

NOTICE OF SALE

COUNTY OF ESSEX,

NEW JERSEY

\$78,709,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS via BIDCOMP/PARITY Competitive Bidding System (“Parity”) will be received by the Director of Finance/County Treasurer of the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “County”), on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 until 11:15 a.m. New York City time, at which time they will be publicly announced for the purchase of \$78,709,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (the “Notes”), dated the date of delivery of the Notes and maturing July 7, 2027. The Notes shall bear interest at the rate per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor in accordance herewith, payable at maturity. The Notes shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Information concerning the Notes and the County is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement of the County relating to the Notes, dated June 17, 2026. The Notes are expected to be issued and delivered on July 8, 2026. The Notes shall be in book-entry-only form, registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. The DTC Letter of Representations, if any, will be prepared by Bond Counsel. The DTC eligibility questionnaire is to be completed by the successful bidder for the Notes.

The Notes will constitute valid and binding general obligations of the County for the payment of which the County is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes without limitation.

Each proposal must specify a single rate of interest which the Notes are to bear and the amount bid for the Notes, which shall not be less than \$78,709,000. As between legally acceptable proposals, the Notes will be sold to the bidder offering the lowest net interest cost (“Net Interest Cost”) to the County or, if two or more such bidders offer the same lowest Net Interest Cost, then to one of said bidders selected by the County Treasurer by lot from among all said bidders. The Net Interest Cost shall equal the total interest cost on the Notes, calculated on an 30/360 day basis, in accordance with such proposal after deducting therefrom the amount of premium (i.e., the amount bid minus \$78,709,000), if any, specified by such proposal. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and, so far as permitted by law, waive any irregularity or informality in any or all proposals. The proposal must cover all expenses incurred by the bidder, including distribution costs.

Bids shall be submitted electronically via PARITY in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until 11:15 a.m., New York City time, on June 24, 2026, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact PARITY at (212) 849-5021. In the event that a bid for the Notes is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that:

1. The County may regard the electronic transmission of the bid through PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Notes, the interest rate or rates to be borne by the Notes, the initial public offering price of each maturity and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were submitted directly to the County and executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If a bid submitted electronically by PARITY is accepted by the County, the terms of the Proposal for Notes and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY shall form a contract, and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

2. PARITY is not an agent of the County, and the County shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the County or information provided by the bidder.

3. The County may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via TM3 (as hereinafter defined), or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m. (New York City Time) on the last business date prior to the bid date set forth above.

4. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the County as described above, each bid will constitute a Proposal for Notes and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all Proposal for Notes, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

5. Each bidder choosing to bid electronically 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 County nor Parity shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the County nor Parity shall be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by PARITY. The County is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the County's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Notes. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the County harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Notes.

The County reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the date established for the receipt of bids and will undertake to notify registered prospective bidders via notification published on Thomson Municipal Market Monitor ("TM3") (www.tm3.com). Prospective bidders may request notification by facsimile transmission of any such changes in the date or time for the receipt of bids by so advising, and furnishing their telecopier numbers to the Treasurer of the County at (973) 621-4443 by 12:00 Noon, New York City time, on the day prior to the announced date for receipt of bids. In addition, the County reserves the right to make changes to this Notice of Sale. Such changes will be announced on the TM3.

A postponement of the bid date will be announced via TM3 not later than 11:15 a.m., New York City time, on the last business day prior to any announced date for receipt of bids, and an alternative sale date and time will be announced via TM3 by Noon, New York City time, not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative date for receipt of bids.

On any such alternative date and time for receipt of bids, the County will accept electronic bids for the purchase of the Notes, such bids to conform in all respects to the provisions of this Notice of Sale, except for the changes in the date and time for receipt of bids and any other changes announced via TM3 at the time the date and time for receipt of bids are announced.

Award of the Notes to the successful bidder, or rejection of all proposals, is expected to be made within one hour after the proposals are announced, but bidders may not withdraw their proposals before 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2026 and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The Notes will be delivered on or about July 8, 2026 at the offices of FBT Gibbons LLP, Bond Counsel to the County, in Newark, New Jersey, or at such other place as may be agreed upon with the successful bidder. Payment for the Notes at the time of their original issuance and delivery shall be in immediately available funds.

It shall be the responsibility of the County to have CUSIP identification numbers, if required, issued for the Notes. The request for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be the responsibility of the County's municipal advisor and the CUSIP Global Services charge therefor shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder. CUSIP numbers must be communicated to Bond Counsel within 24 hours of the award of the Notes in order to have the CUSIP numbers printed on the Notes.

