# CITY OF BUFFALO, IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

#### NOTICE OF \$27,000,000\* BOND SALE

**SEALED PROPOSALS** will be received by the Comptroller, City of Buffalo (the "City"), Erie County, New York, at the offices of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor"), 4211 North Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York (Telephone No. 716-662-3910, Fax No. 716-662-6684), on **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**, until 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) via iPreo's Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("Parity") or by facsimile transmission, at which time they will be publicly opened and announced, for the purchase of **\$27,000,000\* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT SERIAL BONDS-2024 SERIES B** (the "Bonds"), maturing on April 1, in annual principal installments as shown below which, together with interest thereon, are expected to effectuate and provide for substantially level or declining annual debt service.

Maturity Date	Principal <u>Amount*</u>
April 1, 2025	\$ 2,675,000
April 1, 2026	3,095,000
April 1, 2027	3,260,000
April 1, 2028	2,570,000
April 1, 2029	2,640,000
April 1, 2030	2,275,000
April 1, 2031	2,345,000
April 1, 2032	2,315,000
April 1, 2033	2,395,000
April 1, 2034	2,315,000
April 1, 2035	1,115,000

# **Delivery and Payment Dates for the Bonds**

The Bonds will be dated the date of their delivery, which is expected to be April 30, 2024, and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor in accordance herewith, payable on April 1, 2025, October 1, 2025 and semi-annually thereafter on April 1 and October 1 in each year to maturity.

# Post-sale Adjustment of Par Amount of the Bonds

The aggregate par amount of Bonds may be decreased in an amount not in excess of the premium offered by the successful bidder and the amount of each annual maturity, as set forth herein, may be adjusted to the extent necessary, in order that the total proceeds, which include the total par amount of the Bonds plus the original issue premium, if any, received by the City does not exceed the maximum amount permitted under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

annual maturities of the Bonds may also be adjusted for the purpose of attaining debt service that is substantially level or declining, as provided pursuant to Section 21.00(d) of the New York State Local Finance Law (the "Law"). Such adjustments will be made by 3:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of the bid opening. The successful bidder may neither withdraw nor modify its bid as a result of any such post-bid adjustment. Any such adjustment shall be conclusive, and shall be binding upon the successful bidder.

The Bonds of each maturity, as adjusted, will bear interest at the same rate and must have the same initial reoffering yields as specified for that maturity by the successful bidder for the Bonds. It is the intent of this provision to hold constant, on a per bond basis, the successful bidder's underwriting spread. However, the award will be made to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest true interest cost, calculated as specified herein, solely on the basis of the Bonds offered, without taking into account any adjustment in the amount of Bonds pursuant to this paragraph.

#### Changes to the Time and/or Date of Bid Opening

The City reserves the right to change the time and/or date of the bid opening, and notice of any change thereof shall be provided at least one (1) hour prior to the time set forth above for the opening of sealed proposals, by means of a supplemental notice of sale to be transmitted over the Thomson Municipal Newswire or TM3.

#### **Optional Redemption for the Bonds**

The Bonds maturing on April 1 in each of the years 2025 to 2032, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 2033 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City, on any date on or after April 1, 2032, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity), at the redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The City may select the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed and the amount to be redeemed of each maturity selected, as the City shall determine to be in the best interest of the City at the time of such redemption. If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed prior to maturity, the particular Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the City by lot in any customary manner of selection as determined by the City. Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered owner(s) of the Bonds to be redeemed not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed redemption date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date of redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with accrued interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

#### Form of Bonds

The Bonds will be issued in the form of fully registered bonds, in denominations corresponding to the total principal amounts due in each year of maturity. As a condition to delivery of the Bonds, the successful bidder will be required to cause the Bond certificates to be (i) registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and (ii) deposited with DTC to be held in trust until maturity. DTC is an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a book-entry system for recording the ownership interests of its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfers of the interests among its participants. The DTC participants will be responsible for establishing and maintaining records with respect to the beneficial ownership interests of individual purchasers in the Bonds. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds may only be made through book entries (without certificates issued by the City) made on the books and records of DTC (or a successor depository) and its participants, in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the City or its agent by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The City will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

