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\$4,000,000

HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 561

(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located within Harris County, Texas)

UNLIMITED TAX ROAD BONDS SERIES 2025

Bids Due: Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., Houston Time Bonds Awarded: Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:00 P.M., Houston Time

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BONDS OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BID: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 (the "District") is offering for sale at competitive bid \$4,000,000 Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). Options to submit bids on the Bonds are only the following:

- (1) Deliver bids directly to the District as is described below under the caption "Sealed Bids Delivered to the District;"
- (2) Submit bids electronically as is described below under the caption "Electronic Bidding Procedures;" or
- (3) Submit bids by telephone as is described below under the caption "Bids by Telephone."

The District will not accept bids submitted by facsimile.

PLACE AND TIME OF BID OPENING: The District will open sealed bids for the purchase of the Bonds on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:00 P.M., Houston Time, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. The bids for the Bonds will be opened and publicly read by Rathmann & Associates, L.P., the District's Financial Advisor and authorized representative of the Board. The Board will then take action to reject any or all bids or accept the qualified bid that produces the lowest net effective interest rate for the Bonds. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing.

SEALED BIDS DELIVERED TO THE DISTRICT: Sealed bids, which must be executed by an authorized representative of the bidder on the Official Bid Form and plainly marked "Bid for Bonds," are to be addressed to "President and Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561" and delivered to the District in care of Rathmann & Associates, L.P., 8584 Katy Freeway, Suite 250, Houston, Texas 77024 prior to 11:00 A.M., Houston Time, on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Any bid received after such scheduled time for bid delivery will not be accepted.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES: Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of PARITY by 11:00 A.M., Houston Time, on Thursday, January 9, 2025. No bid will be accepted after the time for receiving bids specified above. Bidders must submit a signed bid form to Rathmann & Associates, L.P., c/o Craig Rathmann (Craig@rathmannassociates.com), prior to 5:00 P.M., Houston Time, on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Subscription to i-Deal LLC's BIDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. Neither the District nor Rathmann & Associates, L.P. will confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds under the terms expressed in this Official Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the District. Neither the District nor Rathmann & Associates, L.P. shall 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 at the sole risk of the prospective bidder. If any provisions of this Official Notice of Sale conflict with information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Official Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from PARITY Customer Support, 40 West 23rd Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10010, telephone: (212) 806-8304.

For purposes of any and all bids submitted to the District, the time as maintained by PARITY shall constitute the official time. For informational purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their electronic bids the net interest cost to the District, as described under "CONDITIONS OF SALE - BASIS OF AWARD" below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Official Notice of Sale and Official Bid Form.

BIDS BY TELEPHONE: Bidders must submit a signed Official Bid Form executed by an authorized representative of the bidder to the District's Financial Advisor, Rathmann & Associates, L.P., c/o Craig Rathmann (Craig@rathmannassociates.com) prior to 5:00 P.M., Houston Time, on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Bidders who have provided signed bid forms may submit bids by telephone pursuant to arrangements made with Craig Rathmann, Rathmann & Associates, L.P., but no later than 11:00 A.M., Houston Time, Thursday, January 9, 2025. Inquiries with respect to this procedure may be directed to Craig Rathmann, Rathmann & Associates, L.P. at Craig@rathmannassociates.com.

<u>DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:</u> Neither the District nor Rathmann & Associates, L.P. will be responsible for the submission of any bid(s) received after the filing deadline, nor does the District or Rathmann & Associates, L.P. assume any responsibility or liability with respect to any irregularities or errors associated with the submission of any bid.

AWARD AND SALE OF THE BONDS: The Board will take action to reject any or all bids or accept the qualified bid that produces the lowest net effective interest rate for the Bonds at a meeting to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:00 P.M., Houston Time, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. The District will take action to adopt a resolution (the "Bond Resolution") authorizing the issuance and awarding sale of the Bonds or will reject all bids promptly after the opening of bids. Sale of the Bonds will be made subject to compliance with Texas Government Code § 2252.908, as more fully described below. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing.

THE BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN TERMS OF THE BONDS: The Bonds will be dated February 1, 2025, and will bear interest from the Date of Delivery (as defined herein), with interest payable on September 1, 2025, and on each March 1 and September 1 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the paying agent/registrar, initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., currently in Houston, Texas, or any successor paying agent/registrar (the "Paying Agent," "Registrar" or "Paying Agent/Registrar"). The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Beneficial owners of the Bonds will not receive physical certificates representing the Bonds, but will receive a credit balance on the books of the nominees of such beneficial owners. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Paying Agent directly to DTC, which will, in turn, remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds as described herein. See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System."