The successful bidder may at his option refuse to accept the Notes if prior to delivery of the Notes any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is includable in gross income, or shall be includable in gross income at a future date, for federal income tax purposes, and in such case such bidder will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal.

The obligation hereunder to deliver and to accept the Notes shall be conditioned on the availability and delivery at the time of delivery of the Notes of the approving opinion of Bond Counsel, which will be furnished without cost to the successful bidder, in substantially the form set forth in the final Official Statement with respect to the Notes (the "Official Statement"). Such opinion shall state that the Notes are valid and legally binding obligations of the County and that the County has the power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment of the Notes and the interest thereon. The obligations hereunder to deliver or accept the Notes shall be further conditioned on the availability to the successful bidder and delivery at the time of delivery of the Notes of certificates in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Notes and receipt of payment therefor and including a statement, dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that, except as set forth in the Official Statement, there is no litigation pending or (to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof) threatened relating to the Notes.

Matters relating to the "issue price" of the Notes, including the form of certificate to be delivered by the successful bidder to the County, are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

The County, by accepting the proposal submitted by the successful bidder, (a) certifies to the successful bidder, as of the date of acceptance of such proposal, that the Preliminary Official Statement distributed in connection with the sale of the Notes (the "Preliminary Official Statement") has been "deemed final" as of its date by the County for purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 15c2-12"), except for certain omissions permitted thereunder, (b) agrees to provide the successful bidder, in order to permit the successful bidder to comply with Rule 15c2-12, with up to 50 copies in total of the Official Statement within the period of time allowed under Rule 15c2-12, at the sole cost and expense of the County, with any additional copies that the successful bidder shall reasonably request to be provided at the sole cost and expense of the successful bidder, and (c) in order to assist the successful bidder in complying with Rule 15c2-12, agrees to undertake to provide certain continuing disclosure as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement. The successful bidder, by executing the proposal, agrees to provide, upon receipt of the Official Statement from the County, a copy of the Official Statement (with any required forms) to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") or its designee pursuant to MSRB Rule G-32 no later than ten business days following the-date of acceptance of its bid. The successful bidder shall notify the County of (a) the date which is the "end of the underwriting period" within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 (which date shall be presumed by the County to be the date of delivery of and payment for the Notes unless the County is notified otherwise) and (b) the date on which a copy of the Official Statement is filed with the MSRB or its designee.

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Notice of Sale may be accessed via the internet at www.i-dealprospectus.com. A printed version may also be obtained from the County Treasurer at the Office of the County Treasurer, Hall of Records Building, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (telephone: 973-621-4443) or from the County's municipal advisor, Acacia Financial Group, Inc., 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054 (telephone (856) 234-2266).

HOSSAM MOHAMED
Essex Director of Finance/County Treasurer

Dated: June 17, 2026

EXHIBIT A

Establishment Of Issue Price

The successful bidder shall assist the _____ of _____ (the “Issuer”) in establishing the issue price of the Notes and shall execute and deliver to the Issuer at Closing an “issue price” or similar certificate, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Appendices A, B or C setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Notes, together with supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the successful bidder, the Issuer and Bond Counsel.

(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (c) below, the Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Notes) will apply to the initial sale of the Notes (the “Competitive Sale Requirements”) because: (1) the Issuer shall disseminate this Notice of Sale 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 Issuer may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds and notes; and (4) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Notes to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Notes at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Notes, as specified in the bid. By submitting a bid, bidders are deemed to have certified that they have an established industry reputation as a regular purchaser or underwriter of tax-exempt obligations such as the Notes.

In the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are satisfied, the successful bidder must complete Appendix A attached hereto.

(b) Except as set forth in paragraph (c) below, in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied, the Issuer shall so advise the successful bidder. The Issuer shall treat the first price at which 10% of a Maturity of the Notes (the “10% Test”) is sold to the Public as the issue price of that Maturity, applied on a Maturity-by-Maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a Maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that Maturity). The successful bidder shall advise the Issuer if any maturity of the Notes satisfies the 10% Test as of the date and time of the award of the Notes. The Issuer will not require bidders to comply with the “hold-the-offering-price rule” and therefore does not intend to use the initial offering price to the Public as of the sale date of any Maturity of the Notes as the issue price of that Maturity. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that all of the maturities of the Notes will be subject to the 10% Test in order to establish the issue price of the Notes.

