

**Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions
and Official Bid Form**

Dated: September 7, 2021

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

\$83,655,000*

**Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds,
Taxable Series 2021**

**Electronic Bids, as Described Herein, Will Be Accepted Between
10:00 AM CDT and 10:30 AM CDT
September 14, 2021**

Via PARITY

*Preliminary; subject to change.

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**NOTICE OF SALE
AND
BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS**

On

**CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS
(Travis, Williamson and Hays Counties)**

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021

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THE SALE

Taxable Bonds Offered for Sale at Competitive Bidding

The City of Austin, Texas (the “City”) is offering for sale its Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021 in the aggregate principal amount of \$83,655,000* (the “Taxable Bonds”) pursuant to the Preliminary Official Statement, dated September 7, 2021 (the “Preliminary Official Statement.”)

The City also anticipates the sale of its \$163,095,000* Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the “Bonds”), \$37,535,000* Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021 (the “Certificates”), \$29,425,000* Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2021 (the “Contractual Obligations”), and \$20,380,000 Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2021 (the “Taxable Certificates”) pursuant to the same Preliminary Official Statement and separate notices of sale and bidding instructions relating to the Bonds, the Certificates, the Contractual Obligations, and the Taxable Certificates.

Bids for each of the Taxable Bonds, the Bonds, the Certificates, the Contractual Obligations, and the Taxable Certificates will be accepted at the times described in the respective Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions for each such issue. **A different Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions has been prepared for each issue and, the award and delivery of the Taxable Bonds is not contingent on the award or delivery of the Bonds, the Certificates, the Contractual Obligations, or the Taxable Certificates.** Terms used herein not defined in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the Preliminary Official Statement.

Electronic Bids Only

Bids for the Taxable Bonds must be submitted prior to 10:30 AM, Austin, Texas time on September 14, 2021 (the “Sale Time”). Bids may be submitted through the facilities of PARITY (see “PARITY” below) beginning at 10:00 AM, Austin, Texas time on September 14, 2021. Subscription to the i-Deal, L.L.C.’s BIDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit a bid. The City will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. To bid via PARITY, bidders must have made arrangements for the Good Faith Deposit prior to the Sale Time, as further described below.

* Preliminary, subject to change. See “THE TAXABLE BONDS – Adjustment of Principal Amount and Maturity Schedule for the Taxable Bonds” and “CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Type of Bids and Interest Rates”.

PARITY

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Taxable Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the City. The City shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of, PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall conflict with information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall control. Further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from BIDCOMP/PARITY, 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, (212) 849-5021.

For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their electronic bids the True Interest Cost Rate to the City, as described under “CONDITIONS OF THE SALE - Basis for Award” below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and the Official Bid Form.

Preliminary and Final Official Statement

The City’s Preliminary Official Statement is available for viewing in electronic format on the i-Deal Prospectus website. The i-Deal Prospectus website address is <http://www.i-dealprospectus.com/>. In addition, FINRA registered broker-dealers and dealer banks with DTC clearing arrangements may either: (a) print out a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to September 12, 2021, elect to receive a photocopy of the Preliminary Official Statement in the mail by calling the City’s Financial Advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC (“PFM” or the “City’s Financial Advisor”), 111 Congress Avenue, Suite 2150, Austin, Texas 78701 at (512) 614-5323.

The Preliminary Official Statement is “deemed final” by the City as of its date, for purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of SEC Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Rule”), except for the omission of information concerning the offering price(s), interest rate(s), selling compensation, aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds, description of insurance, if any, and any other terms or provisions to be determined from the successful bid or depending on such matters, and the identity of the purchaser(s). The Preliminary Official Statement is, however, subject to such further revisions, amendments and completion in a final Official Statement as may be necessary.

The City shall provide the winning bidder (the “Purchaser”) with up to 25 conformed copies of a final Official Statement within seven (7) business days following the date of acceptance of the bid. See “GENERAL – The Official Statement and Compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12”. The final Official Statement will be available at the City’s website https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/finance/financial_docs.cfm?ws=1&pg=3 after the date of delivery of the Taxable Bonds.

