

NOTICE OF SALE

**BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
FOR THE SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF  
RENSSELAER, COLUMBIA AND GREENE COUNTIES, NEW YORK  
DOING BUSINESS AS QUESTAR III**

**\$7,500,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, 2023**

**(Bank Qualified) (Non-Callable)**  
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Notice is given that the undersigned President of the Board of Education, of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of the Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties, New York doing business as Questar III (the "BOCES" and "Questar III"), 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 \$7,500,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, 2023 (the "Notes"). Bids must be submitted electronically on Fiscal Advisors Auction website [www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com](http://www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com), or via facsimile to (315) 930-2354 by no later than **11:00 A.M. ET on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023**. Bidders submitting proposals via facsimile must use the "Proposal for Notes" form attached hereto.

The Notes will be dated September 27, 2023 and will mature on March 27, 2024, with interest payable at maturity. The Notes are to be issued without option of prior redemption. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

**PROCEDURES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

This Notice of Sale was disseminated electronically by posting to [www.fiscaladvisors.com](http://www.fiscaladvisors.com) and [www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com](http://www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com). This method of distribution of the Notice of Sale is regularly used by Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisors"), for purposes of disseminating notices of sale of new issuance of municipal notes.

**PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING**

**Submission of Bids**

Proposals may be submitted in accordance with this Notice of Sale until the time specified herein. No proposal will be accepted after the time for receiving proposals specified above. Any proposal received by the time for receiving proposals specified herein, which has not been modified or withdrawn by the bidder, shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms herein and therein provided. All bidders shall be offered an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Notes. 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, no exclusive "last look"). By submitting a bid, the underwriter attests that they have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal notes.

The timely delivery of all proposals submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX) must be in legible and complete form, signed by an authorized representative of the bidder, and shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder. The BOCES shall not be responsible for any errors and/or delays in transmission and/or receipt of such bids, mechanical or technical failures or disruptions, or any omissions or irregularities in any bids submitted in such manner.

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 they see the status of their bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether their bid is a leading bid).

**Each bid may be for all or any part of the Notes** and state a single rate of interest therefor in a multiple of one-eighth (1/8<sup>th</sup>), one-hundredth (1/100<sup>th</sup>) or one-thousandth (1/1000<sup>th</sup>) of one per centum (1%) per annum. Each bid must be for not less than the par value of the Notes bid for. Any bidder may submit two separate bids at different rates of interest. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

Any attempt to bid with alterations to the specific language contained in this Notice of Sale, will be considered a failure to execute a proper bid as specified in this Notice of Sale and will be treated as a violation of the applicable competitive bidding regulations and therefore be treated as a private placement. The bid of such party will be treated as a non-conforming bid which will be rejected.

### **Award of Notes**

The Notes will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering the lowest net interest cost, that being the rate of interest which will produce the least interest cost over the life of the Notes, after accounting for the premium offered, if any. In the event bids offering the same lowest net interest cost are received, an award will be made to the bidder offering to purchase the greater principal amount of Notes. If two or more bids offering to purchase the same principal amount of Notes at the same lowest net interest rate are received, an award will be made by lot from among such lowest bids. The right is reserved by said BOCES to award to any bidder all or any part of the Notes which such bidder offers to purchase and, in such event, the premium, if any, specified by such bidder will be pro-rated. In any event, the award of said Notes will be made on the basis of the bid or combination of bids offering to purchase the Notes on terms most favorable to said BOCES.

The BOCES reserves the right to reject any and all bids (regardless of the interest rate bid), to reject any bid not complying with this official Notice of Sale and, so far as permitted by law, to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any bid or the bidding process. **All or none bids will be rejected. Conditional bids will be rejected, including any bid subject to credit approval.**

### **Registration to Bid**

To bid electronically using Fiscal Advisors Auction, bidders must first visit the website at [www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com](http://www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com) where, if they have never registered with either MuniAuction or any municipal debt auction website powered by Grant Street Group, they can register and then request admission to the BOCES'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 BOCES will determine whether any request for admission is granted. Bidders who have previously registered with MuniAuction 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 BOCES 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 Sale. Bidders must comply with the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction in addition to the requirements of this Notice of Sale. In the event the Rules of Fiscal Advisors Auction conflict with this Notice of Sale, this Notice of 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 Sale. Neither the BOCES 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 BOCES 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 BOCES is using Fiscal Advisors Auction as a communications mechanism, and not as the BOCES's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Notes. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Notes, it should telephone Fiscal Advisors Auction and notify the BOCES's Municipal Advisor at (315) 752-0051 (provided that the BOCES shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice). After receipt of bids is closed, the BOCES 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 Notes. 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 BOCES to determine its net interest cost and compliance with the terms of this Notice of Sale.

