the date following the day bids on the Notes are received, the copies of the Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages indicating the interest rate, ratings, yield or reoffering prices, the name of the managing underwriter, and the name of the insurer, if any, and any corrections. Additional copies of the Official Statement may be obtained by the purchaser at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

The purchaser agrees to promptly file a final Official Statement with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with applicable Securities and Exchange Commission and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board rules governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes to the ultimate purchasers.

The Town will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement with respect to the Notes, substantially in the form attached as Appendix C to the Official Statement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Notes within ten (10) business days of such event. The winning bidder's obligation to purchase the Notes shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to the delivery of the Notes, an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Notes.

#### **Telephone Bidding Procedures**

Telephone bids will be received until 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on the Sale Date by an authorized agent of Munistat Services, Inc., the Town's municipal advisor. All telephone bids must be made to (203) 421- 2087 and be completed by 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on the Sale Date. Bidders should be prepared to provide the information set forth in the "Proposal for Notes" attached hereto.

Bidders shall recognize that a bid by telephone means that the bidder accepts the terms and conditions of this Notice of Sale and agrees to be bound by such and, further, such bidder recognizes and accepts the risk that its telephone bid may not be received by the Town or may be received later than the time specified as the result of a failure in communications including, but not limited to, a failure in telephonic communications, or the inability to reach the Town by the time required. A bid received after the time specified, as determined in the Town's sole discretion, will not be reviewed or honored by the Town.

## **Electronic Bidding Procedures**

Any prospective bidder intending to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of *PARITY*<sup>®</sup>. Subscription to i-Deal LLC's BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid and the Town will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of *PARITY*<sup>®</sup> shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the Town. By submitting a bid for the Notes via *PARITY*<sup>®</sup>, the bidder represents and warrants to the Town that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Notes is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective bidder by an irrevocable offer and that acceptance of such bid by the Town will bind the bidder by a legal, valid and enforceable contract, for the purchase of the Notes on the terms described in this Notice of Sale. The Town shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of *PARITY*<sup>®</sup>, or the inaccuracies of any information, including bid information or worksheets supplied by *PARITY*<sup>®</sup>, the use of *PARITY*<sup>®</sup> facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. Each Bidder is solely responsible for knowing the terms of the sale as set forth herein.

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by *PARITY*® as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about *PARITY*®, including any fee charged, may be obtained from *PARITY*®, 1359 Broadway, 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018, Attention: Customer Service Department (telephone: (212) 849-5021 - email notice: www.parity@i-deal.com.

For purposes of the sealed proposal process (telephone or written bids) and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by *PARITY*® shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their bids the net interest cost to the Town, as described under "Bid Specifications/Basis of Award" below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

<u>Disclaimer</u>. Each <u>PARITY</u>® prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access <u>PARITY</u>® for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Town nor <u>PARITY</u>® shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such arrangements to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any prospective bidder, and neither the Town nor <u>PARITY</u>® shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, <u>PARITY</u>®. The Town is using <u>PARITY</u>® as a communication mechanism, and not as the Town's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Notes. The Town is not bound by any advice and determination of <u>PARITY</u>® to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the bid requirements herein set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of bids via <u>PARITY</u>® are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Town is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in arranging to bid or submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Notes, the prospective bidder should telephone <u>PARITY</u>® at (212) 849-5021.

## **Bid Specifications/Basis of Award**

Proposals for the purchase of the Notes must be made in accordance with the requirements prescribed herein. A proposal may be for all or any part of the Notes but any proposal for a part must be for at least \$100,000, or a whole multiple thereof, and a separate proposal will be required for each part of the Notes for which a separate interest rate is bid. Unless all bids are rejected, the Notes will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost, computed as to each interest rate stated by adding the total interest which will be paid at such rate and deducting therefrom the premium offered, if any. As between proposals resulting in the same lowest net interest cost to the Town, the award will be made on the basis of the highest principal amount of the Notes specified. No bid for less than par and accrued interest, if any, will be considered and the Town reserves the right to award to any bidder all or any part of the Notes bid for in its proposal. If a bidder is awarded only a part of the Notes bid for in its proposal, any premium offered in such proposal will be proportionately reduced so that the resulting net interest cost to the Town with respect to the Notes awarded is the same as that contained in the bidder's proposal with respect to the entire amount bid, carried to six decimal places. The purchase price must be paid in Federal Funds.

## **Establishment of Issue Price**

In order to provide the Town with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), relating to the exclusion of interest on the Notes from the gross income of their owners, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the Town at or prior to the delivery of the Notes an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (the "Initial Offering Price") or the actual sales price or prices of the Notes, as circumstances may determine, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel. However, such certificate may indicate that the winning bidder has purchased the Notes for its own account in a capacity other than as an Underwriter, and currently has no intent to reoffer the Notes for sale to the Public (as defined below). For purposes of this "Establishment of Issue Price" section, Bond Counsel may act on behalf of the Town.