The Bonds will mature serially on September 1 in each of the following years in the following amounts:

| 2028 | \$85,000 | 2041 | \$160,000 |
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| 2029 | 95,000 | 2042 | 165,000 |
| 2030 | 100,000 | 2043 | 170,000 |
| 2031 | 110,000 | 2044 | 180,000 |
| 2032 | 115,000 | 2045 | 185,000 |
| 2033 | 120,000 | 2046 | 195,000 |
| 2034 | 120,000 | 2047 | 205,000 |
| 2035 | 125,000 | 2048 | 210,000 |
| 2036 | 130,000 | 2049 | 225,000 |
| 2037 | 135,000 | 2050 | 230,000 |
| 2038 | 140,000 | 2051 | 245,000 |
| 2039 | 145,000 | 2052 | 255,000 |
| 2040 | 155,000 | | · |

At the option of the Underwriter (hereinafter defined) as specified in the Official Bid Form, any or all of such serial maturities may be designated as term bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption provided that the mandatory sinking fund amount in each year shall equal the amounts shown above as maturing in such year.

The Bonds maturing on and after September 1, 2031, are subject to redemption and payment, at the option of the District, in whole or, from time to time, in part, on September 1, 2030, or on any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. If fewer than all the Bonds are redeemed at any time, the District shall determine the maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed in integral multiples of \$5,000 in principal amount, and if fewer than all of the Bonds within a maturity are to be redeemed, the Registrar shall designate by method of random selection the Bonds within such maturity to be redeemed (or by DTC in accordance with its procedures while the Bonds are in book-entry-only form). The Bondholder of any Bond, all or a portion of which has been called for redemption, shall be required to present such Bond to the Registrar for payment of the redemption price on the portion of the Bond so called for redemption and issuance of an exchange Bond in a principal amount equal to the portion of the Bond not so redeemed.

<u>SECURITY FOR PAYMENT</u>: The Bonds, when issued, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied against all taxable property within the District.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE AND RATINGS: Applications have been made to Assured Guaranty Inc. ("AG") and Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM") to issue a commitment for municipal bond guaranty insurance on the Bonds. The purchase of such insurance, if available, and payment of all associated costs, including the premium charged by the insurer, and fees charged by any rating companies other than Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's), will be at the option and expense of the Underwriter (hereinafter defined). The Underwriter understands, by submission of its bid, that the Underwriter is solely responsible for the selection of any insurer and for all negotiations with (i) the insurer as to the premium to be paid, and (ii) the insurer and any and all rating companies as to selection of such rating companies, the ratings to be assigned the Bonds as a consequence of the issuance of the municipal bond insurance policy, and the payment of fees in connection with such ratings except the Moody's rating fees as described below. Moody's has assigned an underlying rating of "Baa3" to the Bonds. If the Underwriter chooses to purchase municipal bond insurance on the Bonds, separate rating(s), including a rating by Moody's, may at the election of the Underwriter be assigned the Bonds based upon the understanding that upon delivery of the Bonds an insurance policy insuring the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by the insurer. The District will pay the cost of both the underlying rating of Moody's and the Moody's rating associated with the insurance policy issued relating to the Bonds, if the latter is elected to be used by the Underwriter. As is stated in this Official Notice of Sale under the caption "NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE," if the Underwriter elects to purchase municipal guaranty insurance on the Bonds, the rating of the insurer's creditworthiness by any rating agency does not and will not in any manner affect the District's financial condition, and thus any change to such rating, including a downgrade thereof, at any time, does not and will not constitute a change, material or otherwise, in the District's financial condition, and therefore cannot be a basis for termination by the Underwriter of its obligations to take up and pay for the Bonds.

<u>OTHER TERMS AND COVENANTS</u>: Other terms of the Bonds and the various covenants of the District contained in the Bond Resolution are described in the Preliminary Official Statement, to which reference is made for all purposes.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

TYPES OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES: The Bonds will be sold in one block on an "all or none" basis at a price of not less than 97% of the principal amount thereof. Bidders are to name the rates of interest to be borne by the Bonds, provided that each interest rate bid must be a multiple of 1/8th or 1/20th of 1%. All Bonds maturing within a single year must bear the same rate of interest. The net effective interest rate on the Bonds may not exceed 6.10% as calculated pursuant to Chapter 1204, Texas Government Code, as amended. No limitation will be imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates which may be used, but the highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 2 ½% in interest rate. No bids involving supplemental interest payments or zero interest rates will be considered. No bid generating a cash premium greater than \$5,000 will be considered. Each bid shall indicate the total and net interest costs in dollars and the net effective interest rate determined therefrom, which shall be considered informative only and not as a part of the bid.