Award of the Taxable Bonds

The bids for the Taxable Bonds will be opened at 10:30 AM Austin, Texas Time, on September 14, 2021. On August 26, 2021, the City Council adopted an ordinance authorizing the Taxable Bonds and approving the Preliminary Official Statement (the “Ordinance”). In the Ordinance, the City Council delegated pricing of the Taxable Bonds, and certain other matters, to a “Pricing Officer” who will execute a “Pricing Certificate” on the date of the bid opening to award the sale of the Taxable Bonds, or will reject all bids.

THE TAXABLE BONDS

Description

The Taxable Bonds will be dated October 7, 2021* (the “Dated Date”). Interest will accrue from the Dated Date, and will be due on March 1, 2022, and each September 1 and March 1 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. The Taxable Bonds will be issued only in integral multiples of \$5,000 for any one maturity. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Taxable Bonds will mature in each year as follows unless the bidder elects to have one or more Term Bonds as provided below.

Maturity Schedule*

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>
2022	\$11,750,000	2032	\$3,550,000
2023	3,555,000	2033	3,615,000
2024	3,735,000	2034	3,685,000
2025	3,910,000	2035	3,760,000
2026	3,950,000	2036	3,845,000
2027	3,290,000	2037	3,930,000
2028	4,005,000	2038	4,035,000
2029	3,380,000	2039	4,140,000
2030	3,430,000	2040	4,245,000
2031	3,490,000	2041	4,355,000

Adjustment of Principal Amount and Maturity Schedule for the Taxable Bonds

The principal amounts for the Taxable Bonds set forth in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions reflect estimates of the City and its Financial Advisor with respect to the likely interest rate of the winning bid and the premium/discount contained in the winning bid. The maturity schedule may be adjusted by the City and its Financial Advisor prior to the date and time for submission of bids and, if any such adjustment is made, bidders must bid on the basis of the adjusted schedule. Such changes will be reflected in the maturity schedule posted with PARITY on or before the day the City requests bids for the Taxable Bonds. The City and its Financial Advisor shall not be required to give any other notice of any adjusted maturity schedule.

After selecting the winning bid, the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds and the principal installment amounts in the maturity schedule may be further adjusted as determined by the City in \$5,000 increments to reflect the actual interest rates and any premium/discount in the winning bid and to maximize the efficiency of the structure related to the Taxable Bonds. Any such adjustment of the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds and/or the principal installment amounts (including Term Bonds, if any; see “-Serial Bonds and/or Term Bonds” below) in the maturity schedule for the Taxable Bonds made by the City or its Financial Advisor shall be subsequent to the award of the Taxable Bonds to the winning bidder as determined pursuant to “CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Basis For Award” herein and shall not affect such determination.

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Such adjustment will not change the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds to be issued by more than 15% from the aggregate principal amount posted with PARITY on September 13, 2021. The dollar amount bid for the Taxable Bonds by the winning bidder will be adjusted proportionately to reflect any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds finally determined to be issued. Any such adjustment will be communicated to the winning bidder within four (4) hours of the deadline for the submission of bids. Upon receipt of the initial reoffering prices from the winning bidder, the Financial Advisor will calculate the winning bidder's total per bond purchaser's compensation (fees and expenses). Any adjustments to the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds and the maturity schedule will be made in a manner that does not decrease the winning bidder's certified purchaser's compensation on a per bond basis. The winning bidder may not withdraw its bid as a result of any changes made within the limits provided herein.

In the event of any such adjustment, no rebidding or recalculation of the bids submitted will be required or permitted; and the Taxable Bonds of each maturity, as adjusted, will bear interest at the same rate and must have the same initial reoffering yield as specified in the original bid. However, the award will be made to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest True Interest Cost Rate, calculated as specified herein, without taking into account any adjustment in the principal amount of Taxable Bonds as set forth above.

