
Notice of Sale and Bid Form

Notes:

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

\$11,230,000*
County of Buncombe, North Carolina
General Obligation Bonds,
Series 2026A

*Electronic Bids Will Be Received Until 10:30 A.M., North Carolina Time,
May 5, 2026*

**Preliminary; subject to change as provided in said Notice of Sale.*

NOTICE OF SALE

\$11,230,000*

**COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026A**

Electronic bids (as described below) will be received until 10:30 A.M., North Carolina Time, May 5, 2026, by the undersigned, at which time such bids will be opened for the purchase of \$11,230,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A (the “Bonds”) of the County of Buncombe, North Carolina (the “County”), dated their date of delivery and maturing annually on June 1, in an amount of \$775,000* 2039 and 2040, \$1,615,000* 2041 to 2044, inclusive, and \$1,610,000* 2045 and 2046. There will be no auction.

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

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

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

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

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on each June 1 and December 1, beginning December 1, 2026, and the principal of the Bonds will be payable at maturity or upon prior redemption to The Depository Trust Company or its nominee, as registered owner of the Bonds.

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

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

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

Notice of redemption shall be given at the times and in the manner and may be subject to such conditions, and the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected, all as described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

No bid for less than all of the Bonds offered or for less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will be entertained. Bidders are requested to indicate the interest rate or rates in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, to be applicable to the maturities of the Bonds. All Bonds maturing on the same date must bear interest at the same rate, and the interest rate on any Bond shall be the same throughout its life. Any number of interest rates may be named, provided the difference between the lowest and highest rates named in the bid shall not exceed 3% with a minimum rate bid of 0.5% and a maximum rate of 5.0%. No bid for less than all the Bonds offered or for less than 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will be entertained. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest interest cost to the County, such cost to be determined in accordance with the true interest cost (TIC) method by doubling the semiannual interest rate, compounded semiannually, necessary to discount the debt service payments from the payment dates to the delivery date (May 27, 2026) and to equal the price bid. In the event of more than one bid with the same lowest TIC, the Commission shall select the winning bidder by lot in such manner as the Commission and the County may determine, such determination shall be conclusive.

Bidders may contact Davenport & Company LLC, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 704-644-5414 (Attention: Mitch Brigulio) or 704-390-7270 (Attention: Clay Richards) for more information.

The preliminary aggregate principal amount and the preliminary principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds described above and as set forth in the Bid Form attached hereto are subject to adjustment both before and after the receipt and opening of sealed bids for their purchase. Changes to be made prior to the sale will be published on THOMPSON MUNICIPAL MONITOR (“TM3”) (www.tm3.com) NEWS SERVICE not later than 5:00 p.m., North Carolina Time, on the business day prior to the date of sale and will be used to compare bids and select a winning bidder. Bidders must submit bids based on the most recent maturity schedule, if any, published on TM3. In the event the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds or the principal amount of any maturity of the Bonds as set forth in a bid for the Bonds does not conform with the most recent maturity schedule, the Deputy Secretary of the Local Government Commission will adjust such aggregate principal amount or the principal amount of such maturity on the bid form to conform with the most recent maturity schedule. A bidder may not withdraw its bid as a result of any such change or adjustment.

The aggregate principal amount and the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds described above and as set forth in the Bid Form attached hereto are subject to adjustment after the receipt and opening of sealed bids for their purchase as described below. The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds may be increased or decreased after the receipt and opening of sealed bids for their purchase in an amount determined by the County in its sole discretion to take into account the

amount of the premium bid (if any) and to provide for approximately level principal amortization. In making such changes, the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not increase or decrease by more than 15%. The bid price paid by the successful bidder will be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the principal amount of the Bonds. Such adjusted bid will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriting discount and original issue premium but will not change the underwriting discount percentage based on the bid price in the winning bid and the initial reoffering prices. The interest rate specified by the successful bidder for each maturity at the initial reoffering price will not change. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bid as a result of any changes made within these limits.

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

Bidders may provide in the bid form for all of the bonds to be issued as serial bonds or may designate consecutive annual principal amounts (beginning not earlier than the amount due on June 1, 2036) of the bonds to be combined into not more than two term bonds. In the event that a bidder chooses to specify one or two term bonds, each such term bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption commencing on June 1 of the first year which has been combined to form such term bond and continuing on each June 1 thereafter until the stated maturity date of such term bond. The amount to be redeemed in any year shall be equal to the principal amount for such year set forth in the amortization schedule for the bonds set forth above. Term bonds to be redeemed in any year by mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such term bonds to be redeemed and shall be selected by lot from among such term bonds being redeemed.