BASIS OF AWARD: For the purpose of awarding sale of the Bonds, the total interest cost of each bid will be computed by determining, at the rates specified therein, the total dollar value of all interest on the Bonds from the date thereof to their respective maturities, and adding thereto the dollar amount of the discount bid, if any, or deducting therefrom the premium bid, if any. Subject to the District's right to reject any or all bids, sale of the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder (the "Underwriter" or the "Initial Purchaser") whose bid, under the above computation, produces the lowest net interest cost to the District, subject to compliance with Texas Government Code § 2252.908, as described below. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing. In the event of mathematical discrepancies between the interest rate(s) bid and the interest cost determined therefrom, as both appear on the Official Bid Form, the bid will be governed solely by the interest rate(s) bid.

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" or the "Act"), unless the bidder represents and verifies on 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 District may not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder, and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form, have provided to the District a completed, signed TEC Form 1295 which has been assigned a certificate number 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, assigned a certificate number, printed, signed and provided to the District. The TEC Form 1295 may accompany the Official Bid Form or may be submitted separately, but must be provided to the District prior to the time proscribed for the award of the Bonds. The TEC Form 1295 may be provided to the District via facsimile or electronically, however, the original signed TEC Form 1295 complete with certificate number must be physically delivered to the District (c/o Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027) within two business days of the award. Following the award of the Bonds, the District will notify the TEC of the receipt of each completed TEC Form 1295. The District reserves the right to reject any bid that does not comply with the requirements proscribed herein or to waive any such requirements. For purposes of completing the TEC Form 1295, the entity's name is Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 and the contract ID number is HCMUD561-S2025-B. Neither the District 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 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 District that its bid is the apparent winning bid.

<u>COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS PROHIBITING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN COMPANIES:</u> The District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder verifies on behalf of itself and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on

the Official Bid Form is a Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott Israel. The terms "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meaning assigned to the term "boycott Israel" in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, the District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder certifies that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company² (i) that engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2270.0201 or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

Additionally, the District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder verifies on behalf of itself and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2276 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott energy companies. The terms "boycotts energy companies" and "boycott energy companies" shall have the meaning assigned to the term "boycott energy company" in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, the District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder verifies on behalf of itself and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is a Company¹ that has a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The term "discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to the term "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" in Section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, any prospective bidder agrees that liability for breach of verification of the statutory representations and covenants provided above as required by Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274 and 2276 of the Texas Government Code during the term of the contract shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of the contract.

By submitting a bid, a bidder makes and certifies to the representations necessary and convenient for the compliance with the aforementioned laws and, at the request of the District, agrees to execute further written certifications as may be necessary or convenient for the District to establish compliance with the aforementioned laws.

CONTRACTING INFORMATION: The District will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder verifies on behalf of itself and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form that the bidder and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form will (i) preserve all contracting information related to the bid as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the District through the delivery date of the Bonds, (ii) promptly provide to the District any contracting information related to the bid that is in the custody or possession of the bidder or any syndicate member on request of the District, and (iii) upon delivery of the Bonds to the bidder, either (a) provide at no cost to the District all contracting information related to the bid that is in the custody or possession of the bidder or any syndicate member or (b) preserve the contracting information related to the bid as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the District. The term "contracting information" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 552.003 of the Texas Government Code.

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¹ "Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit, but does not mean a sole proprietorship. ² "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association whose securities are publicly traded, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists to make a profit

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COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND CERTIFICATE OF UNDERWRITER: In the event that the District does not receive sufficient qualified bids to satisfy the competitive sale requirements of Treasury Regulation § 1.148-1(f)(3)(i), allowing the District to treat the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public as of the sale date as the issue price of the Bonds, the "hold-the-offering-price rule" shall apply, which will allow the District to treat the initial offering price to the public of each maturity as of the sale date as the issue price of that maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"). So long as the hold-the-offering-price rule applies to any maturity of the Bonds, the Underwriter will neither offer nor sell that maturity 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 the following: (i) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10 percent of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public or (b) the close of the fifth business day after the sale date. The Underwriter agrees to promptly report to the District's financial advisor when it has sold 10 percent of a maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth business day after the sale date. Alternative Certificates of Underwriter are attached for use (I) when the competitive sale requirements of Treasury Regulation §1.148-1(f)(3)(i) are met and (II) when such requirements are not met.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT: Each bid must be accompanied by a bank cashier's check payable to the order of "Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561" in the amount of \$80,000, which represents two percent (2%) of the principal amount of the Bonds. The check will be considered as a Good Faith Deposit, and the check of the successful bidder (the "Initial Purchaser") will be retained uncashed by the District until the Bonds are delivered. In the event the Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with its bid, then the Good Faith Deposit shall be cashed and the proceeds accepted by the District as full and complete liquidated damages against the Initial Purchaser. The Good Faith Deposit may accompany the Official Bid Form or it may be submitted separately. If submitted separately, it shall be made available to the District prior to the opening of the bids and shall be accompanied by instructions from the bank on which it is drawn to authorize its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the bidder, who shall be named in such instructions. The Good Faith Deposit will be returned immediately after full payment has been made by the Initial Purchaser to the District in federal or immediately available funds in the amount of the purchase price plus accrued interest thereon. No interest will be paid on the Good Faith Deposit. The checks accompanying bids other than the winning bid will be returned immediately after the bids are opened and an award of the Bonds has been made.

