## NOTICE OF SALE AND BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

#### ON

#### \$15,145,000\* CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS (Smith County) COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

#### THE CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE DESIGNATED "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

#### Sealed Bids Due Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Central Time

## THE SALE

**CERTIFICATES OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BIDDING...** The City of Whitehouse, Texas (the "City") is offering for sale its \$15,145,000\* City of Whitehouse, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates").

ADDRESS OF BIDS . . . Sealed bids, plainly marked "Bid for Certificates", should be addressed to the "City Council, City of Whitehouse", and delivered to the Financial Advisor, Specialized Public Finance Inc., 4925 Greenville Avenue, Suite 1350, Dallas, Texas 75206, prior to 10:00 AM, Central Time, on the date of the bid opening. All bids must be submitted on the Official Bid Form, without alteration or interlineation.

**ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE**... Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of PARITY. Bidders must submit, prior to 10:00 AM, Central Time, SIGNED Official Bid Forms to Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance Inc., 4925 Greenville Avenue, Suite 1350, Dallas, Texas 75206. Subscription to the i-Deal LLC's BIDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The City will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Certificates on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the City. The City shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of, PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. The winning bidder must submit a signed Official Bid Form if not previously submitted.

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall conflict with information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall control. Further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Parity Customer Support, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, (212) 849-5023.

For purposes of both the written sealed bid process and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their electronic bids the net effective interest rate to the City, as described under "Basis for Award" below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, Bidding Instructions and the Official Bid Form.

No bids by telephone will be accepted.

#### Specialized Public Finance Inc. will not be responsible for submitting any bids received after the above deadlines.

**PLACE AND TIME OF BID OPENING**... The bids for the Certificates will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Financial Advisor at 10:00 AM, Central Time, Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

**AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATES**... The City Council will take action to award the Certificates (or reject all bids) at a meeting scheduled to convene at 6:00 PM, Central Time, on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, and adopt an ordinance authorizing the Certificates and approving the Official Statement (the "Ordinance").

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts").

## THE CERTIFICATES

**DESCRIPTION**... The Certificates will be dated July 15, 2025 (the "Dated Date"). Interest will accrue from the date of the initial delivery (anticipated to be August 21, 2025) and will be paid on February 15, 2026 and each August 15 and February 15 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. The Certificates will be issued only in fully registered form in any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity. The Certificates will mature on February 15 in each year as follows:

	D''I		
	Principal		
Year	Amount		
2029	\$ 20,000		
2030	165,000		
2031	325,000		
2032	500,000		
2033	690,000		
2034	860,000		
2035	895,000		
2036	930,000		
2037	970,000		
2038	1,020,000		
2039	1,075,000		
2040	1,130,000		
2041	1,185,000		
2042	1,245,000		
2043	1,310,000		
2044	1,375,000		
2045	1,450,000		

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**OPTIONAL REDEMPTION**... The City reserves the right, at its option, to redeem the Certificates having stated maturities on and after February 15, 2036, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 2035, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption (see "THE CERTIFICATES - Optional Redemption" in the Preliminary Official Statement).

**SERIAL CERTIFICATES AND/OR TERM CERTIFICATES**... Bidders may provide that all of the Certificates be issued as serial Certificates or may provide that any two or more consecutive annual principal amounts be combined into one or more term Certificates (the "Term Certificates"). See "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Type of Bids and Interest Rates" below.

MANDATORY SINKING FUND REDEMPTION... If the successful bidder elects to alter the Maturity Schedule reflected above and convert the principal amounts of the serial Certificates into "Term Certificates", such "Term Certificates" shall be subject to mandatory redemption on the first February 15 next following the last maturity for the serial Certificates, and annually thereafter on each February 15 until the stated maturity for the Term Certificates at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. The principal amounts of the Term Certificates to be redeemed on each mandatory redemption date shall be the principal amounts that would have been due and payable in the Maturity Schedule shown above had no designation of such maturities as Term Certificates occurred.

Approximately forty five (45) days prior to each mandatory redemption date for the Term Certificates, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select by lot, or other customary random selection method, the numbers of the Term Certificates within the applicable Stated Maturity to be redeemed on the next following February 15 from moneys set aside for that purpose in the Interest and Sinking Fund (as defined in the Ordinance). Any Term Certificates not selected for prior redemption shall be paid on the date of their Stated Maturity.