#### Submission of Bids

Each proposal must be a bid of not less than \$27,000,000 for all of the Bonds. Each proposal must state in a multiple of one-hundredth of 1% or a multiple of one-eighth of 1%, the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear and may state different rates of interest for Bonds maturing in different calendar years, provided, however, that only one rate of interest may be bid for all Bonds maturing in any one calendar year. Any number of rates may be named provided that the highest rate of interest stated for any maturity may not exceed 5.50% per annum. In no event shall the true interest cost for the issue exceed 5.00%. Variations in rates of interest so bid may be in any order.

Sealed proposals may be submitted electronically via Parity or via facsimile transmission at 716-662-6684, in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until the time specified herein. No other form of electronic bidding services nor telephone proposals will be accepted. No proposal will be accepted after the time for receiving proposals specified above. Bidders submitting proposals via facsimile must use the *"Proposal for Bonds"* form attached hereto. Once the proposals are communicated electronically via Parity or via facsimile to the City, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds pursuant to the terms therein provided.

# **Bidding using Parity**

Prospective bidders wishing to submit an electronic bid via Parity must be contracted customers of Parity. Prospective bidders who do not have a contract with Parity must

call (212) 849-5021 to become a customer. By submitting an electronic bid for the Bonds, a bidder represents and warrants to the City that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Bonds is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Bonds.

Each prospective bidder who wishes to submit an electronic bid shall be solely responsible to register to bid via Parity. Each qualified prospective bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access Parity for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the City nor Parity shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the City nor Parity shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by Parity. The City is using Parity as a communications mechanism, and not as the City's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the City's Bonds. The City is not bound by any advice or determination of Parity as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Notice of All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their Sale. registration and submission of bids via Parity are the sole responsibility of the bidders, and the City is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Bonds, it should telephone Parity and notify the City's Municipal Advisor at 716-662-3910 (provided that the City shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice).

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by Parity, as approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about Parity, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Parity at (212) 849-5021. The time maintained by Parity shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted.

Bidders submitting bids via facsimile do not need to register to bid.

# Good Faith Deposit

As a condition precedent to the consideration of the bidder's proposal, a good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the amount of \$270,000 is required for each bid to be considered. Such Deposit may be in the form of: (i) a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of "City of Buffalo, County of Erie, New York," or (ii) a wire transfer in accordance with instructions set forth herein. If a check is used, it must be sent to Capital Markets Advisors, LLC at 4211 North Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York 14127. If a wire transfer is used, it must be sent to the account so designated by the City for such purpose, not later than 10:00 A.M. on the date of the sale; however, the City reserves the right to award the Bonds to a successful bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such successful bidder's fed wire reference number has been received. A wire reference number must be provided when the bid is submitted. Bidders must contact the City's Municipal Advisor (Telephone No. 716-662-3910), no later than 24 hours prior to the bid opening to obtain the City's wire instructions. The City shall not incur any liability from delays of or interruptions in

the receipt of the Deposit by fed wire or return of the Deposit to any unsuccessful bidder. Under no circumstances shall interest accrue on the Deposit occasioned by a delay in the return of the Deposit to any unsuccessful bidder. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds.

# Award of Bonds

The Bonds will be awarded and sold to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering to purchase the Bonds at such rate or rates of interest per annum as will produce the lowest true interest cost over the life of the issue, and if two or more such bidders offer the same lowest true interest cost, then to one of said bidders selected by the Sale Officer by lot from among all said bidders. True interest cost shall be determined for each bid by doubling the semi-annual interest rate, compounded semiannually, necessary to discount all interest and principal payments from the payment dates thereof to the dated date of the Bonds, so that the sum of the present value of said payments equals the price bid, such price bid excluding interest accrued to the date of delivery. The true interest cost shall be calculated from the dated date of the bonds. The successful bidder must also pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds, if any, accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price.

Award of the Bonds will be made without taking into consideration any adjustment to be made to the principal amount of the Bonds described herein.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids (regardless of the interest rate bid), to reject any bid not complying with this official Notice of Sale and, so far as permitted by law, to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any bid or the bidding process.