## Issue Price

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Notes, 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 Notes 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 Notes. 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 Notes, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price or yield of each maturity of the Notes (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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes, 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 Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Notes 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 Notes at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the Issuer 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 Notes within each maturity of the Notes 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 Notes, will continue until such date that 10 percent of each maturity of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Issuer a certificate (the “Reoffering Price Certificate”), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes was made.

For purposes of this Notice, 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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes.

## **THE NOTES**

The Notes will be valid and legally binding unsecured obligations of the BOCES, payable as to both principal and interest from any monies of the BOCES legally available thereof, and issued in anticipation of the receipt of monies due from the contracted liabilities of the component school districts of the BOCES. **The BOCES has no taxing power.** The Notes do not constitute a debt obligation of any component school district of the BOCES nor shall the Notes be payable out of any funds other than these of the BOCES.

### **Form of the Notes**

Each purchaser shall have the option of having the Notes issued (i) registered in the name of the purchaser or (ii) in the form of book-entry-only notes registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (DTC). Paying agent fees, if any, are to be paid by the purchaser(s). Notes issued registered in the name of the purchaser will be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 each or multiples thereof, as may be designated by the purchaser(s).

If the purchaser(s) notifies Bond Counsel by 3:00 P.M., Prevailing Time on the date of sale, such Notes may be issued in the form of book-entry-only notes, in the denomination corresponding to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. In the event that the Purchaser(s) choose registered notes, as a condition to delivery of the Notes, the successful bidder(s) will be required to cause such note certificates to be (i) registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), and (ii) deposited with DTC to be held in trust until maturity. DTC is an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a book-entry system for recording the ownership interests of its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfers of the interests among its participants. The DTC participants will be responsible for establishing and maintaining records with respect to the Notes. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interests in the Notes may only be made through book entries (without certificates issued by the BOCES) made on the books and records of DTC (or a successor depository) and its participants, in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the BOCES by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The BOCES will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

### **CUSIP Identification Numbers**

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 Notes. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes will be paid for by the BOCES provided, however; that the BOCES assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charges that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

### **Ratings**

The Notes are not rated. Subject to the approval of the BOCES, the purchaser(s) of the Notes may have a rating completed after the sale at the expense of the purchaser(s), including any fees to be incurred by the BOCES, such rating action may result in a material event notification to be posted to EMMA.

## **Delivery Date and Place of Delivery**

The Notes will be delivered through the facilities of DTC located in Jersey City, New Jersey or as may be agreed with the purchaser(s) on or about September 27, 2023. The purchase price of the Notes, in accordance with each purchaser's(s') bid, shall be paid in Federal Funds or other funds available for immediate credit on the delivery date. The BOCES's Municipal Advisor shall provide the successful bidder with wire instructions relative to the payment of the purchase price of the Notes and the successful bidder shall be entitled to rely on such instructions.

## **Tax Exemption and Legal Opinion**

As a condition to each purchaser(s)'s obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes, such purchaser(s) will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery of and payment for said Notes: (i) a certificate of the President of the Board of Education certifying that (a) as of the date of the Official Statement furnished by the BOCES in relation to said Notes which Official Statement is deemed by the BOCES 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 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 BOCES 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 BOCES and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the BOCES 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 a receipt for the Note 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 Notes, (iii) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the BOCES which will include, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), with the owners of the Notes that the BOCES will, among other things, (A) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Notes 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 Notes and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal Government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (B) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Notes 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 Notes and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes; and (iv) a Certificate of the BOCES, executed by the President of the Board of Education, stating that the BOCES has agreed, in accordance with the Rule 15c2-12, to provide or cause to be provided, timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Notes, and (v) the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of **Barclay Damon LLP**, Bond Counsel, Albany, New York. 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 Notes and matters covered by such legal opinion. Furthermore, reference should be made to the information under the headings "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS" in the Official Statement. The opinion of Bond Counsel will be in substantially the form attached to the Preliminary Official Statement as "APPENDIX-F".

