#### \$19,769,109

# CITY OF SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2025 NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BOND SALE (NOT BANK QUALIFIED) (CALLABLE)

Notice is given that the undersigned Commissioner of Finance of the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York (the "City") will receive electronic and facsimile bids, as more fully described below, for the purchase IN FEDERAL FUNDS, at not less than par and accrued interest of \$19,769,109 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2025 (the "Bonds"). Bids must be submitted electronically on Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible at www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com, between 10:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. ET on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 unless extended in accordance with the two-minute rule described herein. The Bonds will be dated June 26, 2025 and will mature on May 1 in each of the years 2026-2037.

# PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION

This Notice of Bond Sale was disseminated electronically by posting to <u>www.fiscaladvisors.com</u> and <u>www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com</u>. These methods of distribution of the Notice of Bond Sale are regularly used by Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor") and the City for purposes of disseminating notices of sale of new issuances of municipal bonds.

#### **PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING**

#### **Submission of Bids**

After selecting the low bidder, the City may decrease the aggregate par amount of bonds to be issued in an amount not in excess of the premium offered by the successful bidder, and the amount of each annual maturity may be adjusted to the extent necessary, in order that the total proceeds, which include the total par amount of the bonds plus the original issue premium, if any, received by the City, does not exceed the maximum amount permitted under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The annual maturities of the bonds may also be adjusted for the purpose of attaining annual debt service that is substantially level or declining as provided in Section 21.00(d) of the Local Finance Law. The bonds of each maturity, as adjusted, will bear interest at the same rate and must have the same initial reoffering yields as specified for that maturity by the successful bidder for the bonds. It is the intent of this provision to hold constant, on a per bond basis, the successful bidder's underwriting spread. However, award will be made to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest net interest cost, calculated as specified herein, solely on the basis of the bonds offered, without taking into account any adjustment in the amount of bonds pursuant to this paragraph. Such adjustments will be made within twenty-four (24) hours following the opening of the bids. The premium bid over par shall remain unchanged after any decrease in the aggregate par amount of bonds. The successful bidder may neither withdraw nor modify its bid as a result of any such post-bid adjustment. Any such adjustment shall be conclusive and shall be binding upon the successful bidder.

All bids must be unconditional and submitted on the Fiscal Advisors Auction website. No other provider of electronic bidding services, and no other means of delivery (i.e., telephone, telefax, physical delivery, etc.) will be accepted. Bidders may change and submit bids as many times as they wish during the auction; provided, however, that each bid submitted subsequent to a bidder's initial bid must result in a lower net interest cost ("NIC"), when compared to the immediately preceding bid of such bidder. The last bid submitted by a bidder before the end of the auction will be compared to all other final bids submitted by others to determine the winning bidder. During the bidding, no bidder will see any other bidder's bid but each bidder will be able to see its ranking (i.e., "Leader", "Cover", "3rd", etc.).

*Two Minute Rule*: If any bid becomes a leading bid two (2) minutes prior to the end of the auction, then the auction will be automatically extended by two (2) minutes from the time such new leading bid was received by Fiscal Advisors Auction. The auction end time will continue to be extended, indefinitely, until a single leading bid remains the leading bid for at least two (2) minutes.

## **Registration and Admission to Bid**

To bid electronically using Fiscal Advisors Auction, bidders must first visit the Fiscal Advisors Auction website at <u>www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com</u> where, if they have never registered with either Fiscal Advisors Auction or any municipal debt auction website powered by Grant Street Group, they can register and then request admission to the City's auction. Only FINRA registered broker dealers, dealer banks with DTC clearing arrangements and banks or trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State of New York will be eligible to bid. The City will determine whether any request for admission is granted. Bidders who have previously registered with Fiscal Advisors Auction may call auction support at (412) 391-5555 x1370 to confirm their ID or password. The use of Fiscal Advisors Auction shall be at the bidder's risk, and the City shall have no liability with respect thereto. Bidders shall not be required to register in order to submit a facsimile bid.

