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*Notice of Sale and Bid Form*

**Note:**

- Bonds are to be awarded on a true interest cost (TIC) basis as described herein.
- No bid for fewer than all of the Bonds offered or for less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will be entertained.
- In the event that less than three conforming bids are received for each of the Bonds, the County will require the winning bidder to “hold-the-offering-price” as described herein with respect to any maturities of such Bonds that have not satisfied the 10% test (as defined herein) for five business days.

# County of Johnston, North Carolina

**\$67,000,000\***

## General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A

*Electronic Bids Will Be Received Until 11:00 A.M., North Carolina Time,  
May 19, 2026*

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\*Preliminary, subject to change as described herein.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**COUNTY OF JOHNSTON, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**\$67,000,000\***  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026A**

Electronic bids (as described below) will be received until 11:00 A.M., North Carolina Time, May 19, 2026, by the undersigned, at which time such bids will be opened for the purchase of \$67,000,000\* General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (the “Bonds”) of the County of Johnston, North Carolina (the “County”), dated their date of delivery, and maturing (subject to the right of prior redemption as hereinafter set forth) \$3,530,000\* February 1, 2028 to 2032, inclusive, and \$3,525,000\* February 1, 2033 to 2046, inclusive. There will be no auction.

Proposals must be submitted electronically via BiDCOMP/PARITY. No proposal shall be considered which is not actually received by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the “Commission”) through BiDCOMP/PARITY on or prior to the date and time specified above for submission of bids. The Commission shall not be responsible for any failure, misdirection or error in the means of transmission selected by any firm submitting a proposal.

The County reserves the right to change, cancel or reschedule, from time to time, the date or time established for the receipt of bids and will undertake to notify registered prospective bidders via notification published on BiDCOMP/PARITY, or by other means as necessary. The County may change the scheduled delivery date for the Bonds by notice given in the same manner as that set forth for a change in the date for the receipt of bids.

To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in BiDCOMP/PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about BiDCOMP/PARITY, potential purchasers may contact Ipreo LLC at (212) 849-5021. Each prospective purchaser is solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access BiDCOMP/PARITY for purposes of submitting its proposal in a timely manner and in compliance with this Notice of Sale. The terms of this Notice of Sale and the sale of the Bonds shall be governed by North Carolina law.

The Commission does not have a registration process for prospective purchasers. Prospective purchasers must register and be contracted customers of Ipreo LLC’s BiDCOMP competitive bidding system before the sale. By submitting a bid for the Bonds, the prospective purchaser represents and warrants to the Commission that such proposal is submitted for and on behalf of the prospective purchaser by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective purchaser to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Bonds. **Neither the Commission nor the County have reviewed or verified the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in BiDCOMP/PARITY and assume no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such information.**

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds in a book-entry only system under which The Depository Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey (“DTC”) will act as securities depository nominee for the Bonds as fully described in the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds (the “Preliminary Official Statement”). Purchases and transfers of the Bonds may be made only in authorized denominations of \$5,000 and in accordance with the practices and procedures of DTC. Debt service will be payable to owners of Bonds shown on the records of DTC on the record date, which shall be the 15<sup>th</sup> day (whether or not a business day) next preceding such debt service payment date.

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Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1, beginning February 1, 2027, and principal of the Bonds will be paid annually on February 1 as set forth in the foregoing maturity schedule to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be general obligations of the County, for the payment of the principal of and interest on which all the taxable real and tangible personal property within the County will be subject to the levy of an ad valorem tax, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds maturing on February 1, 2037 and thereafter will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than February 1, 2036 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

If less than all of the Bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as the County may determine, provided that DTC shall determine the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the Bonds to be redeemed so long as a book-entry system with DTC is continued. If less than all of the Bonds then subject to redemption shall be called for redemption, the County shall determine the maturities and the amounts of the Bonds to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be given by certified or registered mail to Cede & Co. as the registered owner of the Bonds. Such notice shall be mailed not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The County will not be responsible for mailing notices of redemption to anyone other than Cede & Co.