In the event that the City and its Financial Advisor exercise the right to make adjustments to the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds and/or the principal installment amounts in the maturity schedule after the deadline for the submission of bids, the winning bidder must execute and deliver to the City an acknowledgment of and agreement with such modification and adjusted maturity schedule upon the award of the Taxable Bonds to such winning bidder, and the Taxable Bonds shall be payable in the principal amounts contained therein and shall bear interest at the respective interest rates submitted to PARITY by the winning bidder.

Serial Bonds and/or Term Bonds

Bidders may provide that all of the Taxable Bonds be issued as serial bonds or may provide that any two or more consecutive annual principal installment amounts be combined into one or more term bonds (see "Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption" below).

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

If the successful bidder elects to alter the Maturity Schedule reflected above and convert principal amounts of the Taxable Bonds into "Term Bonds", such Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on the first September 1 next following the last maturity for Serial Bonds as reflected in the bidder's bid, and annually thereafter on each September 1 until the stated maturity for the Term Bonds at the redemption prices of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. The principal amounts of the Term Bonds to be redeemed on each mandatory sinking fund redemption date shall be the principal amounts that would have been due and payable in the Maturity Schedule had no conversion to Term Bonds occurred. At least thirty (30) days prior to each mandatory sinking fund redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select by lot or other customary random selection method the Term Bonds to be redeemed and cause a notice of redemption to be given in the manner provided in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The principal amount of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions may be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of the Term Bonds of the same maturity which (i) have been acquired by the City, with funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund for the Taxable Bonds and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation or (ii) have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions (see "Optional Redemption" below) and not theretofore credited against a mandatory sinking fund redemption requirement.

The final Official Statement will incorporate the mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions for the Term Bonds in the event the successful bidder elects to convert serial maturities into one or more Term Bonds.

Book-Entry-Only System

The City intends to utilize the book-entry-only system of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). See “OBLIGATION INFORMATION - Book-Entry-Only System” in the Preliminary Official Statement.

Optional Redemption

The City reserves the right, at its option, to redeem the Taxable Bonds having stated maturities on and after September 1, 2032, in whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on September 1, 2031, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar shall be Wilmington Trust, National Association, Dallas, Texas.

Authority for Issuance and Source of Payment

The City is authorized to issue the Taxable Bonds pursuant to Chapters 1207, 1331, and 1371, Texas Government Code, the election held on November 5, 2013, and passed by a majority of the participating voters in the City, the Ordinance, and a pricing certificate to be executed on the date of sale evidencing the final terms of sale of the Taxable Bonds, all as more fully set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Taxable Bonds are direct obligations of the City, payable out of the receipts from an ad valorem tax levied, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property located within the City, as provided in the Ordinance.

Further details regarding the Taxable Bonds are set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement. See “THE SALE -Preliminary and Final Official Statement” above.

CONDITIONS OF THE SALE

Type of Bids and Interest Rates

The Taxable Bonds will be sold in one block on an “All or None” basis. **The aggregate purchase price, inclusive of original issue discount (“OID”), original issue premium (“OIP”) and purchaser’s discount, may not be less than 101% or greater than 110% of the aggregate principal amount of the Taxable Bonds.** Bidders are invited to name the rate(s) of interest to be borne by the Taxable Bonds via their electronic bid, provided that each rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/20 of 1% and the net effective interest rate must not exceed 15%. The highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 3% in rate. No individual maturity shall have a price of less than 98%. No limitation is imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates or changes which may be used. All Bonds of one maturity must bear one and the same rate. No bids involving supplemental interest rates will be considered.