STANDING LETTER REQUIREMENT: Each prospective bidder must have a standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office as required by, and compliant in all respects with, the All Bond Counsel Letter of the Texas Attorney General dated November 1, 2023, as supplemented on November 16, 2023 and December 29, 2023, and any All Bond Counsel Letter issued hereafter (collectively, the "All Bond Counsel Letter"). In submitting a bid, a bidder represents to the District that it has filed a standing letter that conforms to the requirements set forth in the All Bond Counsel Letter and it has no reason to believe that the District may not be entitled to rely on the standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office. Bidder agrees that it will not rescind its standing letter at any time during the period of time required by the All Bond Counsel Letter and at least not before the delivery of the Bonds unless same is immediately replaced with a standing letter meeting the requirements of the All Bond Counsel Letter.

DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

<u>DELIVERY OF INITIAL BOND</u>: Delivery will be accomplished by the issuance of one initial Bond (the "Initial Bond") in the amount of \$4,000,000, payable in stated installments, exchangeable as set forth below. Unless otherwise agreed with the Underwriter, delivery will be at the principal payment office of the Registrar in Houston, Texas. Payment for the Initial Bond must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the District, or as otherwise directed by the District. The Underwriter will be given five (5) business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Initial Bond. It is anticipated that initial delivery can be made on or about February 13, 2025 (such date of initial delivery, the "Date of Delivery"), and subject to the aforesaid notice, it is understood and agreed that the Underwriter will accept delivery and make payment for the Initial Bond by 10:00 A.M., Houston Time, on February 13, 2025, or thereafter on the date the Initial Bond is tendered for delivery, up to and including March 13, 2025. If for any reason the District is unable to make delivery on or before March 13, 2025, then the District immediately shall contact the

Underwriter and offer to allow the Underwriter to extend its offer for an additional thirty (30) days. If the Underwriter does not elect to extend its offer within six (6) days thereafter, then the Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the District and the Underwriter shall be relieved of any further obligation.

<u>DTC DEFINITIVE BONDS</u>: After delivering the Initial Bond, the Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form. Cede & Co. is the nominee for DTC. All references herein to the Registered Owners of the Bonds shall mean Cede & Co. and not the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. Purchase of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form (without registered Bonds) in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. Under certain limited circumstances described herein, the District may determine to forego immobilization of the Bonds at DTC, or another securities depository, in which case, such beneficial interests would become exchangeable for one or more fully registered Bonds of like principal amount for the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

EXCHANGE ON DELIVERY DATE: The Registrar will, on the Date of Delivery, exchange the Initial Bond for definitive Bonds consisting of one Bond per maturity, registered to Cede & Co. maturing as set out in the Official Notice of Sale and bearing interest in accordance with the terms of the Initial Purchaser's bid.

<u>CUSIP NUMBERS</u>: In the event the book-entry-only system is discontinued, it is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will then be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Underwriter to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Official Notice of Sale. All expenses relating to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the District; however, payment of the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of the Underwriter.

CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY: The obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds is subject to the following conditions: the issuance of an approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas, the Underwriter's receipt of the Bonds, the Underwriter's receipt of the legal opinion of Bond Counsel and the no-litigation certificate, and the non-occurrence of the events described below under the caption "NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE," all as described below. Further, the Underwriter is not obligated to take up and pay for the Bonds at the Date of Delivery if at any time after the award of the Bonds and at or prior to the Date of Delivery, the Congress of the United States shall have declared war or a national emergency. In addition, if the District fails to comply with its obligations described under "OFFICIAL STATEMENT" below, the Underwriter may terminate its contract to purchase the Bonds by delivering written notice to the District within five (5) days thereafter.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING OFFERING PRICE OF BONDS: In order to provide the District with information required to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the Underwriter will be required to complete, execute and deliver to the District (on or before the Date of Delivery of the Bonds) a certification regarding the "issue price" of the Bonds in the form accompanying this Official Notice of Sale. Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute and deliver such a certificate by the Date of Delivery of the Bonds, if its bid is accepted by the District. It will be the responsibility of the Underwriter to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel.