The principal amount of the Term Certificates for a Stated Maturity required to be redeemed on a mandatory redemption date may be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of Term Certificates of like Stated Maturity which, at least forty five (45) days prior to the mandatory redemption date, (1) shall have been acquired by the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (2) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions set forth above and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement. The final Official Statement will incorporate the mandatory redemption provisions for the Certificates in the event the successful bidder elects to convert serial maturities into one or more Term Certificates.

**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM** ... The City intends to utilize the book-entry-only system of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). See "THE CERTIFICATES - Book-Entry-Only System" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

**PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR** ... The initial Paying Agent/Registrar shall be BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. See "THE CERTIFICATES - Paying Agent/Registrar" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

**SECURITY FOR PAYMENT**... The Certificates constitute direct obligations of the City, payable from a combination of (i) the levy and collection of a direct and continuing ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property within the City, and (ii) a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, as provided in the Ordinance (see "THE CERTIFICATES - Security and Source of Payment" in the Preliminary Official Statement).

Further details regarding the Certificates are set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement.

## CONDITIONS OF THE SALE

**TYPE OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES**... The Certificates will be sold in one block on an "All or None" basis, and at a price of not less than 100% of their par value and not more than 102% of their par value. Bidders are invited to name the rate(s) of interest to be borne by the Certificates, provided that each rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/100 of 1% and the net effective interest rate must not exceed 15% pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 1204.006. The highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 2% in rate. For Certificates having stated maturities on and after February 15, 2035, no reoffering yield producing a dollar price less than 98.50% for any individual maturity will be accepted. The high bidder will be required to submit reoffering yields and dollar prices prior to the award. No limitation is imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates or changes which may be used. All Certificates of one maturity must bear one and the same rate. No bids involving supplemental interest rates will be considered.

**ADVANCE MODIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS**... The Maturity Schedule for the Certificates set forth above represents an estimate of the principal amount of Certificates to be sold. The City hereby reserves the right to change the Maturity Schedule, based on market conditions prior to the sale. In the event that the City elects to change the Maturity Schedule prior to the sale it will provide notice to potential bidders through Parity. Such notice shall be considered an amendment to this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

**POST BID MODIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS** . . . After selecting the winning bid, the aggregate principal amount of the Certificates and the principal amortization schedule may be adjusted as determined by the City and its Financial Advisor in \$5,000 increments to reflect the actual interest rates. Such adjustments will not change the aggregate principal amount of the Certificates by more than 15% of the amount set forth herein.

The successful bidder may not withdraw its bid or change the interest rates bid or the initial reoffering terms as a result of any changes made to the principal amounts within these limits. The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder will be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the principal amount of the Certificates. The bid price for such an adjustment will reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriters' discount and original issue discount/premium, if any, but will not change the selling compensation per \$1,000 of par amount of the Certificates from the selling compensation that would have been received based on the purchase price in the winning bid and the Initial Reoffering Terms. The interest rates specified by the successful bidder for the various maturities at the Initial Reoffering Terms will not change. The City anticipates that the final annual principal amounts and the final aggregate principal amount of the Certificates will be communicated to the successful bidder within three hours of the City's receipt of the initial public offering prices and yields for the Certificates.

**BASIS FOR AWARD**... Subject to the City's right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities except time of filing, the sale of the Certificates will be awarded to the bidder or syndicate account manager whose name first appears on the Official Bid Form (the "Purchaser") making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein and which produces the lowest true interest cost, as defined in Section 1204, Texas Government Code, as amended. In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates and premium, if any, set forth in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

In order to provide the City with information required to be submitted to the Texas Bond Review Board pursuant to Section 1202.008, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Purchaser will be required to provide the City with a breakdown of its "underwriting spread" among the following categories: Takedown, Management Fee (if any), Legal Counsel Fee (if any) and Spread Expenses (if any).

**ESTABLISHING THE ISSUE PRICE FOR THE CERTIFICATES**... The City intends to rely on Treasury Regulation section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of municipal bonds), which require, among other things, that the City receives bids from **at least three underwriters** of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirement").

In the event that the bidding process does not satisfy the Competitive Sale Requirement, Bids will <u>not</u> be subject to cancellation and the winning bidder (i) agrees to promptly report to the City the first prices at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Certificates (the "First Price Maturity") have been sold to the Public on the Sale Date (the "10% Test") (if different interest rates apply within a maturity, each separate CUSIP number within that maturity will be subject to the 10% Test) and (ii) agrees to hold-the-offering-price of each maturity of the Certificates that does not satisfy the 10% Test ("Hold-the-Price Maturity"), as described below.