Basis for Award

The sale of the Taxable Bonds will be awarded to the bidder making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein and which produces the lowest True Interest Cost Rate to the City. The True Interest Cost Rate is that rate which, when used to compute the total present value as of the Dated Date of all debt service payments on

the Taxable Bonds on the basis of semi-annual compounding, produces an amount equal to the Net Bond Proceeds (defined as the par amount of the Taxable Bonds, plus any OIP, less any OID and purchaser's discount on the Taxable Bonds calculated on a 360 day year to the Dated Date). In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates, and premium, if any, set forth, or incorporated by reference, in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

In order to provide the City with information required to be submitted to the Texas Bond Review Board pursuant to Section 1202.008, Texas Government Code, as amended, the initial Purchaser will be required to provide the City with a breakdown of its "underwriting spread" among the following categories: Takedown, Management Fee (if any), Legal Counsel Fee (if any) and Spread Expenses (if any).

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity or informality of any bid, except time of submission.

Impact of Bidding Syndicate on Award

For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Taxable Bonds, the entity signing the bid form as Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Taxable Bonds. The Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the City is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

The City has established as its policy the creation of opportunities for minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and disadvantaged business enterprises in City projects and procurement. Accordingly, the City encourages bidders to include in the formation of underwriting syndicates firms which are minority, women and disadvantaged business enterprises. Furthermore, the City requests that where underwriting syndicates are formed, that such firms provide with their Official Bid Form a listing of syndicate members including any minority, women or disadvantaged business enterprises participating.

Good Faith Deposit

A Good Faith Deposit, payable to the "City of Austin, Texas", in the amount of \$836,550, which is 1% of the proposed par value of the Taxable Bonds, is required. Such Good Faith Deposit shall be in the form of a Cashier's Check, or its equivalent. If a Cashier's Check is used, it is to be retained uncashed by the City pending the Purchaser's compliance with the terms of the Official Bid Form and this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. The Good Faith Deposit, if in the form of a Cashier's Check, may accompany the Official Bid Form or it may be submitted separately, in either case it must be in the possession of the City's Financial Advisor prior to the Sale Time in order for prospective bidders to qualify to bid electronically. If a Cashier's Check is submitted separately, it shall be made available to the City prior to the opening of the bids, and shall be accompanied by instructions from the bank on which drawn which authorizes its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the Purchaser who shall be named in such instructions. **The Good Faith Deposit of the Purchaser utilizing a Cashier's Check will be returned to the Purchaser upon payment for the Taxable Bonds.** No interest will be allowed on the Good Faith Deposit. In the event the Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Taxable Bonds in accordance with the bid, then said Cashier's Check shall be cashed and accepted by the City as full and complete liquidated damages. The Cashier's Checks accompanying bids other than the winning bid will be returned immediately after the bids are opened, and an award of the Taxable Bonds has been made.

The Good Faith Deposit will be returned in full to the Purchaser upon payment for the Taxable Bonds. If the Purchaser should fail to pay for the Taxable Bonds in accordance with its bid, then the Good Faith Deposit will be accepted by the City as full and complete liquidated damages.

Provision of Texas Ethics Commission Form 1295 ("TEC Form 1295") and Certification of Filing by Bidders

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), unless the bidder represents and verifies in the Official Bid Form that the bidder is a publicly traded business entity, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity, the City may not award the Taxable Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder has provided to the City a TEC Form 1295 and a Certification of Filing as generated by the Texas Ethics Commission (the "TEC"). Pursuant to the rules prescribed by the TEC, the TEC Form 1295 must be completed online through the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>. The TEC Form 1295 must then be completed, signed and provided to the City (c/o the City's Financial Advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC Attn: waleyd@pfm.com, robertsb@pfm.com, and arndtj@pfm.com) along with Certification of Filing generated by TEC. Originals of the completed Disclosure Form and the certification of filing must be physically delivered to the City within 2 business days of the award at the following address:

Belinda Weaver
City of Austin
Treasury Office
919 Congress Ave, Suite 1250
Austin, Texas, 78701