The election to call bonds for redemption may be revoked by the County. The notice of redemption may state that the County retains the right to rescind such notice on or prior to the third business day preceding the scheduled redemption date.

Bidders are requested to indicate the interest rate or rates, in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, to be applicable to the maturities of the Bonds. All Bonds maturing on the same date must bear interest at the same rate, and the interest rate on any bond shall be the same throughout its life. Any number of interest rates may be named, provided the difference between the lowest and highest rates named in the bid shall not exceed 3% with a minimum rate of 0.5% and with a maximum rate bid of 5%. No bid for fewer than all of the Bonds offered or for less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will be entertained. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest interest cost to the County, such cost to be determined in accordance with the true interest cost (TIC) method by doubling the semiannual interest rate, compounded semiannually, necessary to discount the debt service payments from the payment dates to the expected delivery date (June 10, 2026) such that the sum of such present values is equal to the price bid. In the event of more than one bid with the same lowest TIC, the Commission shall select the winning bidder by lot in such manner as the Commission and the County may determine, such determination shall be conclusive.

Bidders may provide in the bid form for all of the Bonds to be issued as serial bonds or may designate consecutive annual principal amounts (beginning not earlier than the amount due on February 1, 2037) of the Bonds to be combined into not more than two term bonds. In the event that a bidder chooses to specify a term bond, each such term bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption commencing on February 1 of the first year which has been combined to form such bond and continuing on February 1 in each year thereafter until the stated maturity of such term bond. The amount redeemed in any year shall be equal to the principal amount for such year set forth in the amortization schedule for the Bonds as described above. Term bonds to be redeemed in any year by mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such term bonds to be redeemed and shall be selected by lot from among the term bonds being redeemed.

Bidders may contact Davenport & Company LLC, Richmond, Virginia, at 804-697-2913 (Attention: Kyle Laux) for more information.

The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds described above and as set forth in the Bid Form attached hereto are subject to adjustment after the receipt and opening of electronic bids for their purchase as described below. The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds may be decreased after the receipt and opening of bids for their purchase in an amount determined by the County in its sole discretion not to exceed the amount of premium bid by the successful bidder in excess of 100% of the initial principal amount of the Bonds. The principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds may be increased or decreased by an amount not to exceed 15% of the principal amount shown above for each such maturity. The bid price paid by the successful bidder will be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the principal amount of the Bonds. Such adjusted bid will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriting discount and original issue discount or premium, but will not change the underwriting discount percentage based on the bid price in the winning bid and the initial reoffering prices. The interest rate specified by the successful bidder for each maturity in its bid will not change. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bid as a result of any changes made within these limits.

As promptly as reasonably practicable after the bids are opened, the Commission will notify the bidder to whom the Bonds will be awarded, if and when such award is made, and within 30 minutes of receipt of such notice, such bidder shall provide to the Commission by electronic mail or facsimile transmission the initial offering prices and yields to the public of each maturity of the Bonds. Such offering prices and yields, among other things, will be used by the County to calculate the final aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and the final principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds. It is anticipated that the final aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and the final principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds will be communicated to the successful bidder by 5:00 p.m., North Carolina Time, on the date of the sale.

A good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the amount of **\$1,340,000** will be required for each bid. The successful bidder's Deposit shall be a wire transfer upon initial notification of the award of the Bonds. Award or rejection of bids will be made on the date above stated for receipt of bids. The successful bidder must submit its Deposit to the State Treasurer not later than 2:00 P.M. North Carolina Time on the date of the award of the Bonds, to the bank account instructed to the successful bidder by the State Treasurer during the initial notification of the award. If the Deposit is not received by that time, the Commission will reject its award to the initial successful bidder, and will contact the next lowest bidder and offer said bidder the opportunity to become the successful bidder, on the terms as outlined in said bidder's bid, so long as said bidder submits a good faith wire within two hours of the time offered. The Commission will not award the Bonds to the successful bidder absent receipt of a good faith deposit prior to awarding the Bonds. The Deposit of the successful bidder will be invested solely for the benefit of the County, and no interest on the Deposit will accrue to the successful bidder. At closing, the principal amount of the Deposit will be applied, without interest, as partial payment for the Bonds. In the event that the successful bidder fails to comply with the terms of its bid, the Deposit and any interest earnings will be retained as and for full liquidated damages. If the County fails to deliver the Bonds, then the Deposit and any interest earnings will be remitted to the successful bidder as and for full liquidated damages.