When the successful bidder has been ascertained, the Sale Officer will promptly return all Deposits made to the persons making the same, except the deposit made by such bidder. Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder, or rejection of all bids, is expected to be made promptly after opening of the bids, but the successful bidder may not withdraw his proposal until after 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of such bid-opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The successful bidder will be promptly notified of the award to him, and if he refuses or neglects to pay the agreed price of the Bonds less the amount deposited by him, the amount deposited by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal.

# **Bond Insurance**

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of a bidder, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of such bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of the same, unless otherwise paid, shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued, shall not constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser of the Bonds to accept delivery of and pay for said Bonds in accordance with the terms hereof.

#### Use of Proceeds

The proceeds of the Bonds will be issued for the objects or purposes described in the subsection entitled "*Purpose of the Bonds – Series B*" under the section entitled "THE BONDS" in the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined).

# Payment and Security for the Bonds

The Bonds are general obligations of the City and shall contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the City for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The State Constitution requires the City to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of the Bonds and the interest thereon and to make annual appropriations for the amounts required for the payment of such interest and the redemption of the Bonds.

For the payment of such principal of and interest on the Bonds, the City has the power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property in the City, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended (the "Tax Levy Limit Law"). See "*Tax Levy Limitation Law*" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Bonds are issued subject to the provisions of the Capital Debt Service Act of the City of Buffalo, constituting Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1977 of the State of New York (the "Act"), and the Enabling Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Buffalo on March 8, 1977 and approved by the Mayor on said date (the "Resolution"). A copy of the Resolution is on file at the office of the City Clerk and at the office of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "Trustee"), in Buffalo, New York.

The Bonds are entitled to the benefits of the Act and the Resolution, including certain covenants of the City authorized by the Act and set forth in the Resolution. Reference to the Resolution, and any and all modifications thereto, and to the Act, is made for a description of the nature and extent of such covenants, the rights and remedies of the holders or registered owners of the Bonds with respect thereto, and a statement of the rights, duties and obligations of the City and of the Trustee.

To the extent and in the respects permitted by the Resolution, the provisions of the Resolution may be modified or amended by action on behalf of the City taken in the manner and subject to the conditions and exceptions prescribed in the Resolution.

For more information see "PAYMENT AND SECURITY FOR THE BONDS," in the Preliminary Official Statement. Summaries of the Act and Resolution appear as Appendix D and Appendix E respectively, to the Preliminary Official Statement.

# **Debt Statement**

The population of the City is estimated to be 278,349. The debt statement to be filed pursuant to Section 109.00 of the Local Finance Law in connection with the sale of the Bonds, prepared as of March 28, 2024, shows the average five-year full valuation of real property subject to taxation by the City to be \$15,584,185,933, its debt limit to be

\$1,402,576,734, and its total net indebtedness to be \$124,624,695. The issuance of the Bonds will increase the City's total net indebtedness by \$27,000,000. The City also expects to issue a separate series of bonds on the same issue date as the Bonds. The par amount of such bonds is \$43,000,000.

#### **Delivery of the Bonds and Assignment of CUSIP Numbers**

The Bonds will be delivered to DTC and shall be paid for in Federal Funds on or about April 30, 2024 at such place in New York City, and on such business day and at such hour, as the Sale Officer shall fix on three business days' notice to the successful bidder, or at such other place and time as may be agreed upon with the successful bidder. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Bonds prior to delivery and the City will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the inability to deposit the Bonds with DTC due to the failure of the successful bidder to obtain such numbers and to supply them to the City in a timely manner. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the City; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

# Legal Opinion

The successful bidder will be furnished without cost with the approving opinion of the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP ("Bond Counsel") substantially as set forth in <u>Appendix F</u> to the Preliminary Official Statement.