In the event that the bidder's bid for the Taxable Bonds is the best bid received, the City, acting through its financial advisor, will promptly notify the bidder. That notification will serve as the conditional verbal acceptance of the bid, and will obligate the bidder to file promptly a completed TEC Form 1295, in order to complete the award. **TEC Form 1295 must be received by the City prior to the formal acceptance of the winning bid.** The TEC Form 1295 and Certificate of Filing may be provided to the City via facsimile or electronically. Following the award of the Taxable Bonds, the City will acknowledge the receipt of each completed TEC Form 1295 and Certification of Filing. **The City reserves the right to reject any bid that does not comply with the requirements prescribed herein.** For purposes of completing the TEC Form 1295, box two is the City's formal name and box 3 is **Austin TAX PIB 2021**. Neither the City nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a TEC Form 1295, and neither have an obligation nor undertake responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to the proper completion of the TEC Form 1295. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Taxable Bonds should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form promptly upon notification from the City that its bid is the apparent winning bid.

Compliance with Law Prohibiting Contracts with Companies that Boycott Israel and Certain Companies Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations

Pursuant to Chapter 2271, Texas Government Code, the City will not award the Taxable Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder verifies that, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and, except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, to the date of the delivery of the Taxable Bonds, neither the bidder nor any syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same, boycotts or will boycott Israel. The terms "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meanings assigned to the term "boycott Israel" in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. Such verification is included in the Official Bid Form attached to this Notice of Sale. Further, pursuant to Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, the City will not award the Taxable Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder certifies that it is not a company that contracts with or provides supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization, as defined by Section 2252.151(2), Texas

Government Code, and has not been identified as a company on a list prepared and maintained under Sections 2270.0201 or 2252.153, Texas Government Code. By submitting a bid, the potential purchaser makes and certifies to the representations necessary and convenient for the compliance with the aforementioned laws.

Verification Regarding Energy Company Boycotts

To the extent that a bidder's offer to purchase the Taxable Bonds constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification statement is required under Section 2274.002 (as added by Senate Bill 13 in the 87th Texas Legislative Session), Texas Government Code, as amended, the bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority- owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and, will not boycott energy companies to the date of the delivery of the Taxable Bonds. The foregoing verification is made solely such to enable the City to comply with such Section, to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" shall mean, without an ordinary business purposes, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by (A) above. Each bidder understands "affiliate" to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 133(f), 17C.F.R. & 230.133(f).

In submitting its bid, the bidder acknowledges that it may be required to provide, and if chosen as the best bidder that it will provide, additional information as requested to support the verifications relating to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code the bidder makes at the time the bid is submitted or bids are submitted in order for the City to receive the approving opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Texas, a condition for the delivery of the opinion of bond counsel approving the issuance of the Taxable Bonds. See "LEGAL OPINIONS" in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

Verification Regarding Discrimination Against Firearm Entity or Trade Association

To the extent that a bidder's offer to purchase the Taxable Bonds constitutes a contract for goods or service for which a written verification statement is required under Section 2274.002 (as added by Senate Bill 19 in the 87th Texas Legislative Session), Texas Government Code, as amended, the bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority- owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any,

- (1) do not have a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and
- (2) will not discriminate, to the date of the delivery of the Taxable Bonds, against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

The foregoing verification is made solely to enable the City to comply with such Section, to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" (A) means with respect to the entity or association, to (i) refuse to engage in the trade of an goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or trade association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (B) does not include: (i) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (ii) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship: (aa) to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or (bb) for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or

association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Each bidder understands "affiliate" to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 133(f), 17C.F.R. & 230.133(f).