If Competitive Sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to each Maturity of the Notes, the successful bidder agrees to promptly report to the

Issuer the prices at which the unsold Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either (i) all Notes of that Maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity, provided that, the successful bidder's reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Issuer or Bond Counsel. The successful bidder shall provide the Issuer, Bond Counsel and the Issuer's financial advisor (if any) with certificates substantially in the form of Appendix B hereto. If the 10% Test is not met by the Closing Date, a Supplemental Issue Price Certificate must be provided.

(c) If the successful bidder (such as a bank or local government unit) is purchasing for its own account, it must complete Appendix C hereto, and the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) above shall not apply.

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 Notes 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) to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Notes of that Maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the successful bidder that the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the successful bidder, (B) to promptly notify the successful bidder of any sales of Notes that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the successful bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the Public; and (ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement, relating to the initial sale of the Notes 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 Notes to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Notes of each Maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Notes of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the successful bidder or such underwriter.

Sales of any Notes to any person that is a related party to an Underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Notes 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: (a) *Maturity* means Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Notes with different Maturity dates, or Notes with the same Maturity date but different stated interest rates, 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 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly; (c) *Sale Date* means the first day on which the Notes are awarded by the Issuer to the successful bidder. The Sale Date of the Notes is June 24, 2026; (d) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes to the Public).

APPENDIX A

Issue Price Certificate Competitive Sale Form - Notes

_____ of _____, New Jersey (the “Issuer”)
\$ _____ Bond Anticipation Notes

The undersigned, on behalf of _____ (the “SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the “Notes”).

1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices and yields of the Notes to the Public by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] are the prices and yields listed in Schedule A (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Notes used by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] in formulating its bids to purchase the Notes. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] to purchase the Notes.

(b) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] constituted a firm offer to purchase the Notes.

2. Defined Terms

(a) *Maturity* means Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Notes with different maturity dates, or Notes with the same maturity dated but different stated interest rates, 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 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(c) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Notes. The Sale Date of the Notes is [ISSUE DATE].

(d) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'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 Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Notes, and by FBT Gibbons LLP, Bond Counsel in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service's Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Notes.

Very truly yours,

[UNDERWRITER]

Dated: [Issue Date]

By: _____
(Duly Authorized Officer)

SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES AND YIELDS

SCHEDULE B

COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID
(Attached)

APPENDIX B

Issue Price Certificate Actually Sold Form - Notes

_____ of _____, New Jersey (the "Issuer")
\$ _____ Bond Anticipation Notes

The undersigned, on behalf of _____ (the "SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Notes").

1. **Sale of the Notes.** [As of the date of this certificate, the Underwriter has not sold at least 10% of all Maturities of the Notes at a single price and agrees once it has sold at least 10% of all Maturities of the Notes at a single price, it will provide a Supplemental Issue Price Certificate to the County and Bond Counsel]. [As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the Notes, the first price and yield at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Notes was sold to the Public is the respective price and yield listed in Schedule A.]

2. **Defined Terms**

(a) *Maturity* means Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Notes with different maturity dates, or Notes with the same maturity dated but different stated interest rates, 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 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(c) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contact with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'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 Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Notes, and by FBT Gibbons LLP, Bond Counsel in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service's Form 8038-G,

and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Notes.

Very truly yours,

[UNDERWRITER]

Dated: [Issue Date]

By: _____
(Duly Authorized Officer)

SCHEDULE A

SALE PRICES AND YIELDS

APPENDIX C

Issue Price Certificate Private Placement Form - Notes

_____ of _____, New Jersey (the “Issuer”)
\$ _____ Bond Anticipation Notes

The undersigned, on behalf of _____ (the “Purchaser”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the purchase of the above-captioned obligations (the “Notes”).

1. **Purchase of the Notes.** On the date of this certificate, the Purchaser is purchasing the Notes for the amount of \$[_____]. The Purchaser is not acting as an Underwriter with respect to the Notes. The Purchaser has no present intention to sell, reoffer, or otherwise dispose of the Notes (or any portion of the Notes or any interest in the Notes). The Purchaser has not contracted with any person pursuant to a written agreement to have such person participate in the initial sale of the Notes and the Purchaser has not agreed with the Issuer pursuant to a written agreement to sell the Notes to persons other than the Purchaser or a related party to the Purchaser.

2. **Defined Terms**

(a) *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 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(b) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contact with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser’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 Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Notes, and by FBT Gibbons LLP, Bond Counsel in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service’s Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Notes.

Very truly yours,

[PURCHASER], as Purchaser

Dated: [Issue Date]

By: _____
(Duly Authorized Officer)