The Town intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Notes) will apply to the initial sale of the Notes (the "Competitive Sale Rule") because:

- (1) the Town shall disseminate, or have disseminated on its behalf, this Notice of Sale to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Town anticipates receiving bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Town anticipates awarding the sale of the Notes to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Notes at the lowest <u>net interest cost</u>, 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 Notes, as specified in the bid. Acceptance by the Town of a bid pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall constitute a written contract between the Town and the winning bidder.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Town shall so advise the winning bidder in writing on the sale date. The Town may treat the first price at which 10% of the Notes (the "Actual Sale Rule") are sold to the public as the issue price of the Notes. The winning bidder shall advise the Town if the Notes satisfy the Actual Sale Rule as of the date and time of the award of the Notes.

Bids will <u>not</u> be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

If the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, then until the Actual Sale Rule is satisfied for the Notes, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Town and Bond Counsel the prices at which the unsold Notes have been sold to the Public. This reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the Actual Sale Rule is satisfied for the Notes.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each brokerdealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Notes, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Notes, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Notes to any person that is a Related Party (as defined below) to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- (1) "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.
- (2) "Related Party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (3) Underwriter means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Town (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of the selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).

#### **Settlement of the Notes**

The Notes will be available for delivery on or about February 1, 2024. The deposit of the Notes with DTC or its custodian under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the winning bidder or bidders to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Notes prior to delivery, and the Town will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the failure of the winning bidder or bidders to obtain such numbers and to supply them to the Town in a timely manner. The Town assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charge that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers, which charges shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

Unless the winning bidder on the Notes is designated as the certifying bank, registrar, transfer and paying agent for the Notes as provided in "Option for No Book Entry" herein, the Notes will be certified by U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, of Hartford, Connecticut. The legality of the Notes will be passed upon by Pullman & Comley LLC, Bond Counsel, Hartford, Connecticut, and the winning bidder(s) will be furnished, without cost, with such opinion, substantially in the form set out in Appendix B to the Official Statement. Each winning bidder(s) will also be furnished with a signature and no litigation certificate, a receipt of payment satisfactory in form to Bond Counsel, a copy of the final Official Statement prepared for this sale, a certificate signed by the appropriate officials of the Town relating to the accuracy and completeness of information contained in the final Official Statement and an executed Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

In rendering the legal opinion, Pullman & Comley, LLC will rely upon and assume the material accuracy of the representations and statements of expectation contained in the Tax Compliance Agreement entered into by the Town for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, and further, will assume compliance by the Town with the covenants and procedures set forth in such Tax Compliance Agreement.

# Right to Reject Bids; Waiver

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

## **Postponement; Change of Terms**

The Town reserves the right to alter any terms of the Notes or this Notice of Sale and to postpone, from time to time, the date or time established for the receipt of the bids.

## **Additional Information**

For more information regarding the Notes and the Town, reference is made to the Official Statement. Copies of the Official Statement may be obtained from Mr. Mark N. Chapman, Managing Director, Munistat Services, Inc., 129 Samson Rock Drive, Suite A, Madison, CT 06443, Tel. (203) 421-2087.

KARL F. KILDUFF Town Manager

TODD POZEFSKY Treasurer

January 8, 2024

(See attached for form of Proposal for Notes)

#### PROPOSAL FOR NOTES

January 18, 2024

KARL F. KILDUFF, Town Manager TODD POZEFSKY, Treasurer Town of Clinton, Connecticut Town Hall 54 East Main Street Clinton, CT 06413

Subject to the provisions of the Notice of Sale dated January 8, 2024, which Notice is made a part of this proposal, we offer to purchase the principal amount of the \$2,000,000 Town of Clinton, Connecticut General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, specified below at the stated interest rate (provided not less than \$100,000 of principal amount per interest rate is bid and the total of all principal amounts bid do not exceed \$2,000,000) plus the premium specified below, if any, and to pay therefor par plus the premium specified below, if any, on the date of delivery. We further provide our computation of net interest cost as to each bid, carried to six decimals, and made as provided in the above-mentioned Notice of Sale, but not constituting any part of the foregoing proposal.

| Principal amount Interest rate Premium Net Interest Cost  (Six Dec | simals) | Principal amount<br>Interest rate<br>Premium<br>Net Interest Cost | (Six Decimals) | % |
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The undersigned hereby agrees to accept delivery of and make payment for the indicated principal amount of the Notes in Federal Funds on the date of the Notes or as soon thereafter (but not later than 30 days thereafter) as such Notes may be prepared and ready for delivery by the Town.

| (Name of Bidder)       |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| (Authorized Signature) |  |  |
| (Mailing Address)      |  |  |
| (Telephone Number)     |  |  |