In order to provide the City with information that enables it to comply with the establishment of the issue price of the Certificates under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the winning bidder agrees to complete, execute, and timely deliver to the City or to the City's municipal advisor, Specialized Public Finance Inc. (the "Financial Advisor") the appropriate certification as to the Certificates' "issue price" (the "Issue Price Certificate") substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, at least 5 business days before the Closing Date if the Competitive Sale Requirement is satisfied or within 5 business days of the date on which the 10% Test is satisfied with respect to all of the First Price Maturities. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Certificates for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the Closing Date, the Issue Price Certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the City. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain such facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel (identified in the Preliminary Official Statement).

For purposes of this section of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions:

(i) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party,

(ii) "Underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the City (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates 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 Certificates 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 Certificates to the Public),

(iii) "Related Party" means any two or more persons (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) that 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

(iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Certificates are awarded by the City to the winning bidder.

All actions to be taken by the City under this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions to establish the issue price of the Certificates may be taken on behalf of the City by the City's Financial Advisor, and any notice or report to be provided to the City may be provided to the City's Financial Advisor.

The City will consider any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions to be a firm offer for the purchase of the Certificates, as specified in the bid and, if so stated, in the Official Bid Form.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Certificates 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 retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the Public, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the Public, the unsold Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the Public, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or su

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Certificates, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell any Hold-the-Price Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (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 Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public. The winning bidder shall promptly advise the City when the Underwriters have sold 10% of a Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public. The winning bidder shall promptly advise the City when the Underwriters have sold 10% of a Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

**PROVISION OF TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295 ("TEC FORM 1295")**... In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), the City may not award the Certificates to a bidder unless the winning bidder either:

(i) submits a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "TEC Form 1295") to the City as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"), or

(ii) certifies in the Official Bid Form that it is exempt from filing the TEC Form 1295 by virtue of being a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity.

In the event that the bidder's bid for the Certificates is the best bid received, the City, acting through its financial advisor, will promptly notify the winning bidder. That notification will serve as the City's conditional verbal acceptance of the bid, and, unless the bidder is exempt from filing a TEC Form 1295, such notification will obligate the winning bidder to promptly file a completed TEC Form 1295, as described below, in order to allow the City to complete the award. The City reserves the right to reject any bid that does not comply with the requirements prescribed herein.

For purposes of completing the TEC Form 1295, box 2 is name of the governmental entity (*City of Whitehouse, Texas*) and box 3 is the identification number assigned to this contract by the City (Whitehouse Certificates 2025) and description of the goods or services (*Purchase of the City of Whitehouse, Texas* Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025). The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the rules adopted by the TEC with respect thereto (the "Disclosure Rules") require certain business entities contracting with the City to complete the TEC Form 1295 electronically at <u>https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/main/file.htm</u>, print, complete the unsworn declaration, sign, and deliver, in physical form, the certified TEC Form 1295 that is generated by the TEC's "electronic portal" to the City. The completed and signed TEC Form 1295 must be sent by email, to the City's financial advisor at <u>steven@spfmuni.com</u>, as soon as possible following the notification of conditional verbal acceptance and prior to the final written award. Upon receipt of the final written award, the winning bidder must submit the TEC Form 1295 with original signatures by email to Bond Counsel as follows: rsegura@mphlegal.com.

To the extent that the bidder is not exempt from filing a TEC Form 1295 and therefor makes such filing with the City, the Interested Party Disclosure Act and the TEC 1295 provide that such declaration is made "under oath and under penalty of perjury." Consequently, a bidder should take appropriate steps prior to completion of the TEC Form 1295 to familiarize itself with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the Disclosure Rules and the TEC Form 1295. Time will be of the essence in submitting the form to the City, and no final award will be made by the City regarding the sale of the Certificates until a completed TEC Form 1295 is received. The City reserves the right to reject any bid that does not satisfy the requirement of a completed TEC Form 1295, as described herein. Neither the City nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a TEC Form 1295, and neither party has an obligation nor undertakes responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to the proper completion of the TEC Form 1295. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Certificates should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form promptly upon notification from the City that its bid is the conditional winning bid. Instructional videos on logging in and creating a certificate are provided on the TEC's website at <a href="https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf info form1295.htm">https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf info form1295.htm</a>.

