## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL BONDS**

## \$4,000,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2022 EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice given by the undersigned Secretary prior to the ninetieth day after this notice is first published, Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library (the "Library") will receive and consider bids for the purchase of the following described Bonds. Any person interested in submitting a bid for the Bonds may furnish in writing to the Library c/o Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Baker Tilly"), 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2687; (317) 465-1500 or by e-mail to <u>bids@bakertilly.com</u>, on or before 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) September 30, 2022, the person's name, address, and telephone number. Interested persons may also furnish an e-mail address. The undersigned Secretary will notify (or cause to be notified) each person so registered of the date and time bids will be received not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the date and time of sale. The notification shall be made by telephone at the number furnished by such person and also by e-mail, if an e-mail address has been received.

Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received via PARITY<sup>®</sup>, in the manner described below, until the time and date specified in the Notice provided at least 24 hours prior to the sale, which is expected to be 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time), on October 4, 2022. Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY<sup>®</sup> pursuant to this Notice until the time specified in this Notice, 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<sup>®</sup> conflict with this Notice, the terms of

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

this Notice shall control. For further information about PARITY<sup>®</sup>, potential bidders may contact the Library's municipal advisor, Baker Tilly at (317) 465-1500 or PARITY<sup>®</sup> at (212) 849-5021.

At the time designated for the sale, the Library will receive at the offices of Baker Tilly, 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana, and consider bids for the purchase of the following described Bonds:

Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library General Obligation Bonds of 2022 (the "Bonds") in the principal amount of \$4,000,000; Fully registered form; Denomination \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof (or in such other denomination as requested by the winning bidder); Originally dated the date of delivery of the Bonds; Bearing interest at a rate or rates to be determined by bidding, payable on July 15, 2023, and semiannually thereafter; These Bonds will be initially issued in a Book Entry System (as defined in the Bond Resolution (as hereinafter defined)) unless otherwise requested by the winning bidder. Interest payable by check mailed one business day prior to the interest payment date or by wire transfer to depositories on the interest payment date to the person or depository in whose name each Bond is registered with the Registrar on the fifteenth day immediately preceding such interest payment date; Maturing or subject to mandatory redemption on January 15 and July 15 beginning no earlier than July 15, 2023, through not later than January 15, 2030 on the dates and amounts as provided by the Library prior to the sale.

As an alternative to PARITY<sup>®</sup>, bidders may submit a sealed bid or e-mail the bid electronically to the Library's municipal advisor at the address described above until the time and on the date identified in the notice given by, or on behalf of the Library, twenty-four hours prior to the sale of the Bonds. Upon completion of the bidding procedures described herein, the results of the sealed, non-electronic bids received shall be compared to the electronic bids received by the Library.

If a potential bidder has questions related to the Library, the financing or submission of bids, questions should be submitted by email to the addresses above no later than 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) on September 30, 2022. To the best of the Library's ability, all questions will be addressed by or on behalf of the Library and sent to potential bidders, including any bidders requesting 24 hours' notice of sale, no later than 5:00 p.m. (Indianapolis Time) on September 30,

2022. Additionally, upon request, the written responses will be emailed to any other interested bidder. Bidders should review this notice as well as the Preliminary Official Statement and submit any questions in advance of this deadline to submit questions.

The Library reserves the right to adjust the maturity schedule following the sale in order to accomplish the Library's financial objectives by reallocating debt service based upon the rates bid by the successful bidder (the "Purchaser").

A bid may designate that a given maturity or maturities shall constitute a term bond, and the semi-annual amounts set forth in the schedule provided prior to the sale shall constitute the mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements for such term bond or bonds. For purposes of computing net interest cost, the mandatory redemption amounts shall be treated as maturing on the dates set forth in the schedule provided prior to the sale.

The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Each bid must be for all of the Bonds and must state the rate of interest which each maturity of the Bonds is to bear, stated in multiples of 1/8<sup>th</sup> or 1/100<sup>th</sup> of 1%. The maximum interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed 5.00% per annum. All Bonds maturing on the same date shall bear the same rate. Bids shall set out the total amount of interest payable over the term of the Bonds and the net interest cost on the Bonds covered by the bid. No bid for less than 99.50% of the face value of the Bonds will be considered. The Bonds will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who has submitted a bid in accordance herewith. The Purchaser will be the one who offers the lowest net interest cost to the Library, to be determined by computing the total interest on all of the Bonds to their maturities based upon the schedule provided by the Library prior to the sale and deducting therefrom the premium bid, if any, and adding thereto the discount bid, if any. No conditional bids will be considered. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. If an acceptable bid is not received for the Bonds on the date of sale hereinbefore fixed, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter without further advertisement, during which time no bid which provides a higher net interest cost to the Library than the best bid received at the time of the advertised sale will be considered.