The County intends that the provisions of Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) of the United States Treasury Regulations (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

- (1) the Commission shall disseminate this Notice of Sale for the Bonds to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;

- (3) the Commission expects to receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Commission anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the respective bidders who submit a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest interest cost as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

**In the event that the competitive sale requirements for the Bonds as specified above are not satisfied, the County shall so advise the winning bidder and the provisions set forth below shall apply.** Upon such event, the County may determine to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the “10% test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The winning bidder for the Bonds shall promptly advise the County upon the award of the Bonds of (i) the initial offering price to the public of each maturity of the Bonds and (ii) each maturity of the Bonds that satisfies the 10% test. Any maturities of the Bonds that do not satisfy the 10% test as of the date and time of award of the Bonds shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule as described below. The winning bidder may not cancel its bid in the event that the hold-the-offering-price rule applies to any maturity of the Bonds. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds in the event the competitive sale requirements for the Bonds are not satisfied.

By submitting a bid for the Bonds, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the sale date at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date; or
- (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder shall advise the County promptly after the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date whether the underwriters sold at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds subject to the hold the offering price rule to the public at prices that are no higher than the initial offering price for such maturity prior to selling any Bonds of such maturity at a price higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The County acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter or a dealer who is a member of the selling group

is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The County further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that:

- (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable:
  - (A) (1) to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the delivery date of the Bonds has occurred, until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that the reporting obligation after the delivery date of the Bonds may be at reasonable periodic intervals or other upon request of the County (provided that with respect to any maturity of the Bonds that is subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule, such reporting obligation shall only be for sale of the Bonds of that maturity that occur on or before the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date) and (2) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires;
  - (B) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of the Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below); and
  - (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public; and
- (ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the delivery date of the Bonds has occurred, until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that the reporting obligation after the delivery date of the Bonds may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the County (provided that with respect to any maturity of the Bonds that is subject to the hold-the-offering price rule, such reporting obligation shall only be for sale of the Bonds of that maturity that occur on or before the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date) and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or the underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bond to the public shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- (1) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party;
- (2) “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Commission or the County (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public);
- (3) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other); and
- (4) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Commission to the winning bidder.

The CUSIP Service Bureau will be requested to assign CUSIP identification numbers to the Bonds. Assignment of CUSIP identification numbers is solely within the discretion of the CUSIP Service Bureau, and neither the failure to print such number on any bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the successful bidder to accept delivery of or pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its bid. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds and the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers shall be paid for by the County.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish prior to the delivery of the Bonds a certificate substantially in the form attached to the Notice of Sale and Bid Form relating to the Bonds and acceptable to Bond Counsel as to the “issue price” of the Bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). However, such certificate may indicate that the successful bidder will not reoffer the Bonds for sale.

The County has adopted a resolution undertaking, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, to provide the information described under the heading “Continuing Disclosure” in the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds in the manner provided therein.

The Bonds will be delivered on or about **June 10, 2026**, against payment therefor in federal reserve funds, at DTC.

The approving opinion of Maynard Nexsen PC, Charlotte, North Carolina, Bond Counsel, the proposed form of which appears in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, will be furnished without cost to the purchaser. There will also be furnished the usual closing papers.

**The Bonds will not be “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.**

The right to reject all bids and to waive any irregularity or informality is reserved.