**VERIFICATIONS OF STATUTORY REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**... The City will not award the Certificates to a bidder unless the following representations and covenants pursuant to Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Covered Verifications"), are included in the bid. As used in such verifications, "affiliate" means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit. Liability for breach of any such verification during the term of this agreement shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of the Official Bid Form or Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, notwithstanding anything in the Official Bid Form or Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions to the contrary.

(i) No Boycott of Israel (Texas Government Code Chapter 2271): A bidder must verify that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code.

- (ii) Not a Sanctioned Company (Texas Government Code Chapter 2252): A bidder must represent that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes a bidder and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization.
- (iii) No Discrimination Against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations (Texas Government Code Chapter 2274): A bidder must verify that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.
- (iv) No Boycott of Energy Companies (Texas Government Code Chapter 2276): A bidder must verify that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" has the meaning provided in Section 2276.001(1), Government Code.

**FURTHER STATE LAW COMPLIANCE AND STANDING LETTER REQUIREMENT**... Each prospective bidder must have a standing letter on file with the Texas Attorney General's Office in the form required by the All Bond Counsel Letter of the Texas Attorney General dated November 1, 2023 and any supplements thereto (collectively, the "All Bond Counsel Letter"). In submitting a bid, a bidder represents to the City that it has filed a standing letter in the form included in the All Bond Counsel Letter without qualification and including current statutory citations and it has no reason to believe that the City may not be entitled to rely on the standing letter on file with the Texas Attorney General's Office. Bidder agrees that it will not rescind its standing letter at any time before the delivery of the Certificates unless same is immediately replaced with a standing letter meeting the requirements of the All Bond Counsel Letter.

The City will not accept a bid from a bidder that does not have such standing letter on file as of the deadline for bids for the Certificates. If requested by the City, the bidder agrees to provide such further representations, certifications or assurances in connection with the Covered Verifications, as of the Delivery Date or such other date requested by the City including, but not limited to, a bring down certification as provided by the All Bond Counsel Letter.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, TO REJECT THE BID OF ANY BIDDER FOR ANY REASON. BY SUBMITTING A BID, EACH BIDDER AGREES, SHOULD IT BE THE WINNING BIDDER, TO COOPERATE WITH THE CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO FURTHER VERIFY AND CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW. Unless otherwise publicly available on the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas' website, the bidder shall submit a courtesy copy of its standing letter in connection with the submission of its bid.

To the extent the bidder and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is unable to provide a Standing Letter in a form satisfactory to the Texas Office of the Attorney General, the City reserves the right to cash and accept the Good Faith Deposit (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE - Good Faith Deposit"). THE LIABILITY OF THE BIDDER FOR BREACH OF ANY OF THE VERIFICATIONS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS SHALL SURVIVE UNTIL BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND SHALL NOT BE LIQUIDATED OR OTHERWISE LIMITED BY ANY PROVISION OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE AND BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS OR THE OFFICIAL BID FORM. ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY RESERVES AND RETAINS ALL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AT LAW AND IN EQUITY FOR PURSUIT AND RECOVERY OF DAMAGES, IF ANY, RELATING TO THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS.

**IMPACT OF BIDDING SYNDICATE ON AWARD**... For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Certificates, the entity signing the bid form as Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Certificates. The Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the City is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

**GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT** . . . A Good Faith Deposit, payable to the "City of Whitehouse, Texas", in the amount of \$302,900, is required. Such Good Faith Deposit shall be a wire transfer, bank cashier's check or certified check (which is to be retained uncashed by the City pending the Purchaser's compliance with the terms of the bid and this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions). The bid security may be provided to the City via wire transfer (the City will provide wire instructions to the winning bidder), in the form of a certified or cashier's check, or in the form of a financial surety bond issued by an insurance company licensed to issue such surety bond in the City made payable to the order of the City in the amount set forth above. The financial surety bond must identify the winning bidder whose deposit is guaranteed by such financial surety bond. The bid security will be retained by the City and: (a) will be applied, without allowance for interest, against the purchase price when the Certificates are delivered to and paid for by such winning bidder or (b) will be returned to the bidder if the Certificates are not issued by the City for any reason which does not constitute a default by the bidder or (c) will be retained by the City as liquidated damages if the bidder defaults with

respect to the bid; however, if it is determined after the acceptance of the bid by the City that the Purchaser was found not to satisfy the requirements with respect to the "Covered Verifications" as described and defined above and as a result the Texas Attorney General will not deliver its approving opinion of the Certificates, then said Good Faith Deposit shall be cashed and accepted by the City but shall not be the sole or exclusive remedy available to the City.