In submitting its bid, the bidder acknowledges that it may be required to provide, and if chosen as the best bidder that it will provide, additional information as requested to support the verifications relating to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code the bidder makes at the time the bid is submitted or bids are submitted in order for the City to receive the approving opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Texas, a condition for the delivery of the opinion of bond counsel approving the issuance of the Taxable Bonds. See "LEGAL OPINIONS" in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

DELIVERY OF THE TAXABLE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

CUSIP Numbers

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will appear on the Taxable Bond, but neither the failure to print or type such number on any Taxable Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Taxable Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and the terms of the Official Bid Form. The City's Financial Advisor shall make application for CUSIP numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing or typing of CUSIP numbers on the Taxable Bonds shall be paid by the City; provided, however, that the charges of CUSIP Global Services for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the Purchaser.

Initial Delivery of the Taxable Bonds

Initial delivery of the Taxable Bonds will be accomplished by the issuance of an initial bond for each maturity (also called the "Initial Taxable Bonds"), either in typed or printed form, in the aggregate principal amount of \$83,655,000*, payable to the Purchaser, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, approved by the Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Upon delivery of the Initial Taxable Bonds, they shall be immediately canceled and one certificate for each maturity of the Taxable Bonds will be delivered and deposited with DTC in connection with DTC's book-entry-only system. Initial delivery will be at the office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Dallas, Texas.

Payment for the Taxable Bonds must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the City, or as otherwise directed by the City. The Purchaser will be given six business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Taxable Bonds. It is anticipated that initial delivery of the Initial Taxable Bonds can be made on or about October 7, 2021, and it is understood and agreed that the Purchaser will accept delivery and make payment for the Taxable Bonds by 10:00 AM, Austin, Texas time, on October 7, 2021, or thereafter on the date the Taxable Bonds are tendered for delivery, up to and including October 21, 2021. If for any reason the City is unable to make delivery on or before October 21, 2021, the City shall immediately contact the Purchaser and offer to allow the Purchaser to extend its offer for an additional thirty days. If the Purchaser does not elect to extend its offer within six days thereafter, then its Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the City and the Purchaser shall be relieved of any further obligation in connection with the sale and delivery of the Taxable Bonds. In no event shall the City be liable for any damages by reason of its failure to deliver the Taxable Bonds, provided such failure is due to circumstances beyond the City's reasonable control.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Conditions to Delivery

The obligation of the Purchaser to take up and pay for the Taxable Bonds is subject to the Purchaser's receipt of (a) the legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel to the City ("Bond Counsel"), (b) the no-litigation and Official Statement Certificate, and (c) a copy of the Ordinance containing the continuing disclosure agreement, all as further described hereinafter.

Legal Opinions

The Taxable Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Delivery of and payment for the Taxable Bonds is subject to the receipt by the Purchaser of the opinion of Bond Counsel, to the effect that, based on a review of a transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Taxable Bonds, the Taxable Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City. In connection with the transactions described in the Official Statement, Bond Counsel represents only the City.

Certification of Official Statement and No Litigation

At the time of payment for and initial delivery of the Taxable Bonds, the Purchaser of the Taxable Bonds will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officials of the City, acting in their official capacities, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the City contained in its Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of sale of said Taxable Bonds and the acceptance of the best bid therefor, and on the date of initial delivery of the Taxable Bonds, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the City and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the City, and their activities contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the City believes to be reliable and the City has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; (d) except as may be otherwise described in the Official Statement, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the City since the date of the last audited financial statements of the of the City appearing in the Official Statement; and (e) no litigation of any nature has been filed or is pending, as of the date of said certificate, to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Taxable Bonds or which would affect the provisions made for their payment or security or in any manner question the validity of the Taxable Bonds.

Continuing Disclosure Agreement

The City has agreed in the Ordinance to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain events in accordance with the Rule, as described in the Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION". The Purchaser's obligation to accept, deliver, and pay for the Taxable Bonds is conditioned upon delivery to the Purchaser or its agent of a copy of the Ordinance containing the agreement described under such subcaption in addition to the other documents described under the subheading "Conditions to Delivery" above.