# Tax Exemption

The successful bidder may at its option refuse to accept the Bonds if prior to their delivery the opinion of Bond Counsel is not delivered or if any income tax law of the United States of America is hereafter enacted which shall provide that the interest thereon is taxable, or shall be taxable at a future date, for federal income tax purposes, and in such case the deposit made by it will be returned and it will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. Concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, the City will execute a Tax Certificate, which will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with the requirements of the Code and a certification to the effect that the City will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on the Bonds is excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

Upon delivery of the Bonds, Bond Counsel will deliver an opinion that states that, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with the provisions and procedures set forth in the Tax Certificate, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code; and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code; however, interest on the Bonds is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. In addition, the opinion of Bond Counsel will state that, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

# **Bank Qualification**

The City will NOT designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to the provisions of Section 265 of the Code.

# **Obligation of Winning Bidder to Deliver an Issue Price Certificate at Closing**

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Bonds, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Bonds pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirements"). The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Bonds. Bids will <u>not</u> be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Bonds, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price or yield of each maturity of the Bonds (the "Initial Reoffering Prices") as of the date of the award.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, it will elect and satisfy either option (1) or option (2) described below. Such election must be made on the bid form submitted by each bidder. In the event a bidder submits a bid via Parity, such bidder must notify the Municipal Advisor by email (rganci@capmark.org) as to such election at the time such bid is submitted.

(1) Hold the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a *bona fide* offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Bonds within a maturity at a price that is higher, or a yield that is lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the

winning bidder has sold to the public at least 10 percent of the Bonds of such maturity at a price that is no higher, or a yield that is no lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day after the date of the award of the Bonds, and

(c) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Bonds as set forth above.

#### (2) Follow the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a *bona fide* offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the Issuer with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will report to the Issuer information regarding the first price that at least 10 percent of the Bonds within each maturity of the Bonds have been sold to the public,

(c) will provide the Issuer with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sale prices the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. This reporting requirement, which may extend beyond the closing date of the Bonds, will continue until such date that the requirement set forth in paragraph (b) above for each maturity of the Bonds is satisfied, and

(d) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

For purposes of the "hold the price" or "follow the price" requirement, a "maturity" refers to Bonds that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

Regardless of whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the winning bidder shall submit to the Issuer a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Bonds stating the applicable facts as described above. *The form of Reoffering Price Certificate is available by contacting Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor*.

If the winning bidder has purchased the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the Reoffering Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which the purchase of the Bonds was made.

For purposes of this Notice, the "public" does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any "derivative products" (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Bonds.

#### Official Statement, Continuing Disclosure and Compliance History

The City will provide a reasonable number of Official Statements to the successful bidder within seven (7) business days following receipt of a written request therefor made to the City and its Municipal Advisor. Such request may specify the applicable (a) offering price(s), (b) selling compensation, (c) rating(s), (d) credit enhancement and (e) identity and complete name of such bidder and any participating underwriters, and if so, the Preliminary Official Statement will be modified or supplemented by the information so specified. Neither the City nor its Municipal Advisor shall be liable in any manner for any delay, inaccuracy, or omission on the part of the successful bidder with respect to such request, nor shall the City's failure, as a result thereof, to provide the Official Statement within the above time period, constitute cause for a failure or refusal by such bidder to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms hereof.

The Preliminary Official Statement is in a form "deemed final" by the City for the purpose of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12") but may be modified or supplemented as noted above. In order to assist bidders in complying with Rule 15c2-12 and as part of the City's contractual obligation arising from its acceptance of each successful bidder's proposal, at the time of the delivery of the Bonds the City will provide an executed copy of its "Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure" (the "Undertaking"). The form of said Undertaking is set forth in <u>Appendix G</u> in the Preliminary Official Statement. Except as otherwise set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement (see the caption entitled "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING"), the City is in compliance in all material respects with all previous undertakings made pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 during each of the past five years.