#### DELIVERY OF THE CERTIFICATES AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

**CUSIP NUMBERS**... It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will appear on the Certificates, but neither the failure to print or type such number on any Certificate nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Certificates in accordance with the terms of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and the terms of the Official Bid Form. All expenses in relation to the printing or typing of CUSIP numbers on the Certificates shall be paid by the City; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the Purchaser.

DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES... Delivery will be accomplished by the issuance of one Initial Certificate (the "Initial Certificate"), either in typed or printed form, in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,145,000\*, payable in stated installments to the Purchaser, signed by the Mayor and City Secretary of the City, approved by the Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Upon delivery of the Initial Certificate, it shall be immediately cancelled and one definitive Certificate for each maturity will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., and deposited with DTC in connection with DTC's Book-Entry-Only System. Delivery will be at the principal office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Payment for the Certificates must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the City, or as otherwise directed by the City. The Purchaser will be given six business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Certificates. It is anticipated that delivery of the Certificates can be made on or about August 21, 2025, and it is understood and agreed that the Purchaser will accept delivery and make payment for the Certificates by 10:00 AM, CST, on August 21, 2025, or thereafter on the date the Initial Certificate is tendered for delivery, up to and including September 4, 2025. If for any reason the City is unable to make delivery on or before September 4, 2025, the City shall immediately contact the Purchaser and offer to allow the Purchaser to extend its offer for an additional thirty days. If the Purchaser does not elect to extend its offer within six days thereafter, then its Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the City and the Purchaser shall be relieved of any further obligation. In no event shall the City be liable for any damages by reason of its failure to deliver the Certificates, provided such failure is due to circumstances beyond the City's reasonable control.

**CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY**... The obligation of the Purchaser to take up and pay for the Certificates is subject to the Purchaser's receipt of (a) the legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel for the City ("Bond Counsel"), (b) the City's no-litigation certificate, and (c) the City's Certification of the Official Statement, all as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement. Bond Counsel may not deliver its approving opinion of the Certificates without the prior receipt of the approving opinion of the Texas Attorney General, as described on the cover of the Preliminary Official Statement under "LEGALITY".

In order to provide the City with information required to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating to the exemption of interest on the Certificates from the gross income of their owners, the Purchaser will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the City a certification as to their "issue price" substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. In the event the successful bidder is unable to sell a substantial amount of the Certificates of any maturity to the public, such certificates as a result of the Purchaser's inability to sell a substantial amount of the Certificates at a particular price prior to delivery. Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute, and deliver such a certificate on or before the 6<sup>th</sup> business day prior to the date of delivery of the Certificates, if its bid is accepted by the City. It will be the responsibility of the Purchaser to institute such syndicate reporting requirements to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel.

**LEGAL OPINIONS**... The Certificates are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Delivery of and payment for the Certificates is subject to the receipt by the Purchaser of an opinion of Bond Counsel, to the effect that the Certificates are valid and binding obligations of the City and that the interest on the Certificates will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" in the Preliminary Official Statement, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT...** At the time of payment for and initial delivery of the Certificates, the City will execute and deliver to the Purchaser a certificate in the form set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement under "OTHER INFORMATION – Certification of the Official Statement".

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE – Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts").

**CHANGE IN TAX EXEMPT STATUS** ... At any time before the Certificates are tendered for delivery, the Purchaser may withdraw its bid if the interest received by private holders on obligations of the same type and character of the Certificates shall be declared to be includable in gross income under present federal income tax laws, either by ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or by a decision of any federal court, or shall be declared taxable or be required to be taken into account in computing any federal income tax law enacted subsequent to the date of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

#### GENERAL

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR**... Specialized Public Finance Inc. is employed as Financial Advisor to the City in connection with the issuance of the Certificates. The Financial Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Certificates is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Certificates. Specialized Public Finance Inc., in its capacity as Financial Advisor, does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Certificates, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies.