GENERAL

Financial Advisor

PFM is employed as the City's Financial Advisor in connection with the issuance of the Taxable Bonds. PFM's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Taxable Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Taxable Bonds. PFM, in its capacity as Financial Advisor, has relied on the opinion of Bond

Counsel and has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Taxable Bonds, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies.

Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale

No registration statement relating to the Taxable Bonds has been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions provided in such Act. The Taxable Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC, nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The Taxable Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon exemptions contained therein, nor have the Taxable Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The City assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Taxable Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Taxable Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Taxable Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

Not an Offer to Sell

This Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions does not alone constitute an offer to sell the Taxable Bonds, but is merely notice of the sale of the Taxable Bonds. The offer to sell the Taxable Bonds is being made by means of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement. Prospective purchasers are urged to carefully examine the Official Statement to determine the investment quality of the Taxable Bonds.

Issuance of Additional Debt

Except for the issuance of the Bonds, the Certificates, the Taxable Certificates, and the Contractual Obligations being issued concurrently with the issuance of the Taxable Bonds, the City does not anticipate the issuance of any additional obligations secured in whole or in part by ad valorem taxes until the fall of 2022. The City continues to review opportunities for refunding certain previously issued obligations secured in whole or in part by ad valorem taxes and assumed debt to achieve a debt service savings, and may, upon the determination of the City Council, sell obligations to effect such a refunding at any time.

Ratings

The Taxable Bonds received ratings of “Aa1” from Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”), “AAA” from S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. (“S&P”), and “AA+” from Fitch Ratings, Inc. (“Fitch”). An explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. The ratings reflect only the respective views of such organizations and the City makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating companies, if in the judgment of one or all such companies, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings, or by any one of them, may have an adverse effect on the market price and marketability of the Taxable Bonds. See “OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION – Ratings” in the Official Statement.

Municipal Bond Insurance

In the event the Taxable Bonds are qualified for municipal bond insurance, and the Purchaser desires to purchase such insurance, the cost therefor **will be paid by the Purchaser**. Any fees to be paid to the rating

agencies as a result of said insurance **will be paid by the City**. It will be the responsibility of the Purchaser to disclose the existence of insurance, its terms and the effect thereof with respect to the reoffering of the Taxable Bonds.

The Official Statement and Compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12

The City has prepared the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement and, for the limited purpose of complying with the Rule, deems such Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date within the meaning of the Rule for the purpose of review prior to bidding. Representations made and to be made by the City concerning the absence of material misstatements and omissions in the Preliminary Official Statement are addressed elsewhere in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The City will furnish to the Purchaser, or Purchasers, acting through a designated senior representative, in accordance with instructions received from the Purchaser(s), within seven (7) business days from the sale date an aggregate of up to 25 copies of the Official Statement, together with information regarding interest rates, and other terms relating to the reoffering of the Taxable Bonds. In addition, the City agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Purchaser, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto in a “designated electronic format” (or printed format with respect to the final Official Statement) as may be required for the Purchaser to comply with the Rule or the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). The City consents to the distribution of such documents in a “designated electronic format.” Upon receipt, the Purchaser shall promptly file the Official Statement with the MSRB in accordance with MSRB Rule G-32. The Purchaser may arrange at its own expense to have the Official Statement reproduced and printed if it requires more copies. The Purchaser will be responsible for providing information concerning the City and the Taxable Bonds to subsequent purchasers of the Taxable Bonds, and the City will undertake no responsibility for providing such information other than to make the Official Statement available to the Purchaser as provided herein. The City’s obligation to supplement the Official Statement to correct key representations determined to be omitted or materially misleading, after the date of the Official Statement, shall terminate 25 days after the date of initial delivery of the Taxable Bonds.

On the date of the sale, the City will, through its delegation to the Pricing Officer, in the Pricing Certificate, confirm its approval of the form and content of the Preliminary Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and authorize its use in the reoffering of the Taxable Bonds by the Purchaser.