<u>LEGAL OPINIONS</u>: The District will furnish without cost to the Underwriter a transcript of certain certified proceedings held incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, including a certified copy of the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of Texas, as recorded in the Bond Register of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, to the effect that the Bonds are validly issued under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, levied upon all taxable property within the District, and, based upon an examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel, to a like effect and to the effect that, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and interest on the Bonds is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for the purpose of determining the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS: The Code requires a pro rata reduction in the interest expense deduction of a financial institution to reflect such financial institution's investment in tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986. An exception to the foregoing provision is provided in the Code for "qualified tax-exempt obligations," which include tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, (a) designated by the issuer as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and (b) issued by or on behalf of a political subdivision for which the aggregate amount of tax-exempt obligations (not including private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) to be issued during the calendar year is not expected to exceed \$10,000,000.

The District will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and has represented that the aggregate amount of tax-exempt bonds (including the Bonds) issued by the District and entities aggregated with the District under the Code during calendar year 2025 is not expected to exceed \$10,000,000 and that the District and entities aggregated with the District under the Code have not designated more than \$10,000,000 in "qualified tax-exempt obligations" (including the Bonds) during calendar year 2025.

Notwithstanding these exceptions, financial institutions acquiring the Bonds will be subject to a 20% disallowance of allocable interest expense.

<u>NO-LITIGATION CERTIFICATE</u>: The District will furnish the Initial Purchaser a certificate, executed by the appropriate officers of the Board, and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, that to their knowledge, no litigation is pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds, or the levy and/or collection of taxes for the payment thereof, or the organization or boundaries of the District, or the title of the officers thereof to their respective offices.

NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE: The obligations of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Bonds, and of the District to deliver the Bonds, are subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Bonds, there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District subsequent to the date of the sale from that set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, as it may have been supplemented or amended through the date of the sale. As is stated in this Official Notice of Sale under the caption "MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE AND RATINGS," with the Underwriter's purchase of municipal bond guaranty insurance on the Bonds, the rating of the insurer's creditworthiness by any rating agency does not and will not in any manner affect the District's financial condition, and thus any change to such rating, including a downgrade thereof, at any time, does not and will not constitute a change, material or otherwise, in the District's financial condition, and therefore cannot be a basis for termination by the Underwriter of its obligations to take up and pay for the Bonds.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To assist the Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the District and the Underwriter contract and agree, by the submission and acceptance of the winning bid, as follows.

FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT: The District has approved and authorized distribution of the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Bonds, but does not presently intend to prepare any other document or version thereof for such purpose, except as described below. Accordingly, the District intends the Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for information relating to the offering prices, interest rates, final debt service schedule, selling compensation, identity of the Underwriter and other similar information, terms and provisions to be specified in the competitive bidding process. The Underwriter shall be responsible for promptly informing the District of the initial offering yields of the Bonds. Thereafter, the District will complete and authorize distribution of the Official Statement identifying the Underwriter and containing such omitted information. The District does not intend to amend or supplement the Official Statement otherwise, except to take into account certain subsequent events, if any, as described below. By delivering the final Official Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto in the requested quantity to the Underwriter on or after the sale date, the District intends the same to be final as of such date, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12(f)(3). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only representations concerning the absence of material misstatements or omissions from the Official Statement which are being or which will be made by the District are those described and contained in the Official Statement under the caption "OFFICIAL STATEMENT - Certification as to Official Statement."

CHANGES TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT: If, subsequent to the date of the Official Statement, and prior to and including the date the Underwriter is no longer required to provide an Official Statement to customers who request same pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12, the District learns, or is notified by the Underwriter, of any adverse event which causes the Official Statement to be materially misleading, and unless the Underwriter elects to terminate its obligation to purchase the Bonds, the District will promptly prepare and supply to the Underwriter an appropriate amendment or supplement to the Official Statement satisfactory to the Underwriter; provided, however, that the obligation of the District to so amend or supplement the Official Statement will terminate upon the earlier of (i) 90 days after the "end of the underwriting period" as defined in SEC Rule 15c2-12 or (ii) the date the Official Statement is filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, but in no case less than 25 days after the "end of the underwriting period."