**BLUE SKY LAWS**... By submission of its bid, the Purchaser represents that the sale of the Certificates in states other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or, where necessary, the Purchaser will register the Certificates in accordance with the securities law of the states in which the Certificates are offered or sold. The City agrees to cooperate with the Purchaser, at the Purchaser's written request and sole expense, in registering the Certificates or obtaining an exemption from registration in any state where such action is necessary, provided, however, that the City shall not be obligated to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general or special consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction.

**NOT AN OFFER TO SELL**... This Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions does not alone constitute an offer to sell the Certificates, but is merely notice of the sale of the Certificates. The offer to sell the Certificates is being made by means of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement. Prospective purchasers are urged to carefully examine the Preliminary Official Statement to determine the investment quality of the Certificates.

ANTICIPATED ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT ... The City does not have any immediate plans to issue additional general obligation debt.

**RATINGS**... The Certificates are rated "AA" with a stable outlook by S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business ("S&P").

THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH SEC RULE 15c2-12... The City will approve and authorize the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement and, for the limited purpose of complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), will deem such Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date within the meaning of the Rule for the purpose of review prior to bidding. To the best knowledge and belief of the City, the Preliminary Official Statement contains information, including financial information operating data, concerning every entity, enterprise, fund, account, or person that is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Certificates. Representations made and to be made by the City concerning the absence of material misstatements and omissions in the Preliminary Official Statement are addressed elsewhere in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The City will furnish to the Purchaser, acting through a designated senior representative, in accordance with instructions received from the Purchaser, within seven (7) business days from the sale date, copies of the final Official Statement in such quantity and in the formats as the Purchaser shall request in order for the Purchaser to comply with Section (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; provided, however, that the cost of any Official Statements in excess of 50 shall be prepared and distributed at the cost of the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall be responsible for providing in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Financial Advisor by the close of the next business day after the award. Except as noted above, the City assumes no responsibility or obligation for the distribution or delivery of any copies of the Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement in connection with the offering or reoffering of the Certificates.

**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**... The City will agree in the Ordinance to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain specified events in accordance with the Rule, as described in the Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION". The Purchaser's obligation to accept and pay for the Certificates is conditioned upon delivery to the Purchaser or its agent, upon written request, of a certified copy of the Ordinance containing the agreement described under such heading.

**COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR UNDERTAKINGS**... The City became obligated to file annual financial tables with their Series 2022 issues. For fiscal year 2021 the official statement served as the City's annual disclosure and was available to all bond holders. The City has complied it's continuing disclosure agreement for the last five years.

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF NOTICE, BID FORM AND PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT . . . A limited number of additional copies of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement, as available over and above the normal mailing, may be obtained at the offices of Specialized Public Finance Inc. 4925 Greenville Avenue, Suite 1350, Dallas, Texas 75206, Financial Advisor to the City.

In the Ordinance, the City Council will approve of the form and content of the Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and authorize its use in the reoffering of the Certificates by the Purchaser.

James Wansley Mayor City of Whitehouse, Texas

July 14, 2025

## **OFFICIAL BID FORM**

City Council City of Whitehouse 101 A Bascom Rd. Whitehouse, Texas 75791

City Council:

Reference is made to your Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, dated July 14, 2025 of \$15,145,000\* CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025, both of which constitute a part hereof.

For your legally issued Certificates, in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,145,000\*, we will pay you a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, representing approximately \_\_\_\_\_% of the par value. Such Certificates mature February 15, in each of the years and in the amounts and interest rates shown below:

	Principal	Interest		Principal	Interest
Maturity	Amount*	Rate	Maturity	Amount*	Rate
2/15/2029	\$ 20,000		2/15/2038	\$ 1,020,000	
2/15/2030	165,000		2/15/2039	1,075,000	
2/15/2031	325,000		2/15/2040	1,130,000	
2/15/2032	500,000		2/15/2041	1,185,000	
2/15/2033	690,000		2/15/2042	1,245,000	
2/15/2034	860,000		2/15/2043	1,310,000	
2/15/2035	895,000		2/15/2044	1,375,000	
2/15/2036	930,000		2/15/2045	1,450,000	
2/15/2037	970,000				

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, term Certificates have been created as indicated in the following table (which may include multiple term Certificates, one term Certificate or no term Certificate if none is indicated). For those years which have been combined into a term Certificate, the principal amount shown in the table above shall be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the term Certificate maturity date shall mature in such year. The term Certificate(s) created are as follows:

Term Certificate Maturity Date	Year of First Mandatory	Principal Amount of	Interest
(February 15)	Redemption	Term Bond	Rate

Our calculation (which is not a part of this bid) of the interest cost from the above is:

TRUE INTEREST COST

\_\_\_\_%

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE - Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts").

