

\$3,034,000

**CITY OF ONEONTA
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2020

NOTICE OF PRIVATE COMPETITIVE BOND SALE

Proposals will be received and considered by the undersigned Director of Finance of the City of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York (the "City"), via Fiscal Advisors Auction electronic bids submission website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible at www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com or by facsimile transmission at (315) 930-2354, until 11:00 A.M., Prevailing Time, on the **17th** day of **August, 2020**, at which time and place bids will be opened, for the purchase IN FEDERAL FUNDS at not less than par and accrued interest of

\$3,034,000 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2020, of said City, dated August 25, 2020, and maturing 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, as follows: \$124,000 on August 15, 2021, \$125,000 on August 15, 2022, \$130,000 on August 15 in each of the years 2023 and 2024, \$135,000 on August 15 in each of the years 2025 and 2026, \$140,000 on August 15, 2027, \$145,000 on August 15 in each of the years 2028 and 2029, \$150,000 on August 15 in each of the years 2030 and 2031, \$155,000 on August 15, 2032, \$160,000 on August 15, 2033 and 2034, \$165,000 on August 15, 2035, \$170,000 on August 15, 2036, \$175,000 on August 15 in each of the years 2037 and 2038, \$180,000 on August 15, 2039, and \$185,000 on August 15, 2040, with interest thereon payable on August 15, 2021 and semi-annually thereafter on February 15 and August 15.

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 Director of Finance 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, subject to applicable statutory limitations. The bonds may not be converted into coupon bonds or be registered to bearer.

At the option of the purchaser, the bonds will be issued in (i) certificated registered form registered in the name of the successful bidder with one certificated bond for each maturity, or (ii) as a statutory installment bond ("SIB") or (iii) registered book-entry-only form registered to Cede & Co. as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC").

The bonds maturing on or before August 15, 2028 shall not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on or after August 15, 2029 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 August 15, 2028 or on any date thereafter at par (100%), 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 Director of Finance. Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by transmitting such notice to the registered holder 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.

Each bid must be for all of said \$3,034,000 bonds and 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 bonds of the same maturity, (ii) the maximum difference between the highest and lowest rate of interest bid for the bonds may not exceed three 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. The amount of the premium bid, if any, shall not exceed \$185,000. Unless all bids are rejected, the award will be made to the bidder complying with the terms of this private 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; provided, however, that the City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, after selecting the low bidder, to adjust the aforesaid maturity installments to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of substantially level or declining annual debt service and the premium bid over par must remain unchanged after such possible changes. Any such adjustment by the City shall be conclusive and shall be binding upon the successful bidder. If two or more such bidders offer to purchase the bonds at the same net interest cost, computed as described above, the bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers to purchase the bonds at the highest premium dollar amount. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with this NOTICE OF PRIVATE COMPETITIVE BOND SALE will be rejected. A GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

Proposals may be submitted electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction electronic bid submission website or via facsimile transmission at (315) 930-2354, in accordance with this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, until the time specified herein. No other form of electronic bidding services nor telephone proposals will be accepted. No proposal will be accepted after the time for receiving proposals specified above. Bidders submitting proposals via facsimile must use the "Proposal for Bonds" form attached hereto. Once the proposals are communicated electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction or via facsimile, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the bonds pursuant to the terms therein provided.

Electronic bidding will take place in a Closed Auction format. Bidders may change and submit bids as many times as they wish during the bidding period, but they may not withdraw a submitted bid. The last bid submitted by a bidder prior to the deadline for the receipt of bids will be compared to all other final electronic and facsimile bids, as more fully described herein, to determine the winning bid. During the auction, no bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will see the status of their bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether their bid is a leading bid). Each bid must be for not less than the par value of the bonds. Conditional bids will be rejected, including any bid subject to credit approval.

Prospective bidders wishing to submit an electronic bid must be registered with Fiscal Advisors Auction. To bid electronically, bidders must first visit the Fiscal Advisors Auction website at www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com 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. By submitting an electronic bid for the bonds, a bidder represents and warrants to the City that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the bonds is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the bonds.