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement, including the Notice of Sale and Bid Form relating to the Bonds, may be obtained from the Commission, 3200 Atlantic Avenue, Longleaf Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 (919-814-4300).

The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission except for the omission of certain pricing and other information to be made available by the successful bidder to the Commission for inclusion in a Final Official Statement. By the submission of a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder contracts for the receipt of up to one hundred (100) copies of the Final Official Statement which will be delivered by the Commission to the successful bidder by May 28, 2026. The Commission will also deliver to the successful bidder, on a timely basis, additional copies of the Final Official Statement in such quantities as the successful bidder may request at the expense of the successful bidder.

In order to complete the Final Official Statement, the successful bidder must furnish on behalf of the underwriters of the Bonds the following information to the Commission by facsimile transmission (919-855-5812) or overnight delivery received by the Commission within 24 hours after the receipt of bids for the Bonds:

- a. Initial offering prices (expressed as a price, exclusive of accrued interest, or yield per maturity). The successful bidder must provide the initial public offering prices, as the Commission will not include in the Official Statement an “NRO” (“not reoffered”) designation to any maturity of the Bonds.
- b. Selling Compensation (aggregate total anticipated compensation to the underwriters expressed in dollars).
- c. The identity of the underwriters if the successful bidder is a part of a group or syndicate.
- d. Any other material information necessary for the Final Official Statement but not known to the County or the Commission (such as the bidder’s purchase of credit enhancement).

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Concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the County, the County Manager and the Director of Finance of the County will deliver to the purchaser of the Bonds a certificate stating that, to the best of their knowledge, the Preliminary Official Statement did not, as of its date and as of the sale date, and the Final Official Statement does not, as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be included therein for the purpose for which the Preliminary Official Statement or the Final Official Statement is to be used or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, provided such certificate shall not include consideration of information supplied by, or which should have been supplied by, the successful bidder for the Bonds for inclusion in the Final Official Statement.

In addition, concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of the Commission will deliver to the purchaser of the Bonds a certificate stating that nothing has come to her attention which would lead her to believe that the Preliminary Official Statement, as of its date and as of the date of sale, and the Final Official Statement, as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be included therein for the purpose for which the Preliminary Official Statement or the Final Official Statement is to be used or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, provided such certificate shall not include consideration of information supplied by, or which should have been supplied by, the successful bidder for the Bonds for inclusion in the Final Official Statement.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Denise H. Canada  
Secretary of the Commission

## CERTIFICATE AS TO ISSUE PRICE

**[NOTE: A certificate in substantially the following form will be required if the competitive bidding requirements described in the Notice of Sale are satisfied for the Bonds. If the competitive bidding requirements are not satisfied for the Bonds, a certificate evidencing compliance with the 10% test and/or the hold-the-offering-price rule (as each is described in the Notice of Sale), as applicable for each maturity, shall be required.]**

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER REPRESENTATIVE] (the “Representative”), on behalf of itself and [NAMES OF OTHER UNDERWRITERS] (collectively, the “Underwriting Group”), hereby certifies as follows with respect to the sale of \$67,000,000\* General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (the “Bonds”) of the County of Johnston, North Carolina (the “County”):

1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

- (a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by the Underwriting Group are the prices listed in Schedule A attached hereto (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by the Underwriting Group in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached hereto as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Representative to purchase the Bonds.
- (b) Neither the Representative nor any member of the Underwriting Group was given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (c) The bid submitted by the Representative constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds by the Underwriting Group.

2. Defined Terms.

- (a) “Maturity” means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates are treated as separate Maturities.
- (b) “Public” means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (c) “Sale Date” means May 19, 2026.
- (d) “Underwriter” means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the County (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

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The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Representative's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder.

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the County with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Maynard Nexsen PC, Charlotte, North Carolina, Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is not included in the gross income of the owners of the Bonds for purposes of federal income taxation, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that Bond Counsel may give to the County from time to time relating to the Bonds.