We are having the Certificates of the following maturities insured by \_\_\_\_\_\_ at a premium of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, said premium to be paid by the Purchaser. Any fees to be paid to the rating agencies as a result of said insurance will be paid by the City.

The Initial Certificate shall be registered in the name of \_\_\_\_\_\_, which will, upon payment for the Certificates, be cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Certificates will then be registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee), under the Book-Entry-Only System.

A wire transfer, bank cashier's check or certified check of the \_\_\_\_\_\_Bank, \_\_\_\_\_, in the amount of \$302,900, which represents our Good Faith Deposit (is attached hereto) or (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this bid), and is submitted in accordance with the terms as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

We agree to accept delivery of the Certificates utilizing the Book-Entry-Only System through DTC and make payment for the Certificates in immediately available funds in the Corporate Trust Division, BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, not later than 10:00 AM, CST, on August 21, 2025, or thereafter on the date the Certificates are tendered for delivery, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. It will be the obligation of the Purchaser of the Certificates to complete the DTC Eligibility Questionnaire.

As used in the following verifications, "affiliate" means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit. Liability for breach of any such verification during the term of this agreement shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of this Official Bid Form or the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, notwithstanding anything in this Official Bid Form or the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions to the contrary.

- (i) <u>No Boycott of Israel Verification (Texas Government Code Chapter 2271).</u> The Purchaser hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code.
- (ii) Not a Sanctioned Company (Texas Government Code Chapter 2252). The Purchaser represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes a bidder and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization.
- (iii) <u>No Boycott of Energy Companies (Texas Government Code Chapter 2276).</u> The Purchaser hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" has the meaning provided in Section 2276.001(1), Government Code.
- (iv) No Discrimination Against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations (Texas Government Code Chapter 2274). The Purchaser hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association," has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.

By submitting this bid, the bidder understands and agrees that if Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Certificates in accordance with this bid, or it is determined that after the acceptance of this bid by the City that the Purchaser was found not to satisfy the requirements described in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions under the heading "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE" and as a result the Texas Attorney General will not deliver its approving opinion of the Certificates, then the check submitted herewith as the Purchaser's Good Faith Deposit shall be cashed and accepted by the City. IF THE CITY CASHES THE PURCHASER'S GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUCH ACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE COMPLETE OR LIQUIDATED DAMAGES RELATED TO THE PURCHASER'S BREACH OF ANY OF THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS.

By submitting this bid, the Purchaser understands and agrees that the liability of the Purchaser for breach of any of the verifications made in connection with Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code, as amended and as described above (collectively, the "Covered Verifications") shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of this Official Bid Form or the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. Additionally, the Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the City reserves and retains all rights and remedies at law and in equity for pursuit and recovery of damages, if any, relating to the Covered Verifications.

<u>Further State Law Compliance and Standing Letter Requirement</u>: By submitting this bid, the Purchaser understands and agrees that it must have a standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office in the form included as Exhibit A to the All Bond Counsel Letter of the Texas Attorney General dated November 1, 2023 and any supplements thereto (the "All Bond Counsel Letter"). In submitting this bid, the Purchaser represents to the City that it has filed a standing letter in the form included as Exhibit A to the All Bond Counsel Letter without qualification and including current statutory citations and it has no reason to believe that the City may not be entitled to rely on the standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office. The Purchaser hereby further agrees that it will not rescind its standing letter at any time before the delivery of the Certificates unless same is immediately replaced with a standing letter meeting the requirements of the All Bond Counsel Letter.

The Purchaser agrees to provide such further representations, certifications or assurances in connection with the Covered Verifications, as of the Delivery Date or such other date requested by the City including, but not limited to, a bring down certification as provided by the All Bond Counsel Letter.

The Purchaser acknowledges that the City, in its sole discretion, has reserved the right to reject the bid of any bidder who is, or whose parent company, subsidiaries or affiliates are, on a list maintained by the Texas Comptroller of financial companies boycotting energy companies or discriminating against firearm entities.