DELIVERY OF OFFICIAL STATEMENTS: The District shall furnish to the Underwriter (and to each participating underwriter of the Bonds, within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12(a), designated by the Underwriter), within seven (7) business days after the sale date, the aggregate number of Official Statements specified in the winning bid. The District also shall furnish to the Underwriter a like number of any supplements or amendments approved and authorized for distribution by the District for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Bonds, as well as such additional copies of the Official Statement or any such supplements or amendments as the Underwriter may request prior to the 90th day after the end of the underwriting period described in SEC Rule 15c2-12(f)(2). The District shall pay the expense of preparing the number of copies of the Official Statement specified in the winning bid and an equal number of any supplements or amendments issued on or before the delivery date, but the Underwriter shall pay for all other copies of the Official Statement or any supplement or amendment thereto.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

<u>FUTURE REGISTRATION</u>: The Bonds are transferable on the bond register kept by the Registrar upon surrender and reissuance. The Bonds are exchangeable for an equal principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity in any authorized denomination upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged, but the District may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

<u>RECORD DATE</u>: The record date ("Record Date") for the interest payable on any interest payment date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such interest payment date.

INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS: The Bonds involve certain investment considerations as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement. Prospective purchasers should carefully review the entire Preliminary Official Statement before making their investment decision. Particular attention should be given to the information set forth therein under the caption "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS."

<u>RESERVATION OF RIGHTS</u>: The District reserves the right to reject all bids or any bid not conforming with the terms hereof and the right to waive any and all irregularities, except time of filing.

NOT AN OFFER TO SELL: This Official Notice of Sale does not alone constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds. The invitation for bids on the Bonds is being made by means of this Official Notice of Sale, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Bid Form.

SECURITIES REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION: No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions provided thereunder. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities laws or regulations of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws or regulations of any other jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the 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 in such other jurisdictions.

By submission of a bid, the Underwriter represents that the sale of the Bonds in states other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or qualification or, where necessary, the Underwriter will register or qualify the Bonds in accordance with the securities laws or regulations of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees

to cooperate, at the Underwriter's written request and expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds, or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification, in any jurisdiction where such action is necessary, provided that the District shall not be required to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

<u>CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT</u>: The District will agree in the Bond Resolution to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain events in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12, as described in the Preliminary Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION." The Underwriter's obligation to accept and pay for the Bonds is conditioned upon delivery to the Underwriter or its agent of a certified copy of the Bond Resolution containing the agreement described under such heading.

<u>SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL STATEMENT</u>: The District has complied in all material respects with its previous continuing disclosure agreement.

<u>ADDITIONAL COPIES</u>: Additional copies of the Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from Rathmann & Associates, L.P., 8584 Katy Freeway, Suite 250, Houston, Texas 77024.

Laura Burlton
President, Board of Directors
Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561

December 12, 2024

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERWRITER - FEDERAL TAX COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS MET

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows with respect to the sale of \$4,000,000 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"):

- 1. The undersigned is the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters (the "Underwriter") that has purchased the Bonds from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 (the "District") at competitive sale.
- 2. The Underwriter was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid, and the bid submitted by the Underwriter constituted a firm bid to purchase the Bonds.
- 3. As of the sale date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public by the Underwriter (expressed as a percentage of principal amount and exclusive of accrued interest) are as set forth below:

| Principal Amount | Year of Maturity | <u>Issue Price</u> | Principal Amount | Year of Maturity | <u>Issue Price</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| \$85,000 | 2028 | | \$160,000 | 2041 | |
| 95,000 | 2029 | | 165,000 | 2042 | |
| 100,000 | 2030 | | 170,000 | 2043 | |
| 110,000 | 2031 | | 180,000 | 2044 | |
| 115,000 | 2032 | | 185,000 | 2045 | |
| 120,000 | 2033 | | 195,000 | 2046 | |
| 120,000 | 2034 | | 205,000 | 2047 | |
| 125,000 | 2035 | | 210,000 | 2048 | |
| 130,000 | 2036 | | 225,000 | 2049 | |
| 135,000 | 2037 | | 230,000 | 2050 | |
| 140,000 | 2038 | | 245,000 | 2051 | |
| 145,000 | 2039 | | 255,000 | 2052 | |
| 155,000 | 2040 | | | | |

The Underwriter [has] [has not] purchased bond insurance for the Bonds. The bond insurance has been purchased from ______ (the "Insurer") for a fee of \$_____ (net of any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating agency fees). The amount of such fee is set forth in the Insurer's commitment and does not include any payment for any direct or indirect services other than the transfer of credit risk, unless the compensation for those other services is separately stated, reasonable, and excluded from such fee. Such fee does not exceed a reasonable, arms-length charge for the transfer of credit risk. The present value of the debt service savings expected to be realized as a result of such insurance exceeds the amount of the fee set forth above. For this purpose, present value is computed using the yield on the Bonds, determined by taking into account the amount of the fee set forth above, as the discount rate. No portion of the fee payable to the Insurer is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such fee that had not been earned.