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the form of cash, wire transfer, or certified or cashier's check in the amount of 1% of the par amount of the Bonds, payable to the order of the Library is required to be submitted by the Purchaser not later than 3:30 p.m. (Indianapolis Time) on the next business day following the award. If such Deposit is not received by that time, the Library may reject the bid. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Library as liquidated damages.

The Purchaser shall make payment for such Bonds and accept delivery thereof within five days after being notified that the Bonds are ready for delivery, at such place in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as the Purchaser may designate, or at such other location mutually agreed to by the Library and the Purchaser. The Bonds will be ready for delivery within 45 days after the date of sale. If the Library fails to have the Bonds ready for delivery prior to the close of banking hours on the forty-fifth day after the date of sale, the Purchaser may secure the release of the bid upon request in writing, filed with the Library. Unless otherwise requested by the winning bidder, the Purchaser is expected to apply to a securities depository registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to make such Bonds depository-eligible. If the Bonds are reoffered, at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser, the Purchaser will be required to certify to the Library the initial reoffering price to the public of a substantial amount of each maturity of the Bonds. All provisions of the bid form and Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) are incorporated herein. As set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, the Purchaser agrees by submission of their bid to assist the Library in establishing the issue price of the Bonds under the terms outlined therein and shall execute and deliver to the Library at closing an "issue price" certificate, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Purchaser, the Library and Ice Miller LLP ("Bond Counsel").

Bidders must comply with the rules of PARITY<sup>®</sup> (the "Rules") in addition to requirements of this Notice. To the extent there is a conflict between the Rules and this Notice, this Notice shall control. Bidders may change and submit bids as many times as they wish during the sale, but they may not withdraw a submitted bid. The last bid submitted by a bidder prior to the deadline for the receipt of bids will be compared to all other final bids to determine the winning bid. During the sale, no bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will they see the status of their bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether their bid is a leading bid).

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its proposal. No CUSIP identification number shall be deemed to be a part of any Bond or a part of the contract evidenced thereby and no liability shall hereafter attach to the Library or any of its officers or agents because of or on account of such numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Library; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the Purchaser. The Purchaser will also be responsible for any other fees or expenses it incurs in connection with the resale of the Bonds.

The approving opinion of Bond Counsel, together with a transcript of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds and closing papers in the usual form showing no litigation questioning the validity of the Bonds, will be furnished to the successful bidder at the expense of the Library.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of the purchase of real estate and the renovation of and improvements to the McCollough Branch, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology, and will be direct obligations of the Library payable out of ad valorem taxes to be collected on the taxable property within the Library; however, the Library's collection of the levy may be limited by operation of I.C. 6-1.1-20.6, which provides taxpayers with tax credits for property taxes attributable to different classes of property in an amount that exceeds certain percentages of the gross assessed value of that property. The Library is required by law to fully fund the payment of debt service on the Bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the debt service, regardless of any reduction in property tax collections due to the application of such tax credits. The Library may not be able to levy or collect additional property taxes to make up this short fall. The Library is a library organized pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-12-3, and the Bonds will not be "private activity bonds" as defined in Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the "Code").

The Library is conducting this sale pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-1-11-1(2) and is using a competitive process outlined in this notice for the purpose of selecting the Purchaser to whom it will sell its Bonds pursuant to the terms in this notice.

The Bonds constitute an indebtedness only of the Library. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the existing federal statutes, decisions, regulations and rulings, the interest on the Bonds is exempt from all income taxation in Indiana. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the existing federal statutes, decisions, regulations and rulings, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

The Library has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") relating to the Bonds which it has deemed nearly final. A copy of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the Library's municipal advisor, Baker Tilly, 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2687. Within seven (7) business days of the sale, the Library will provide the Purchaser with sufficient copies of the Final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement") at the Library's expense in order for such bidder to comply with Section (b)(4) of the SEC Rule 15c2-12 and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Additional copies, at the Purchaser's expense, must be requested within five (5) business days of the sale. Inquiries concerning matters contained in the Preliminary Official Statement must be made and pricing and other information necessary to complete the Final Official Statement must be submitted by the Purchaser within two (2) business days following the sale to be included in the Final Official Statement.

If the Bonds are reoffered by an underwriter, the Library agrees to enter into a master continuing disclosure undertaking (the "Master Agreement") in order to permit the successful Purchaser to comply with the SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended to the date hereof. A copy of the Master Agreement is available from the Library or municipal advisor at the addresses below.

The Library has further agreed to comply with the Purchaser's reasonable requests to provide or disclose information and make appropriate filings which may be required in order for such purchaser to comply with the SEC Rule.

Further information relative to said issue and a copy of the nearly final Official Statement may be obtained upon application to Baker Tilly, 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2687, municipal advisor to the Library; or Scott Kinney, CEO-Director of the Library, 200 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Evansville, Indiana 47713. If bids are submitted by mail, they should be addressed to the Library, attention of Scott Kinney, CEO-Director of the Library, Baker Tilly, 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2687.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2022.

<u>/s/ Secretary, Board of Trustees</u> Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library