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 Private Competitive Bond Sale. Neither the City nor Fiscal Advisors 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 and facsimile bidding for the City's bonds. The City is not bound by any advice or determination of Fiscal Advisors and Marketing, Inc. or Grant Street Group as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their registration and submission of bids via Fiscal Advisors Auction are the sole responsibility of the bidders, and the City is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the bonds, it should telephone and notify the City's municipal advisor, Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. at (315) 752-0051 (provided that the City shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice).

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

If any provisions of this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale shall conflict with information provided by Fiscal Advisors Auction, as approved provider of electronic bidding services, the provisions of this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale shall control. Further information about Fiscal Advisors Auction, including any fee charged, may be obtained from an agent for Grant Street Group at (412) 391-5555 x1370. The time maintained by Fiscal Advisors Auction shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted.

Said bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the City Law and the Local Finance Law, for water treatment supervisory control and data acquisition (\$300,000); water lower reservoir dam (\$725,000); sanitary sewer main (\$640,000); and Wilbur Lake Dam Reservoir Project (\$1,369,000) in and for said City.

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 IN SUCH MANNER AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY.

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, and in such case, the deposit accompanying his bid will be returned.

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 Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, 51 West 52nd Street, 15th Floor, New York, New York, on or about August 25, 2020.

The Municipal Advisor intends to provide the purchaser of the issue with CUSIP identification numbers as is discussed in the Preliminary Official Statement, 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; that 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 Director of Finance 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, she has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and (b) to her 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (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 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 Director of Finance 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 certain annual financial information, operating data and material events notification as further described in the Official Statement; and (v) the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the bonds of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, 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" in the Official Statement.

The bonds will be treated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Following the sale of the bonds, on the Sale Date, the successful bidder will be required to provide to the City and its Bond Counsel certain information regarding the reoffering price to the public of each maturity of the bonds. If the winning bidder is purchasing each maturity of the bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribute or resale, a certificate to that effect will be required. Otherwise, the successful bidder must submit to the City a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, dated as of the day of the delivery of the bonds, which assuming three bids from underwriters are received, states:

(a)(i) on the date of award, such successful bidder made a bona fide public offering of all bonds of all maturities at initial offering prices corresponding to the prices or yields indicated in the information furnished in connection with the successful bid, and (ii) as of such date, the first price or yield at which an amount equal to at least ten percent of each maturity of the bonds was reasonably expected to be sold to the public was, respectively, a price not higher or a yield not lower than indicated in the information furnished with the successful bid (the "first price rule"), and (iii) provides a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the bonds attached to the Reoffering Price Certificate. The public means any persons including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company or corporation (other than the successful bidder or a related party to the successful bidder, being two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership directly or indirectly, or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract or other agreement with the successful bidder to participate in the initial sale of the bonds to the public).

(b) the successful bidder was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) the bid submitted by the successful bidder constituted a firm offer to purchase the bonds.

In the event that at least three bids are not received by the City on the Sale Date, and at least ten percent of each maturity of the bonds have been sold on the Sale Date, the successful bidder shall certify as to the first price or yield at which ten percent of each maturity was sold and provide a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication.

In addition, in the event that (1) at least three bids are not received by the City on the Sale Date, and (2) ten percent of each maturity of the bonds have not been sold on the Sale Date (each an "Unsold Maturity"), the successful bidder (and any members of its underwriting group or syndicate) shall have the option (i) to provide to the City (or its agents) ongoing pricing information, together with reasonable supporting documentation acceptable to bond counsel (such as the pricing wire), until 10% of each Unsold Maturity is sold (the "Follow-the-Price Requirement"), or (ii) shall be required to hold the initial reoffering price to the public of each such Unsold Maturity (as reported to the City on the Sale Date) for the lesser of five (5) business days after the Sale Date or the date on which at least 10% of each such

Unsold Maturity are sold (the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Requirement"). A certification as to the details of compliance with this requirement shall be part of the Reoffering Price Certificate.

The City or its Municipal Advisor on its behalf shall advise the successful bidder on the Sale Date as to whether at least three bids were received. Delivery of a bid shall constitute the bidder's agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Requirement or the Follow-the-Price Requirement of this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale and to certify to compliance therewith under the circumstances described herein.

Such certificate shall state that it is made on the best knowledge, information and belief of the successful bidder after appropriate investigation.