- 4. The term "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. A related party generally means two or more persons with greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- 5. Sale date means the first date on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Bonds. The sale date of the Bonds is January 9, 2025.

| Humphries Robinson LLP in complying with to on the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from | 1 . | | ed, |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-----|
| EXECUTED AND DELIVERED this | _day of | , 2025. | |
| | (Name of Underwrit | er or Manager) | |
| | By | | |
| | Title | | |

The undersigned understands that the statements made herein will be relied upon by the District and Allen Boone

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERWRITER - FEDERAL TAX COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows with respect to the sale of \$4,000,000 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"):

- 1. The undersigned is the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters (the "Underwriter") that has purchased the Bonds from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 (the "District").
- 2. As of the date of this Certificate, for each of the following maturities (the "Sold Maturities"), the first price at which a substantial amount (at least ten percent) of such maturity was sold to the public (expressed as a percentage of principal amount and exclusive of accrued interest) is set forth below:

| Principal Amount | Year of Maturity | Issue Price | Principal Amount | Year of Maturity | Issue Price |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| \$85,000 | 2028 | | \$160,000 | 2041 | |
| 95,000 | 2029 | | 165,000 | 2042 | |
| 100,000 | 2030 | | 170,000 | 2043 | |
| 110,000 | 2031 | | 180,000 | 2044 | |
| 115,000 | 2032 | | 185,000 | 2045 | |
| 120,000 | 2033 | | 195,000 | 2046 | |
| 120,000 | 2034 | | 205,000 | 2047 | |
| 125,000 | 2035 | | 210,000 | 2048 | |
| 130,000 | 2036 | | 225,000 | 2049 | |
| 135,000 | 2037 | | 230,000 | 2050 | |
| 140,000 | 2038 | | 245,000 | 2051 | |
| 145,000 | 2039 | | 255,000 | 2052 | |
| 155,000 | 2040 | | | | |

3. As of the sale date for the Bonds, each of the following maturities (the "Unsold Maturities") was offered to the public for purchase at the price (expressed as a percentage of principal amount and exclusive of accrued interest) set forth below:

| Principal Amount | Year of Maturity | <u>Issue Price</u> | Principal Amount | Year of Maturity | Issue Price |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| \$85,000 | 2028 | | \$160,000 | 2041 | |
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| 140,000 | 2038 | | 245,000 | 2051 | |
| 145,000 | 2039 | | 255,000 | 2052 | |
| 155,000 | 2040 | | | | |

| 4. | As set forth in the Notice of Sale, the Underwiter Would neither offer nor sell higher than the initial offering price for each in for the Bonds attached to this Certificate, duri permit a related party to do so. Pursuant to so the Unsold Maturities at a price higher than during the Offering Period. | any of the Bonds of such matur maturity, as set forth in the pricing ing the Offering Period for such n uch agreement, the Underwriter | rity to any person at a price that is wire or equivalent communication naturity, nor would the Underwriter has neither offered nor sold any of | | |
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| 5. | The Underwriter [has] [has not] purchased bo from (the "Insurer") from any direct or indirect services other than services is separately stated, reasonable, and arms-length charge for the transfer of credit realized as a result of such insurance exceed value is computed using the yield on the Boforth above, as the discount rate. No portion any of the Bonds in an amount which would | for a fee of \$ (net of forth in the Insurer's commitment the transfer of credit risk, unless dexcluded from such fee. Such risk. The present value of the dds the amount of the fee set fortholds, determined by taking into of the fee payable to the Insurer | any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating and does not include any payment is the compensation for those other fee does not exceed a reasonable, ebt service savings expected to be h above. For this purpose, present account the amount of the fee set is refundable upon redemption of | | |
| 6. | The term "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. A related party generally means two or more persons with greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly. | | | | |
| 7. | Sale date means the first date on which there date of the Bonds is January 9, 2025. | e is a binding contract in writing | for the sale of the Bonds. The sale | | |
| 8. | Offering Period means, with respect to an Unthe earlier of (a) the close of the fifth business sold at least 10 percent of such Unsold Maturity. | day after the Sale Date or (b) the | date on which the Underwriter has | | |
| Hump | undersigned understands that the statements in phries Robinson LLP in complying with the cor- he exclusion of interest on the Bonds from the g | nditions imposed by the Internal R | Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, | | |
| EXEC | ECUTED AND DELIVERED thisday o | of, 2025 | | | |
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President and Board of Directors Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561 c/o Rathmann & Associates, L.P. 8584 Katy Freeway, Suite 250 Houston, Texas 77024

