

\$260,000

**HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

SCHOOL DISTRICT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2020

NOTICE OF PRIVATE COMPETITIVE BOND SALE

(QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT) (NON-CALLABLE)

Notice is given that the undersigned President of the Board of Education of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, St. Lawrence County, New York (the "District") 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 \$260,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020 (the "Bonds"). Bids must be submitted electronically on Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible at www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com, or via facsimile to (315) 930-2354 no later than **10:30 A.M. ET on the 18th day of August, 2020**. The Bonds will be dated September 1, 2020 and will mature on September 1 in each of the years 2021-2025.

PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION

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

PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING

Submission of Bids

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). All bidders shall be offered an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Bonds. Furthermore, no bidder shall have the opportunity to review other bids before providing a bid, or be given an opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders (this is, not exclusive "last look"). By submitting a bid, the underwriter attests that they have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

The maximum amount of premium bid, if any, shall not exceed \$10,400. Any bid not complying with the limitation on bid premium will be rejected.

Registration and Admission to Bid

To bid electronically using Fiscal Advisors Auction, 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 District'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 District 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 District 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 Private Competitive Bond Sale. Bidders must comply with the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction in addition to the requirements of this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale. In the event the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction conflict with this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, this Notice of Private Competitive 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 Private Competitive Bond Sale. Neither the District 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 District 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 District is using Fiscal Advisors Auction as a communications mechanism, and not as the District'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 District shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice). After receipt of bids is closed, the District 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 District to determine its net interest cost and compliance with the terms of this Notice of Private Competitive 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (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 not 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 are not 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 5th 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 Private Competitive 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.

THE BONDS

The Bonds of the District are entitled \$260,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020, and are dated September 1, 2020, and mature on September 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>
2021	\$ 50,000
2022	50,000
2023	50,000
2024	55,000
2025	55,000

* Subject to change in order to achieve substantially level or declining annual debt service.

Limitation on Bid Premium: The maximum amount of premium bid, if any, shall not exceed \$10,400. Any bid not complying with the limitation on bid premium will be rejected.

Interest on the Bonds is payable on September 1, 2021, and semiannually thereafter on March 1 and September 1 in each year to 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 District Clerk 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 District, 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 shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The State Constitution requires the District 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 District, 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 District 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 District 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 \$260,000 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; provided, however, that the District reserves the right, in its sole discretion, after selecting the low bidder, to adjust the aforesated maturity installments to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of substantially level or declining debt service and the Premium Bid over Par must remain unchanged after such possible changes. Any such adjustment by the District 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 while adhering to the maximum allowable premium of \$10,400. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, except as provided above, will be rejected.

A good faith deposit shall not be required.

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State including among others, the Local Finance Law and a bond resolution adopted August 3, 2020, which authorized the purchase and finance of student transportation vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and the expenditure of a total sum not to exceed \$260,000.

The proceeds of the Bonds will provide new monies for the abovementioned purpose.

THE DISTRICT 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 PRIVATE COMPETITIVE 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 & Marquardt, LLP, 251 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York, on or about September 1, 2020.

The Municipal Advisor intends to provide the purchaser of the issue with 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 District; provided, however, the District 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 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; (ii) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the District which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Bonds that the District 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; and (iii) the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the Bonds of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP, Syracuse, New York, Bond Counsel.

THE BONDS WILL 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 District, to provide to the District, 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. The District 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.

The population of the District is 2,455 according to the 2014-2018 U.S. Census estimate. No Debt Statement is required to be filed pursuant to Section 109.00 of the Local Finance Law in connection with the sale of the Bonds herein described. The fiscal year 2019-2020 full valuation of real estate subject to taxation by the District is \$155,304,706, its debt limit is \$15,530,471 and its total net indebtedness subject to the debt limit, including the Bonds herein described, is \$14,205,000.

The District will act as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The District contact information is as follows: Janet Boyd, Business Manager, Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, District Offices, 709 E. De Kalb Road, De Kalb Junction, New York 13630, Phone: (315) 347-3442, Fax: (315) 347-3817, Email: jboyd@hdcsk12.org.

The District's Bond Counsel information is as follows: Theodore A. Trespasz, Jr., Esq. of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP, 251 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York 13202, Phone: (315) 466-4444, Fax: (315) 466-5555, Email: ttrespasz@lawtm.com.

Copies of the District's Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale may be promptly obtained from Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., 260 South Clinton Street, Suite 502, Syracuse, New York 13202; Phone: (315) 752-0051; Fax: (315) 752-0057. Additional copies of the Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale may be downloaded from www.fiscaladvisors.com and www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com.

[There is no offering document which accompanies this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale.]

Dated: August 10, 2020

**Ronald Smith
President, Board of Education
Hermon-DeKalb Central School
District**

PROPOSAL FOR BONDS

Mr. Ronald Smith, President of the Board of Education
Hermon-DeKalb Central School District
St. Lawrence 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 18, 2020
TIME: 10:30 A.M., Prevailing Time

HERMON-DEKALB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT \$260,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020

Dated & Delivery Date: September 1, 2020

Maturity: September 1, 2021-2025

For the \$260,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020 of the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District, St. Lawrence County, New York, subject to the annexed Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, which is hereby made a part of this bid, we will pay Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$260,000) plus a premium of (\$ _____) 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>
2021	_____ %
2022	_____ %
2023	_____ %
2024	_____ %
2025	_____ %

The following is our computation of the net interest cost, 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 \$ _____ Bonds therein described:

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

***Premium bid may not exceed \$10,400. Any bid not complying with the limitation on bid premium will be rejected.**

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 BONDS 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

Form of Bonds:

- ☐ DTC
- ☐ Registered Certificated

Print Name of Bidder

Bank/Institution

Telephone: () _____

Telefax: () _____

Email: _____