A good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the amount of **\$224,600** will be required for each bid (this will be the amount of the deposit regardless of any adjustments to the maturity schedule or the aggregate amount of the Bonds). The successful bidder's Deposit shall be a wire transfer upon initial notification of the award of the Bonds. Award or rejection of bids will be made on the date above stated for receipt of bids. The successful bidder must submit its Deposit to the State Treasurer not later than 2:00 P.M. North Carolina Time on the date of the award of the Bonds, to the bank account instructed to the successful bidder by the State Treasurer during the initial notification of the award. If the Deposit is not received by that time, the Commission will reject its award to the initial successful bidder, and will contact the next lowest bidder and offer said bidder the opportunity to become the successful bidder, on the terms as outlined in said bidder's bid, so long as said bidder submits a good faith wire within two hours of the time offered. The Commission will not award the Bonds to the successful bidder absent receipt of a good faith deposit prior to awarding the Bonds. The Deposit of the successful bidder will be invested solely for the benefit of the County, and no interest on the Deposit will accrue to the successful bidder. At closing, the principal amount of the Deposit will be applied, without interest, as partial payment for the Bonds. If the successful bidder fails to comply with the terms of its bid, the Deposit and any interest earnings will be retained as and for full liquidated damages. If the County fails to deliver the Bonds, then the Deposit and any interest earnings will be remitted to the successful bidder as and for full liquidated damages.

The winning bidder shall assist the County in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the County at the time of delivery of the bonds an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or

prices of the bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the County and Bond Counsel to the County.

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

- (1) the Commission shall disseminate this Notice of Sale for the Bonds to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Commission expects to receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Commission anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the respective bidders who submit a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest interest cost as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

The Commission and the County will consider any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds as specified in the bid.

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

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

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

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

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the County the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation continues, whether or not the delivery date for the Bonds (the "Closing Date") has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the winning bidder's reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the County or bond counsel.

The County acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to any of the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) if a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) if an underwriter or a dealer who is a member of the selling group is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The County further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement, to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that:

- (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable:
 - (A) (1) to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either (i) it has sold all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it or (ii) it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or upon request of the County and (2) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires;

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

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

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

The Bonds will be delivered on or about **May 27, 2026**, against payment therefore in FEDERAL RESERVE FUNDS, at DTC.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be noted on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchasers thereof to accept delivery of or pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of their bids. The County will pay expenses in relation to the noting of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds and the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of numbers.

The approving opinion of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina, Bond Counsel for the County, the proposed form of which appears in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, will be furnished without cost to the purchaser. In this transaction Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP will serve only as bond counsel to the County and will not represent any bidder or the purchaser of the Bonds. There will also be furnished the usual closing papers.

Prior to the sale of the Bonds, the County will adopt a resolution undertaking, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, to provide the information described under the heading "Continuing Disclosure" in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds in the manner provided therein.

The right to reject all bids and to waive minor irregularities or informalities is reserved.

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

The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for the omission of certain pricing and other information allowed to be made available to the successful bidder by the Commission in a Final Official Statement. By the submission of a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder contracts for the receipt of up to one hundred (100) copies of the Official Statement which will be delivered to the successful bidder by May 14, 2026.

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

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

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

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

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
Raleigh, North Carolina**

By:

Denise H. Canada
Secretary of the Commission

COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE, NORTH CAROLINA
\$11,230,000*
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026A

CERTIFICATE AS TO ISSUE PRICE

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

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER REPRESENTATIVE] (the “Representative”), on behalf of itself and [NAMES OF OTHER UNDERWRITERS] (collectively, the “Underwriting Group”), hereby certifies as follows with respect to the sale of the \$11,230,000* County of Buncombe, North Carolina, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A (the “Bonds”).

1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

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

2. Defined Terms.

- (a) “Maturity” means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates are treated as separate Maturities.
- (b) “Public” means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (c) “Sale Date” means May 5, 2026.
- (d) “Underwriter” means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the County (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

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

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the County with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina, Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income taxation, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that Bond Counsel may give to the County from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Dated: May __, 2026.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES

<u>Due June 1</u>	<u>Principal Amount Maturing</u>	<u>Initial Offering Price</u>
2039		
2040		
2041		
2042		
2043		
2044		
2045		
2046		

SCHEDULE B

[Attach Copy of Representative's Bid]

BID FOR BONDS

May __, 2026

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject to the provisions and in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bid Form relating to the bonds hereinafter mentioned, which provisions and terms are hereby made a part of this bid, we make the following bid for the \$11,230,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A of the County of Buncombe, North Carolina, described in said Notice of Sale, this bid being for not less than all of said bonds:

For the \$11,230,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A maturing and bearing interest as follows:

<u>Due June 1</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Due June 1</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2039	\$ 775,000	_____%	2043	\$1,615,000	_____%
2040	775,000	_____	2044	1,615,000	_____
2041	1,615,000	_____	2045	1,610,000	_____
2042	1,615,000	_____	2046	1,610,000	_____

We will pay \$11,230,000* for all of said bonds plus a premium of \$ _____.

(CROSS OUT THE SERIAL BOND MATURITIES BEING BID AS TERM BONDS –
 FIRST YEAR MAY NOT BE EARLIER THAN JUNE 1, 2036)

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

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

(LEAVE BLANK IF NO TERM BONDS ARE SPECIFIED)

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

 *Preliminary; subject to change as provided in said Notice of Sale.

A good faith deposit of \$224,600 will be delivered to the State Treasurer of North Carolina by wire transfer by 2:00 p.m. on the date hereof if the undersigned is the successful bidder for said bonds in accordance with the term is the Notice of Sale. Said good faith deposit is to be applied in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale.

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

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

_____ at _____.
Name Telephone Number

(Name of Firm)

(Signature of Authorized Officer)

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