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, copies of said Official Statement, updated as necessary, and supplemented to include said information. Failure 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 to provide the aforementioned information within the time specified. Acceptance by the successful bidder of such final Official Statements shall be conclusive evidence of the satisfactory completion of the obligations of said City with respect to the preparation and delivery thereof.

The population of the City as shown by the 2019 U.S. Census estimate is 13,907. The Debt Statement, prepared as of August 4, 2020, will show the five-year average full valuation of real estate subject to taxation by the City to be \$483,746,636, its debt limit to be \$33,862,265, and its total net indebtedness subject to the debt limit to be \$6,689,431. The indebtedness to be evidenced by such bonds will increase such indebtedness by \$3,034,000. Bond anticipation notes have not been issued heretofore in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. A detailed Official Statement will be furnished to any interested bidder upon request.

This Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale was disseminated electronically by posting to www.fiscaladvisors.com and www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com. This method of distribution is regularly used by the Municipal Advisor and the City for purposes of disseminating notices of sale of new issuances of municipal bonds.

The City will act as Paying Agent for the bonds. The City's contact information is as follows: Ms. Virginia M. Lee, Director of Finance, 258 Main Street, P.O. Box 662, Oneonta, New York 13820, Phone: (607) 432-0560, Fax: (607) 433-3429, Email: vlee@oneonta.ny.us.

The City's Bond Counsel information is as follows: Thomas E. Myers, Esq., Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, 51 West 52nd Street, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10019, Phone: (212) 506-5212, Fax: (212) 506-5151, Email: tmyers@orrick.com.

Dated: Oneonta, New York,
August 11, 2020.

Director of Finance

**PROPOSAL FOR BONDS
CITY OF ONEONTA
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

Ms. Virginia M. Lee, Director of Finance
City of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York
c/o Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc.
250 South Clinton Street • Suite 502
Syracuse, New York 13202
Telefax (315) 930-2354

SALE DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020
SALE TIME: 11:00 A.M., Prevailing Time

\$3,034,000 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2020

Dated: August 25, 2020

Due: August 15, 2021-2040

Dear Ms. Lee:

For the \$3,034,000 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2020 of City of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York, subject to the annexed Notice of Bond Sale, which is hereby made a part of this bid, we will pay Three Million Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$3,034,000) plus a premium of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) and accrued interest to date of delivery, provided that the bonds maturing in the several years set forth below shall bear interest from their date until maturity at the respective rates per annum stated in the following table:

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	_____ %	2028	_____ %	2035	_____ %
2022	_____ %	2029	_____ %	2036	_____ %
2023	_____ %	2030	_____ %	2037	_____ %
2024	_____ %	2031	_____ %	2038	_____ %
2025	_____ %	2032	_____ %	2039	_____ %
2026	_____ %	2033	_____ %	2040	_____ %
2027	_____ %	2034	_____ %		

The following is our computation of the Net Interest Cost (NIC), made as provided in the above mentioned Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, but not constituting any part of the foregoing Proposal for the purchase of the \$3,034,000 Bonds under the foregoing Proposal:

Gross Interest	\$ _____
Premium Bid Over Par	\$ _____
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	\$ _____
Effective NIC Rate	_____ % (four decimals)

ISSUE PRICE:

A) If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, the Bidder will use one or more of the following methods to determine the issue price of the Bonds.

Please select one of the following: (if none are selected, then the method shall be assumed to be Follow the Price for each maturity with at least 10% sold on the Sale Date at the Initial Reoffering Price and Hold the Price for all unsold maturities):

- ☐ Follow the Price for all maturities; or
- ☐ Hold the Price for all maturities; or
- ☐ Follow the Price for each maturity with at least 10% sold on the Sale Date at the Initial Reoffering Price and Hold the Price Rule for all other maturities

B) TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDERS WHO ARE PURCHASING NOTES FOR THEIR OWN ACCOUNT: The Bidder is not acting as an underwriter with respect to the Bonds or is not a related party to an underwriter with respect to the Bonds and has no present intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Bonds.

- ☐ Confirmed

Print Name of Bidder

Bank/Institution

Telephone () _____

Telecopier () _____

Email: _____