Ed Van Eenoo, Chief Financial Officer
PRICING OFFICER
City of Austin, Texas

September 7, 2021

OFFICIAL BID FORM

Honorable Mayor and City Council
 City of Austin, Texas
 c/o City Treasurer
 919 Congress Avenue, Suite 1250
 Austin, Texas 78701

September 14, 2021

Members of the City Council:

Reference is made to your Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, dated September 7, 2021, of \$83,655,000* CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021 (the "Taxable Bonds"), both of which constitute a part hereof.

For your legally issued Taxable Bonds, as described in said Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and Preliminary Official Statement, we will pay you par, plus a cash premium of \$_____ for Taxable Bonds maturing and bearing interest as follows.

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>or Yield</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>(September 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>or Yield</u>
2022	\$11,750,000	_____	_____	2032	\$3,550,000	_____	_____
2023	3,555,000	_____	_____	2033	3,615,000	_____	_____
2024	3,735,000	_____	_____	2034	3,685,000	_____	_____
2025	3,910,000	_____	_____	2035	3,760,000	_____	_____
2026	3,950,000	_____	_____	2036	3,845,000	_____	_____
2027	3,290,000	_____	_____	2037	3,930,000	_____	_____
2028	4,005,000	_____	_____	2038	4,035,000	_____	_____
2029	3,380,000	_____	_____	2039	4,140,000	_____	_____
2030	3,430,000	_____	_____	2040	4,245,000	_____	_____
2031	3,490,000	_____	_____	2041	4,355,000	_____	_____

(Interest to accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery)

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, term bonds have been created as indicated in the following table (which may include multiple term bonds, one term bond or no term bonds if none is indicated). For those years which have been combined into a term bond, the principal amount shown in the table above shall be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the term bond maturity date shall mature in such year. The term bonds created are as follows.

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Year of First Mandatory Redemption</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %

Our calculation (which is not a part of this bid) of the interest cost from the above is:

True Interest Cost Rate _____ %

* Preliminary; subject to change. See "THE TAXABLE BONDS – Adjustment of Principal Amount and Maturity Schedule for the Taxable Bonds" and "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Type of Bids and Interest Rates" in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

The Initial Taxable Bonds shall be registered in the name of the undersigned. We will advise The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), of registration instructions at least five business days prior to the date set for Initial Delivery.

A Cashier’s Check of the _____ Bank, _____, in the amount of \$_____, which represents our Good Faith Deposit (is attached hereto) or (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this Bid), and is submitted in accordance with the terms as set forth in the Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

We agree to accept delivery of the Taxable Bonds utilizing the book-entry-only system through DTC and make payment for the Initial Taxable Bonds by wire transfer in immediately available funds pursuant to written direction of the City, not later than 10:00 AM, Austin, Texas time, on October 7, 2021, or thereafter on the date the Taxable Bonds are tendered for delivery, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

We agree to provide in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Financial Advisor by the close of the next business day after the award. We also agree and hereby direct the Pricing Officer to attach hereto our electronic bid thereby, by this directed incorporation by reference, completing the information needed for this manually executed bid form.

Bid Form

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the City will consider this to be a firm offer for the purchase of the Taxable Bonds.

We certify that (check one of the below):

We have submitted a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the “TEC Form 1295”) to the City as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission; **or**

We are exempt from filing the TEC Form 1295 by virtue of being a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity.

We further make, certify and verify the representations set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions under “CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Compliance with Law Prohibiting Contracts with Companies that Boycott Israel and Certain Companies Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations”, “CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Verification Regarding Energy Company Boycotts” and “CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Verification Regarding Discrimination Against Firearm Entity or Trade Association.”

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Authorized Representative

List of Syndicate Members, if any:

ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE

The above and foregoing bid together with the electronic bid information completing such information as incorporated by reference therein and attached hereto is hereby in all things accepted by the City of Austin, Texas, subject to and in accordance with the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, this the 14th day of September, 2021.

Pricing Officer
City of Austin, Texas