#### **Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction**

The "Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction" can be viewed on the Fiscal Advisors Auction website and are incorporated by reference in this Notice of Bond Sale. Bidders must comply with the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction in addition to the requirements of this Notice of Bond Sale. In the event the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction conflict with this Notice of Bond Sale, this Notice of Bond Sale shall prevail.

## Disclaimer

Each prospective bidder who wishes to submit electronic bids shall be solely responsible to register to bid via Fiscal Advisors Auction. Each qualified prospective bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access Fiscal Advisors Auction for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Bond Sale. Neither the City nor Fiscal Advisors Auction shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the City nor Fiscal Advisors Auction shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by Fiscal Advisors Auction. The City is using Fiscal Advisors Auction as a communications mechanism, and not as the City's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Bonds, it should telephone Fiscal Advisors Auction and notify the Municipal Advisor at (315) 752-0051 (provided that the City shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice). After receipt of bids is closed, the City through Fiscal Advisors Auction or telephone will indicate the apparent successful bidder. Such message is a courtesy only for viewers, and does not constitute the award of the Bonds. The Fiscal Advisors Auction bids will be compared with bids received outside of Fiscal Advisors Auction, if any, before the award is made. Each bid will remain subject to review by the City to determine its net interest cost and compliance with the terms of this Notice of Bond Sale.

#### **Issue Price**

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Bonds, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Bonds pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirements"). The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Bonds. Bids will <u>not</u> be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Bonds, advise the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price and yield of each maturity of the Bonds (the "Initial Reoffering Prices") as of the date of the award.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Requirements <u>are not</u> met, it will elect and satisfy either option (1) or option (2) described below. *Such election must be made on the bid form submitted by each bidder*.

For purposes of the "hold the price" or "follow the price" requirement described below, a "maturity" refers to Bonds that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

(1) Hold the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Bonds within a maturity at a price that is higher, or a yield that is lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least 10 percent of the Bonds of such maturity at a price that is no higher, or a yield that is no lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day after the date of the award of the Bonds, and

(c) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Bonds as set forth above.

# (2) Follow the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the City with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will report to the City information regarding the actual prices at which at least 10 percent of the Bonds within each maturity of the Bonds have been sold to the public,

(c) will provide the City with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sale prices the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. This reporting requirement, which may extend beyond the closing date of the Bonds, will continue until such date that 10 percent of each maturity of the Bonds has been sold to the public, and

(d) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

Regardless of whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the winning bidder shall submit to the City a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Bonds stating the applicable facts as described above. The form of Reoffering Price Certificate is available by contacting Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor.

If the winning bidder has purchased the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the Reoffering Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which the purchase of the Bonds was made.

For purposes of this Notice of Bond Sale, the "public" does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any "derivative products" (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Bonds.

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#### THE BONDS

The Bonds of the City are entitled \$19,769,109 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2025, and are dated June 26, 2025, and mature on May 1 in annual principal installments which, together with interest thereon, are expected to provide for substantially level or declining annual debt service on such Bonds, as defined and described in paragraph d of Section 21.00 of the New York Local Finance Law, and will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity, as follows:

	MATURITIES**								
<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Year	<u>Amount</u>	Year	<u>Amount</u>				
2026	\$ 1,729,109	2030	\$ 1,475,000	2034	\$ 1,745,000*				
2027	1,535,000	2031	1,540,000	2035	1,820,000*				
2028	1,360,000	2032	1,605,000	2036	1,895,000*				
2029	1,415,000	2033	1,675,000	2037	1,975,000*				

\*The Bonds maturing in the years 2034-2037 are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein under the heading "Optional Redemption."

\*\*Subject to change pursuant to the accompanying Notice of Bond Sale in order to achieve substantially level or declining annual debt service. The aggregate par amount of bonds may be decreased in an amount not in excess of the premium offered by the successful bidder, and the amount of each annual maturity, as set forth herein, may be adjusted to the extent necessary, in order that the total proceeds, which include the total par amount of the bonds plus all or a portion of the original issue premium, if any, received by the City, be used for the capital projects financed by the bonds

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on November 1, 2025 and semi-annually thereafter on May 1 and November 1 until maturity. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity. The record date for the Bonds will be the fifteenth day of the calendar month preceding each such interest payment date.