Board Members:

| | | Maturity | | |
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| Amount | Interest Rate | (September 1) | Amount | Interest Rate |
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| 110,000 | | 2044(i)(ii) | 180,000 | |
| 115,000 | | 2045(i)(ii) | 185,000 | |
| 120,000 | | 2046(i)(ii) | 195,000 | |
| 120,000 | | 2047(i)(ii) | 205,000 | |
| 125,000 | | 2048(i)(ii) | 210,000 | |
| 130,000 | | 2049(i)(ii) | 225,000 | |
| 135,000 | | 2050(i)(ii) | 230,000 | |
| 140,000 | | 2051(i)(ii) | 245,000 | |
| 145,000 | | 2052(i)(ii) | 255,000 | |
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We agree to accept delivery of and make payment for the Initial Bond in immediately available funds at the principal payment office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in Houston, Texas, not later than 10:00 A.M., Houston Time, on February 13, 2025, or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for delivery pursuant to the terms set forth in the Official Notice of Sale.

The undersigned agrees to complete, execute and deliver to the District, by the date of delivery of the Bonds, a certificate relating to the "issue price" of the Bonds in the form accompanying the Official Notice of Sale.

The bidder hereby represents and verifies that the bidder (is) (is not) a publicly traded business entity, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity. If the bidder is not a publicly traded business entity, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity, the District may not accept this bid until it has received from the bidder a completed and signed TEC Form 1295 complete with a certificate number assigned by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"), pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908 and the rules promulgated thereunder by the TEC. The undersigned understands that failure to provide said form complete with a certificate number assigned by the TEC as provided for in the Official Notice of Sale will result in a non-conforming bid and will prohibit the District from considering this bid for acceptance.

By executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder represents and verifies that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on this Official Bid Form is a Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott Israel. The terms "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph have the meaning assigned to the term "boycott Israel" in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and certifies that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on this Official Bid Form is a Company² (i) that engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2270.0201 or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code. The undersigned agrees to execute, at the request of the District, further written certifications as may be necessary or convenient for the District to establish compliance with these laws.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and verifies that, on behalf of itself and each syndicate member listed on this Official Bid Form that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2276 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on this Official Bid Form is a Company¹ that boycotts or will boycott energy companies. The terms "boycotts energy companies" and "boycott energy companies" as used in this paragraph have the meaning assigned to the term "boycott energy company" in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and verifies that, solely for purposes of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, at the time of execution and delivery of its bid and through the delivery date of the Bonds, neither the bidder nor a syndicate member listed on this Official Bid Form is a Company¹ that has a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or will discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to the term "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" in Section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the bidder agrees that liability for breach of verification of the statutory representations and covenants provided above as required by Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274 and 2276 of the Texas Government Code during the term of the contract shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of the contract.

¹ "Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit, but does not mean a sole proprietorship.

² "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association whose securities are publicly traded, including a whollyowned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists to make a profit.

By submitting a bid, the bidder makes and certifies to the representations necessary and convenient for the compliance with the aforementioned laws and, at the request of the District, agrees to execute further written certifications as may be necessary or convenient for the District to establish compliance with the aforementioned laws.

Additionally, by executing this Official Bid Form, the bidder also represents and certifies that, the bidder and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form will (i) preserve all contracting information related to the bid as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the District through the delivery date of the Bonds, (ii) promptly provide to the District any contracting information related to the bid that is in the custody or possession of the bidder or any syndicate member on request of the District, and (iii) upon delivery of the Bonds to the bidder, either (a) provide at no cost to the District all contracting information related to the bid that is in the custody or possession of the bidder or any syndicate member or (b) preserve the contracting information related to the bid as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the District. The term "contracting information" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 552.003 of the Texas Government Code.

We hereby represent that sale of the Bonds in jurisdictions other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or qualification and that, where necessary, we will register or qualify the Bonds in accordance with the securities laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the Bonds are offered or sold.

| | Respectfully submitted, |
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| | Name of Underwriter |
| By: | Authorized Representative |
| | Title |
| ACCEPTANC | E CLAUSE |
| The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by day of January, 2025. | y Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 561, this 9th |
| ATTEST: | |
| Secretary, Board of Directors | President, Board of Directors |