











## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD **UNDERWRITING SERVICES**

### Presented to:

Organizational, Services & Performance **Monitoring Committee** 

July 14, 2020

## **Underwriting Services**

Syndicate will participate in the following for 5 years:

- Long-term debt borrowings to support capital plan
- Short-term debt borrowings for cash flow purposes (if necessary)
- Possible refinancing of current debt
- Other financial needs, as needed



#### **Duties**

- Assist with official statement preparation
- Assist with rating agency preparation
- Price the transaction
- Actual sale of debt/underwriting



## **Underwriting Services**

### **Projected Services:**

- 2021 \$25 million long term debt
- 2023 \$25 million long term debt
- 2025 \$25 million long term debt
- Possible assistance with Rail Car financing
- Possible refundings



- RFP issued on March 30, 2020
- Proposals were solicited for a five year period
- Accessed on the GCRTA website by twentyeight interested parties
- Thirteen companies proposed



#### **Evaluation Panel:**

- Accounting
- Risk Management
- Programming & Planning
- Office of Business Development
- Procurement

PFM Financial Advisors LLC (GCRTA's Financial Advisor)



#### **Evaluation Criteria:**

- Prior experience with similar transactions
- Demonstrated understanding of GCRTA's financing needs, rating strengths and weaknesses, and perceived effectiveness of the financing plan proposed
- Marketing plan and ability to obtain lowest overall cost of financing
- Qualifications and availability of the personnel assigned to the transaction(s)
- Underwriting Fees



### Recommended Firms for the Syndicate:

- Fifth Third Securities, Inc.
- Huntington Securities, Inc.
- KeyBanc Capital Markets, Inc.
- Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.
  - Local Office: Cleveland, Ohio
- Piper Sandler & Co.
  - Office: Chicago, Illinois

DBE Goal of 0% was established due to lack of certified DBE firms.



#### Firms Experience:

- Fifth Third, Keybanc, Huntington, and Piper Sandler all have prior experience of being in GCRTA's underwriting syndicate in the past.
- All five firms have experience with similar transactions and have underwritten a significant volume of transactions.
- All five firms have qualified and available personnel assigned to the transaction.



#### Clients Include:

- City of Cleveland
- City of Westlake
- City of South Euclid
- Cuyahoga County
- Chicago Transit Authority
- New York Metropolitan Authority



Fee

\$3.25 Fee per \$1000.00 of debt issuance (payable out of the proceeds of the bonds)



#### **Recommendation:**

 Staff requests that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend the underwriting syndicate of Huntington Securities, Inc., Fifth Third Securities Inc, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc., and Piper Sandler & Co. for a period of five (5) years.



# **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