#### Documents Accompanying the Delivery of the Bonds

The obligation hereunder to deliver or accept the Bonds pursuant hereto shall be conditioned on the delivery to the successful bidder at the time of delivery of the Bonds of: (i) the opinion of Bond Counsel; (ii) a certificate of the Corporation Counsel, dated the date of delivery of the Bonds, to the effect that there is no controversy or litigation of any nature pending or threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the application of moneys to the payment of the Bonds, and further stating that there is no controversy or litigation of any nature now pending or threatened by or against the City wherein an adverse judgment or ruling could have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the City or adversely affect the power of the City to levy, collect and enforce the collection of taxes or other revenues for the payment of its Bonds, which has not been disclosed in the Official Statement; (iii) a certificate of the Comptroller of the City to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement and at all times subsequent thereto, up to and including the time of the delivery of the Bonds, the Official Statement did not and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and further stating that there has been no adverse material change in the financial condition of the City since the date of the Official Statement to the date of issuance of the Bonds (and having attached thereto a copy of the Official Statement); (iv) certificates signed by the Comptroller of the City evidencing payment for the Bonds; (v) a signature certificate evidencing the due execution of the Bonds, including statements that (a) no litigation of any nature is pending or, to the knowledge of the signers, threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of the Bonds or the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest thereon, nor in any manner questioning the proceedings and authority under which the Bonds were authorized or affecting the validity of the Bonds thereunder, (b) neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the City nor the title of the signers to their respective offices is being contested, and (c) no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds have been repealed, revoked or rescinded, and (vi) a Tax Certificate executed by the Comptroller of the City, as described under "TAX MATTERS" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

#### Additional Information

Copies of this Notice of Sale and the Preliminary Official Statement are available in electronic format on the website of the City's Municipal Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC ("www.capmark.org") or may be obtained upon request from the offices of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 4211 North Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York (Telephone No. 716-662-3910).

Dated: March 28, 2024

BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS Comptroller and Chief Fiscal Officer

#### PROPOSAL FOR BONDS

April 24, 2024

Facsimile: 716-662-6684

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams, Comptroller City of Buffalo c/o Capital Markets Advisors, LLC 4211 North Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York 14127

Dear Comptroller Miller-Williams:

Subject to the provisions and in accordance with the terms of the annexed Notice of Sale dated March 28, 2024, which is hereby made a part of this Proposal, we offer to purchase all of the \$27,000,000\* General Improvement Serial Bonds-2024 Series B of the City of Buffalo, New York, described in said Notice of Sale, and to pay therefor the price of \$27,000,000\* plus a premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, plus interest, if any, accrued on said Bonds from their date to the date of their delivery, provided that the Bonds maturing in the several years set forth below shall bear interest from their date until maturity at the respective rates per annum stated in the following table:

Bonds maturing in the year 2025, at	%	Bonds maturing in the year 2031, at	%
Bonds maturing in the year 2026, at	%	Bonds maturing in the year 2032, at	%
Bonds maturing in the year 2027, at	%	Bonds maturing in the year 2033, at	%
Bonds maturing in the year 2028, at	%	Bonds maturing in the year 2034, at	%
Bonds maturing in the year 2029, at	%	Bonds maturing in the year 2035, at	%
Bonds maturing in the year 2030, at	%		

#### **Deposit Requirement – Please check one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_ We enclose herewith a certified or cashier's check in the sum of \$270,000, made payable to the order of the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York.

\_\_\_\_\_ We sent a fed wire transfer of \$270,000 to the account of the City designated for such purpose in accordance with the Notice of Sale and instructions provided by the City's Municipal Advisor. The fed wire confirmation number is \_\_\_\_\_\_ at

The Deposit will be returned to the undersigned if the bid is not accepted. If this bid is accepted said Deposit will be applied as part payment for the Bonds or retained by the City as and for liquidated damages in case the undersigned should not take up and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Proposal.

The following is our computation of the true interest cost, made as provided in the above-mentioned Notice of Sale, but not constituting any part of the foregoing Proposal for the purchase of \$27,000,000\* bonds under the foregoing Proposal:

Par Amount of the Bonds Add:	<u>\$</u>
Premium	<u>\$</u>
Target Value for Calculation	\$
True Interest Rate	
	(four decimals)
Please check one of the following:	Firm:
$\Box$ We are purchasing the Bonds for our own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the	By:
public. - or –	Telephone ( )
□ In the event the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, we hereby elect to: □ Hold the Price	Facsimile ( )
<ul> <li>Follow the Price</li> </ul>	Email:

\* Preliminary, subject to change.