

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE : February 16, 2017

TO : Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM : Scott B. Manske, Comptroller

SUBJECT : **Authorizing/Parameters Resolution for the 2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Request

The Office of the Comptroller is requesting the approval of the attached resolution for the issuance of a not-to-exceed amount of \$16,535,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Refunding Bonds) to refund the balance of the outstanding General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2008A (Series 2008A Bonds).

The attached resolution authorizes the issuance of the bonds, provides parameters for the issuance and delegates approval of the sale of the bonds to the Comptroller. The Comptroller's approval is limited to results of the sale that fall within the parameters outlined in the resolution. An informational report will be submitted to the Finance and Audit Committee to communicate the final results of the bond sale.

Background

In 2008, the County issued \$30,860,000 in Series 2008A Bonds. The proceeds of the Series 2008A Bonds were used to finance non-airport projects that were included in the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget. The \$16,200,000 in outstanding Series 2008A Bonds is callable beginning December 1, 2017. The estimated net present value savings is \$454,952 over the years 2018-2023.

The Office of the Comptroller has prepared estimated debt service schedules for the issuance of a not-to-exceed amount of \$16,535,000 in refunding bonds. The total estimated debt service costs would be \$18,036,861, including \$1,501,861 in interest costs.

BOND SALE PARAMETERS

The parameters for the financing would consist of the following:

- Principal Payments - The Refunding Bonds have principal payments due in each year beginning in 2018 and continuing until 2023.
- Savings in Every Year - The debt service on the Refunding Bonds in each year is not greater than the debt service on the 2008A Bonds in that year.

- Minimum purchase price of 99 percent of the par amount of the bonds – The price of the bond reflects the maximum price an investor would want to pay for the bond based on the coupon rate and the market rate. This is known as the yield or rate of return on the bond. When the coupon rate on the bond is equal to the market rate the purchase price is equal to the principal amount of the bond (par). If the coupon rate is lower than the market rate, the bonds will be purchased at a discount. If the coupon is higher than the market rate, the bonds will be purchased at a premium. If there is a premium paid, the amount of the premium would be used to reduce the amount of the refunding bond issue. Whether or not the bond purchase price is a par, discount or premium is dependent upon market conditions on the day of the sale.

DEBT ISSUANCE EXPENSES

The attached resolution authorizes and directs the Comptroller to request credit ratings and to pay all professional services and other issuance expenses related to the issuance of the bonds from debt proceeds. An administrative appropriation transfer will be processed to increase expenditure authority to pay for the cost of issuance. Anticipated expenses include bond counsel, financial auditor and financial advisory fees, official statement printing and mailing costs, credit rating fees and expenses and other issuance costs such as publication costs and express mail.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS

Some of the projects funded with the Series 2008A Bonds (which will be refunded with the Refunding Bonds) are used by entities organized under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Federal Tax Code. The issuance of tax-exempt bonds for these purposes requires that a public hearing be scheduled to allow citizens to comment on the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. A public hearing will need to be scheduled as an item for the March 16, 2017 meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee to allow for public comment on the projects.

RECOMMENDATION

The Office of the Comptroller requests that the Finance and Audit Committee approve and recommend approval by the full County Board of the attached resolution. The resolution authorizes the issuance of the bonds, allows for the processing of administrative fund transfers to facilitate the transaction, allows for the processing of administrative fund transfers to deposit net bid premiums and surplus bonds to the Debt Service Reserve and delegates, to the Comptroller, the authority to approve the final terms and conditions of the bond sale provided that those terms and conditions are within the parameters set forth in the attached resolution. The sale will consist of the issuance of a not-to-exceed amount of \$16,535,000 in bonds to refund the \$16,200,000 balance of the outstanding General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2008A. An informational report will be submitted to the Finance and Audit Committee to communicate the final results of the bond sale.



Scott B. Manske
Comptroller

Attachment

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