The Bonds will initially be issued in registered certificated form or at the option of the purchaser, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. If issued in book-entry-only form, ownership interest in the Bonds will be transferred pursuant to the "Book-Entry-Only System" of DTC. Principal and interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed by the City Finance Director to DTC, or to its nominee, Cede & Co., as the registered owner of the Bonds. If issued in registered certificated form, principal and interest will be payable at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as may be selected by the successful bidder. Paying agent fees, if any, in such case are to be paid by the purchaser. Principal and interest will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Bonds will be fully registered and will be valid and legally binding general obligations of said City, all the taxable real property within which will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay said Bonds and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. The Bonds may not be converted into coupon Bonds or be registered to bearer.

The Bonds maturing on or before May 1, 2033 shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after May 1, 2034 shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity as a whole or in part (and by lot if less than all of a maturity is to be redeemed) at the option of the City on May 1, 2033 or on any date thereafter at par (100.0%), plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the City by lot in any customary manner of selection as determined by the City Administrator. Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered holders not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to such date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

The State Constitution requires the City to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of the Bonds and the interest thereon and to make annual appropriations for the amounts required for the payment of such interest and the redemption of such Bonds. The State Constitution also provides that if at any time the appropriating authorities fail to make the required appropriations for the annual debt service on the Bonds and certain other obligations of the City, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied for such purposes; also that the fiscal officer of the City may be required to set apart and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of such obligations.

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the City and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State of New York with the holders from time to time of the Bonds.

Each bid must be for all of said \$19,769,109 serial bonds and may state a single rate of interest or different rates of interest for bonds maturing in different calendar years; provided, however, that (i) only one rate of interest may be bid for all bonds maturing in any one calendar year, (ii) the maximum difference between the highest and lowest rate of interest bid for the bonds may not exceed one and one-half per centum per annum, (iii) variations in rates of interest so bid shall be in ascending progression in order of maturity so that the rate of interest on bonds maturing in any particular calendar year shall not be less than the rate of interest applicable to bonds maturing in any prior calendar year, and (iv) all rates of interest bid must be stated in a multiple of one-eighth or one-hundredth of one per centum per annum. Unless all bids are rejected, the award will be made to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering to purchase said Bonds at such rate or rates of interest as will produce the lowest net interest cost computed in accordance with the net interest cost method of calculation, that being the rate or rates of interest which will produce the least interest cost over the life of the Bonds, after accounting for the premium offered, if any; subject to any par reductions as discussed above. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with this Notice of Bond Sale, except as provided above, will be rejected.

Proposals must be accompanied by a good faith deposit in the form of a wire transfer or certified or cashier's check, payable to the order of the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, in the amount of \$350,000.

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Local Finance Law and bond resolutions duly adopted by the City Council which authorized various City improvements as follows:

CITY OF SYRACUSE, NY	Bond Ordinance	Authorized Amount	Amt Outstanding	Principal Reduction	Authorization Date	Amount to be Issued	PPU
16/17 Garage Elevator Upgrades	428-2017	\$1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	5/22/2017	\$ 250,000	10
Kirk Park Pedestrian Bridge	831-2022	390,000	-	_	12/19/2022	78,000	5
23 Interstate Lighting Upgrade	86-2023	250,000	-	-	2/27/2023	150,000	5
22/23 Legacy Street Lighting	88-2023	170,000	_	_	2/27/2023	50,000	5
Erie Blvd E. Paving Improvement	188-2023	515,000	-	-	4/10/2023	25,750	10
23/24 Municipal Sidewalks	252-2023	4,500,000	-	-	5/8/2023	1,500,000	12
Outer Eastwood Sanitary Sewer	275-2023	6,481,000	-	-	5/22/2023	537,500	40
23/24 Parks Lighting Upgrades	271-2023	171,000	-	-	5/22/2023	51,000	5
FY24 Tree Planting	313-2023	165,000	-	-	6/5/2023	108,000	5
Teall Ave County Project	325-2023	200,000	-	-	6/5/2023	15,000	5
E Brighton Ave Paving Project	703-21, 402-23, 568-24	9,428,000	-	-	6/20/2023	471,400	15
Midland Ave. Paving Project	300-22, 405-23, 894-24	601,000	-	-	6/20/2023	233,300	10
23/24 Sweeping and Flushing Equipment	518-2023	269,000	-	-	7/24/2023	269,000	15
James Street Paving Project	506-2023	1,272,000	-	-	7/24/2023	63,600	15
23/24 Radar Sign Program	514-2023	55,000	-	-	7/24/2023	30,000	5
24/25 Apparatus Replace-Ladder	584-2023, 15-2024	1,999,000	-	-	8/14/2023	2,000,000	20
FY24 Fire Facility Upgrade	588-2023	1,180,000	-	-	8/14/2023	500,000	5
23/24 Parks Pools Improvements	545-2023	300,000	-	-	8/14/2023	300,000	15
Fire Engine SE8 repairs	591-2023	150,000	-	-	8/14/2023	85,730	5
23/24 Parks Monuments & Founta	543-2023	150,000	-	-	8/14/2023	85,000	5
FY24 Parks Sidewalk Improvement	547-23, 789-23	350,000	-	-	8/14/2023	58,000	10
FY24 Parks Backhoe Loader	607-2023	150,000	-	-	9/5/2023	150,000	15
FY24 Upper Onondaga Playground	611-2023	150,000	-	-	9/5/2023	25,000	5
23/24 City-Owned Buildings	705-2023	600,000	-	-	10/16/2023	230,000	5
Rte 175 Onondaga Creek Bridge	715-2023	315,000	-	-	10/16/2023	15,750	15
23/24 Parking Garage Rehab	748-2023	2,988,000	-	-	10/30/2023	1,250,000	5
23/24 Parks Facility Improvement	447-2023, 785-2023	350,000	-	-	12/4/2023	110,000	5
23/24 Parks Playground Add Imp	787-2023	150,000	-	-	12/4/2023	95,000	15
24-25 Training Simulator Program	28-2024	200,000	-	-	1/22/2024	150,000	5
24/25 Parks Lighting Upgrades	41-2024	625,000	-	-	2/5/2024	370,000	5
24/25 Street Lighting Program	43-2024	250,000	-	-	2/5/2024	160,000	5
Fire Emergency Replace Mini-17	35-2024	100,000	-	-	2/5/2024	88,788	20
Fire Engine TE2 Emergency Repa	37-2024	150,000	-	-	2/5/2024	20,109	5
24/25 Water Main Replacement	73-2024	8,000,000	-	-	2/26/2024	1,100,000	40
FY24 Parks Additional Vehicles	56-2024	350,000	-	-	2/26/2024	346,467	5
FY25 Pump Station Replacement	75-2024	3,500,000	-	-	2/26/2024	250,000	40
24-25 Emerg Repairs -Engine 17	124-2024	75,000	-	-	3/25/2024	24,444	5
24/25 Fire Vehicle Replacement	259-2024	627,700	-	-	4/22/2024	626,923	5
24/25 Municipal Sidewalks	396-2024	4,500,000	-	-	5/6/2024	2,250,000	10