The Purchaser understands and agrees that to the extent the Purchaser and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is unable to provide a Standing Letter in a form satisfactory to the Texas Office of the Attorney General, the City reserves the right to cash and accept the Good Faith Deposit (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE - Good Faith Deposit" in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions).

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN, THE REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL BID FORM SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF THE PURCHASER TO PURCHASE THE CERTIFICATES UNTIL THE APPLICABLE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RUN.

The undersigned agrees to complete, execute, and deliver to the City, at least six business days prior to delivery of the Certificates, a certificate relating to the "issue price" of the Certificates in the form and to the effect accompanying the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, with such changes thereto as may be acceptable to the City and Bond Counsel.

# We agree to provide in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Financial Advisor by the close of the next business day after the award.

Respectfully submitted,

Name of Underwriter or Manager, as Purchaser

Authorized Representative

Phone Number

Signature

Please check one of the options below regarding Good Faith Deposit:

Submit by Wire Transfer

Submit by Bank Cashier's/Certified Check

# ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE

The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by the City of Whitehouse, Texas, subject to and in accordance with the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

Mayor City of Whitehouse, Texas

# **ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

#### (Sales where at least 3 bids are received from underwriters)

The undersigned, as the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters ("Purchaser"), with respect to the purchase at competitive sale of the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 issued by the City of Whitehouse, Texas ("Issuer") in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ("Certificates"), hereby certifies and represents, based on its records and information, as follows:

(a) On the first day on which there was a binding contract in writing for the purchase of the Certificates by the Purchaser's reasonably expected initial offering prices of each maturity of the Certificates with the same credit and payment terms (the "Expected Offering Prices") to a person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter are as set forth in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Certificates, as attached to this Certificate as Schedule A. The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Certificates used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Certificates.

(b) The Purchaser had an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Certificates and it was not given the opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders (i.e., no last look).

(c) The bid submitted by the Purchaser constituted a firm bid to purchase the Certificates.

For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the term "Underwriter" means (1) (i) a 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 Certificates to the Public, or (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (1)(i) of this paragraph (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, and (2) any person who has more than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly, with a person described in clause (1) of this paragraph.

[Signature page follows]

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 Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Certificates, and by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Certificates is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Certificates. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the Purchaser is not engaged in the practice of law and makes no representation as to the legal sufficiency of the factual matters set forth herein.

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as of this \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

[NAME OF PURCHASER], as Purchaser

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

SCHEDULE A PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION (Attached)

## **ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

#### (Form of Certificate if less than 3 bids are received from underwriters)

The undersigned, as the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters ("Purchaser"), with respect to the purchase at competitive sale of the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 issued by the City of Whitehouse, Texas ("Issuer") in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ("Certificates"), hereby certifies and represents, based on its records and information, as follows:

(a) [Other than the Certificates maturing in \_\_\_\_\_\_("Hold-the-Price Maturities"), the][The] first prices at which at least ten percent ("Substantial Amount") of the principal amount of each maturity of the Certificates having the same credit and payment terms ("Maturity") was sold to a person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter ("Public") are their respective initial offering prices, as listed in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Certificates that is attached to this Certificate as Schedule A.

(Add (b) and (c) only if winning bidder designates one or more maturities as Hold-the-Price Maturities)

(b) On or before the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Certificates ("Sale Date"), the Purchaser offered to the Public each Maturity of the Hold-the-Price Maturities at their respective initial offering prices, as set forth in Schedule A hereto ("Initial Offering Price").

(c) As set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Purchaser agreed in writing to neither offer nor sell any of the Hold-the-Price Maturities to any person at any higher price than the Initial Offering Price for each such Maturity until the earlier of the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date or the date on which the Purchaser sells at least ten percent of a Hold-the-Price-Maturity of the Certificates to the Public at no higher price than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity.

For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the term "Underwriter" means (1) (i) a 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 Certificates to the Public, or (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (1)(i) of this paragraph (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, and (2) any person who has more than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly, with a person described in clause (1) of this paragraph.

[Signature page follows]

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 Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Certificates, and by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Certificates is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Certificates. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the Purchaser is not engaged in the practice of law and makes no representation as to the legal sufficiency of the factual matters set forth herein.

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as of this \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

[NAME OF PURCHASER], as Purchaser

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE A PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION (Attached)