THE NOTES WILL BE DESIGNATED "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE CODE.

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## **Document Accompanying the Delivery of the Notes**

Any party executing and delivering a bid for the Notes agrees, if its bid is accepted by the BOCES, to provide to the BOCES, in writing, within two business days after the date of such award, all information which said successful bidder(s) 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 BOCES thereof, the BOCES will furnish to the successful bidder(s), in reasonable quantities as requested by the successful bidder(s), copies of said Official Statement, updated as necessary, and supplemented to include said information. Failure by the successful bidder(s) to provide such information will prevent the BOCES from furnishing such Official Statement as described above. The BOCES shall not be responsible or liable in any manner for the successful bidder(s)'s determination of information necessary to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 or the accuracy of any such information provided by the successful bidder(s) or for failure to furnish such Official Statements as described above which results from a failure by the successful bidder(s) to provide the aforementioned information within the time specified. Acceptance by the successful bidder(s) of such final Official Statements shall be conclusive evidence of the satisfactory completion of the obligations of the BOCES with respect to the preparation and delivery thereof.

### **Contact Information**

Additional copies of the Notice of Sale and Official Statement may be obtained upon request from the offices of Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., Phone: 315.752.0051, or at [www.fiscaladvisors.com](http://www.fiscaladvisors.com).

The BOCES's Bond Counsel contact information is as follows: M Cornelia Cahill, Esq., Barclay Damon LLP, 80 State Street—Albany, New York 10019, Phone: (518) 429-4296, Fax: (518) 533-2926, Email: [mcahill@barclaydamon.com](mailto:mcahill@barclaydamon.com)

The BOCES contact information is as follows: Lynn D. MacDonald, Treasurer, 10 Empire State Blvd. Castleton, New York 12033, Phone: (518) 479-6807, Email: [lmacdonald@questar.org](mailto:lmacdonald@questar.org)

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FOR THE SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF  
RENSSELAER, COLUMBIA & GREENE COUNTIES, NEW YORK  
DOING BUSINESS AS QUESTAR III**

**Dated: September 14, 2023**

**NADINE GAZZOLA  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER**

**PROPOSAL FOR NOTES**

Ms. Nadine Gozzola, President of the Board of Education and Chief Fiscal Officer  
Board of Cooperative Educational Services for  
The Sole Supervisory District  
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**SALE DATE: September 20, 2023**  
**SALE TIME: 11:00 A.M., Prevailing Time**

**BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR  
THE SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF  
RENSSELAER, COLUMBIA, GREENE COUNTIES NEW YORK  
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\$7,500,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes, 2022**

**Dated: September 27, 2023**

**Maturity: March 27, 2024**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Premium</b>	<b>Net Interest Cost <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Bid 1</b>	\$	%	\$	%
<b>Bid 2</b>	\$	%	\$	%

<sup>(1)</sup> The computation of the net interest cost is made as provided in the Notice of Sale relating to the Notes referenced above, but does not constitute any part of the foregoing Proposal for the purchase of the Notes therein described.

**1. FORM OF NOTES** Please check one of the following:

- Book-Entry-Only registered to Cede & Co.
- Registered in the Name of the Purchaser

**2. ISSUE PRICE:**

A) If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met and less than 10% of the Notes have been sold to the public, the Bidder will use one or more of the following methods to determine the issue price of the Notes:

*Please select one of the following (if none are selected, then the method shall be assumed to be Follow the Price):*

- Follow the Price; or
- Hold the Price

**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 Notes nor is it a related party to an underwriter with respect to the Notes and has no present intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Notes.

- Confirmed

**3. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bids may also be submitted electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction website [www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com](http://www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com) ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") in accordance with the Notice of Sale, until the time specified herein. No other form of electronic bidding services will be accepted. No bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. No phone bids will be accepted. Once the bids are communicated electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction or facsimile to the BOCES, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms provided in the Notice of Sale.