		\$64,219,200	\$820,000	\$235,000	Total	\$19,769,109	
Acquire Property at 516 Prospect Ave.	996-2024	820,000	820,000	235,000	12/23/2024	585,000	5
24/25 Complete Streets	874-2024	800,000	-	-	10/15/2024	400,000	5
24/25 City Owned Sidewalks	850-2024	500,000	-	-	9/30/2024	50,000	10
FY25 Thornden Park Picnic Shel	831-2024	100,000	-	-	9/30/2024	75,000	5
FY25 Parks Sidewalks Improvement	778-2024	350,000	-	-	9/3/2024	200,000	10
FY25 Mini 10 Emergency Repairs	733-2024	100,000	-	-	8/12/2024	72,887	5
24/25 Parks Vehicles Replacement	727-2024	475,000	-	-	8/12/2024	425,000	5
FY25 Tree Pit Enhancements	652-2024	500,000	-	-	7/22/2024	115,000	5
FY25 Tree Planting	650-2024, 63-2025	335,000	-	-	7/22/2024	150,000	5
FY24 McKinley Park Pavilion	449-2023	75,000	-	-	7/3/2023	66,333	5
23/24 Tree Pits Enhancements	441-2023	367,500	-	-	7/3/2023	299,500	5
23/24 Vacant Land Management	443-2023	390,000	-	-	7/3/2023	325,000	5
FY25 Fire Communications Upgrade	619-2024	2,550,000	-	-	7/1/2024	125,000	10
24/25 Parks Splashpad Improvement	602-2024	250,000	-	-	7/1/2024	175,000	5
FY25 Parks Inner Harbor CIP	600-2024	1,500,000	-	-	7/1/2024	185,000	15
24/25 City Owned Buildings	543-2024	1,000,000	-	-	6/17/2024	75,000	5
24/25 Parks Facility Improvement	507-2024	120,000	-	-	6/17/2024	90,000	5
23/24 Hiawatha Lake Wall Addit	400-2024	300,000	-	-	5/20/2024	225,000	15
23/24 Spirit of Jubilee Stage	404-2024, 825-2024	410,000	-	-	5/20/2024	406,629	15
24/25 Unimproved Streets/Slurry	307-2024	1,600,000	-	-	5/6/2024	1,600,000	10

The proceeds of the Bonds, together with \$235,000 available funds of the City, will redeem and permanently finance the \$820,000 Bond Anticipation Notes issued January 23, 2025 maturing June 27, 2025 and will provide \$19,184,109 in new money for various purposes listed above.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE TIME AND/OR DATE FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS. NOTICE OF ANY SUCH CHANGE SHALL BE PROVIDED NOT LESS THAN ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE TIME SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS BY MEANS OF A SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF BOND SALE TO BE TRANSMITTED OVER THE TM3.

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of a bidder, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of such bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of the same, unless otherwise paid, shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued, shall not constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser of the Bonds to accept delivery of and pay for said Bonds in accordance with the terms of the purchase contract.

In the event that prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the income received by owners thereof from bonds of the same type and character becomes includable in the gross income of such owners for Federal income tax purposes, the successful bidder may, at his election, be relieved of his obligations under the contract to purchase the Bonds.

The purchase price of the Bonds, in accordance with the purchaser's bid, shall be paid IN FEDERAL FUNDS or other funds available for immediate credit on the day of delivery, in an amount equal to the par amount of such Bonds, plus the premium, if any, plus accrued interest from the date of such Bonds until said day of delivery. The closing on said Bonds will take place at the offices of Trespasz Law Offices, LLP, 247 West Fayette Street, Suite 304, Syracuse, New York, on or about June 26, 2025.

The Municipal Advisor intends to apply for CUSIP identification numbers in compliance with MSRB Rule G-34 (a)(i) (A)-(H). As is further discussed in Rule G-34 the purchaser, as the "Dealer who acquires" the issue, is responsible for the registration fee to the CUSIP Bureau for this service. It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds will be paid for by the City; provided, however, the City assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charges that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

The Bonds will be available for inspection by the purchaser at The Depository Trust Company, in Jersey City, New Jersey, not less than 24 hours prior to the time set for the delivery thereof. It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to verify the CUSIP numbers at such time.