In connection with this certificate, we have relied on the undertakings and representations of the other underwriters respecting the offering of the Bonds as set forth in the \_\_\_\_\_ [account letter, agreement among underwriters] relating to the Bonds. Although certain information furnished in this certificate has been derived from other underwriters, bond houses and brokers and cannot be independently verified by us, we have no reason to believe it to be untrue in any material respect.

Signed this \_\_ day of June, 2026.  
[To be dated the settlement date.]

[Name of book-running senior manager]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE A**

**EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES**

<b><u>Due February 1</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Amount Maturing</u></b>	<b><u>Expected Offering Price</u></b>
2028	\$ _____	
2029	_____	
2030	_____	
2031	_____	
2032	_____	
2033	_____	
2034	_____	
2035	_____	
2036	_____	
2037	_____	
2038	_____	
2039	_____	
2040	_____	
2041	_____	
2042	_____	
2043	_____	
2044	_____	
2045	_____	
2046	_____	

**SCHEDULE B**

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[Attach Copy of Representative's Bid]

**BID FOR BONDS**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Local Government Commission  
 3200 Atlantic Avenue, Longleaf Building  
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject to the provisions and in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bid Form relating to the Bonds hereinafter mentioned, which provisions and terms are hereby made a part of this bid, we make the following bid for the \$67,000,000\* General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A of the County of Johnston, North Carolina, described in said Notice of Sale, this bid being for not less than all of said Bonds:

For the \$67,000,000\* General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A, maturing on February 1, in the following years and bearing interest as follows:

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2028	\$3,530,000	_____ %	2038	\$3,525,000	_____ %
2029	3,530,000	_____	2039	3,525,000	_____
2030	3,530,000	_____	2040	3,525,000	_____
2031	3,530,000	_____	2041	3,525,000	_____
2032	3,530,000	_____	2042	3,525,000	_____
2033	3,525,000	_____	2043	3,525,000	_____
2034	3,525,000	_____	2044	3,525,000	_____
2035	3,525,000	_____	2045	3,525,000	_____
2036	3,525,000	_____	2046	3,525,000	_____
2037	3,525,000	_____			

We will pay \$67,000,000\* plus a premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which is not less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount.

**(CROSS OUT THE SERIAL BOND MATURITIES BEING BID AS TERM BONDS – FIRST YEAR MAY NOT BE EARLIER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2037)**

**Term Bonds (Optional – No More Than Two Term Bonds)**

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

**(LEAVE BLANK IF NO TERM BONDS ARE SPECIFIED)**

We will also accept delivery of the Bonds at The Depository Trust Company in accordance with said Notice of Sale. We understand that if notified that we are the successful bidder, we will be required to advise the County, the financial advisor and the Commission by telephone of the initial offering prices and yields to the public of each maturity of the Bonds at the time of such notification and, within 30 minutes, to confirm that information by facsimile transmission (919-855-5812).

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 \*Preliminary, subject to change.

*A good faith deposit of \$1,340,000 will be delivered to the State Treasurer of North Carolina by wire transfer by 2:00 p.m. on the date hereof if the undersigned is the successful bidder for said Bonds in accordance with the terms in the Notice of Sale. Said good faith deposit is to be applied in accordance with the terms in the Notice of Sale.*

*The closing papers referred to in said Notice of Sale are to include a certificate, dated as of the day of the delivery of the Bonds, stating that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer(s) of such certificate, threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds.*

*To communicate changes in the principal amounts after the bids are opened as described in said Notice of Sale and to obtain initial offering prices and yields for the Bonds, please contact*

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Telephone Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Firm*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Officer*

*(No addition or alteration, except as provided above, is to be made to this bid, which may be detached from the annexed Notice of Sale. Bidder may for information only enter his calculation of true interest cost to be \_\_\_\_%. This information is neither required nor to be construed as a part of the foregoing bid.)*