As a condition to the purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds, the purchaser will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery of and payment for the Bonds: (i) a certificate of the Board President certifying that (a) as of the date of the Official Statement furnished by the City in relation to said Bonds (which Official Statement is deemed by the City to be final for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, except for the omission therefrom of those items allowable under said Rule), said Official Statement did not contain any untrue statements of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in said Official Statement obtained from sources other than the City is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness, he has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and (b) to his knowledge, since the date of said Official Statement, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the City and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the City or in its financial condition as shown in said Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by said Official Statement; (ii) a Closing Certificate, constituting receipt for the bond proceeds and a signature certificate, which will include a statement that no litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the signers, threatened affecting the Bonds; (iii) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the City which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Bonds that the City will, among other things, (A) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Bonds not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, with regard to both the Bonds and any obligations refunded with proceeds of the Bonds, and maintaining books and records in a maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (B) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes; (iv) a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Certificate of the City, executed by the Board President, stating that the City has agreed, in accordance with the Rule, to provide or cause to be provided during any succeeding fiscal year in which the Bonds are outstanding, (a) on or prior to the later of either the end of the sixth month of each such succeeding fiscal year or, if an audited financial statement is prepared, sixty days following receipt by the City of the audited financial statement for the preceding fiscal year, but, in no event, not later than the last business day of each such succeeding fiscal year, certain annual financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, in a form generally consistent with information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement, together with such audited financial statement for such year, if any; (b) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds; and (c) timely notice of a failure by the City to provide the required annual financial information and operating data, together with such audited financial statement, if any, described in (a) above on or before the date specified in (a) above; and (v) the unqualified legal opinion as to the validity of the Bonds of Trespasz Law Offices, LLP, 247 West Fayette Street, Suite 304, Syracuse, New York, Bond Counsel. Reference should be made to said Official Statement for a description of the scope of Bond Counsel's engagement in relation to the issuance of the Bonds and the matters covered by such legal opinion. Furthermore, reference should be made to the information under the heading "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS" in the Official Statement.

# THE BONDS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE DESIGNATED "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(B)(3) OF THE CODE.

Any party executing and delivering a bid for the Bonds agrees, if its bid is accepted by the City, to provide to the City, in writing, within two business days after the date of such award, all information which said successful bidder determines is necessary for it to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12, including all necessary pricing and sale information, information with respect to the purchase of municipal bond insurance, if any, and underwriter identification. Within five business days following receipt by the City thereof the City will furnish to the successful bidder, in reasonable quantities as requested by the successful bidder to provide such information will prevent the City from furnishing such Official Statement as described above. The City shall not be responsible or liable in any manner for the successful bidder's determination of information necessary to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 or the accuracy of any such information provided by the successful bidder or for failure to furnish such Official Statements as described above which results from a failure by the successful bidder of such final Official Statements as described above which results form a failure by the successful bidder of such final Official Statements of the successful bidder of such final Official Statements of the successful bidder of such final Official Statements of the successful bidder of such final Official Statements of the successful bidder of such final Official Statements of the provide the aforementioned information within the time specified. Acceptance by the successful bidder of such final Official Statements and delivery thereof.

The population of the City is 146,097 according to the 2024 U.S. Census estimate. The Debt Statement to be filed, pursuant to Section 109.00 of the Local Finance Law in connection with the sale of the Bonds herein described, prepared as of June 6, 2025, will show that the 5-year average full valuation of real estate subject to taxation by the City applicable to the School District is \$6,926,928,687, its debt limit is \$623,423,582 and its total net indebtedness subject to the debt limit, including the Bonds herein described, is \$155,239,883. A detailed Official Statement will be furnished to any interested bidder upon request.

The City will act as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The City contact information is as follows: Michael Cannizzaro, CPA, Commission of Finance, City Hall, 233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York 13202, Phone: (315) 448-8330, Fax: (315) 448-8424, Email: <u>mcannizzaro@syr.gov.</u>

The City's Bond Counsel information is as follows: Theodore A. Trespasz, Jr., Esq. of Trespasz Law Offices, LLP, 247 West Fayette Street, Suite 304, Syracuse, New York 13202, Phone: (315) 466-4444, Email: <u>ttrespasz@lawtm.com</u>.

Copies of the City's Notice of Bond Sale may be promptly obtained from Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., 250 South Clinton Street, Suite 502, Syracuse, New York 13202; Phone: (315) 752-0051; Fax: (315) 752-0057. Additional copies of the Notice of Bond Sale may be downloaded from <u>www.fiscaladvisors.com</u> and <u>www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com</u>.

CITY OF SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

**Dated:** June 6, 2025

BY: Michael Cannizzaro, CPA Commissioner of Finance and Chief Fiscal Officer