

**TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE OF SALE
OF
\$16,201,700 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026 (TAX-EXEMPT)
CONSISTING OF
\$14,201,700 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT NOTES, SERIES 2026
AND
\$2,000,000 WATER UTILITY NOTES, SERIES 2026
BOOK-ENTRY
NON-CALLABLE**

Proposals for the purchase of \$16,201,700 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$14,201,700 General Improvement Notes, Series 2026 (the "General Improvement Notes") and \$2,000,000 Water Utility Notes, Series 2026 (the "Water Utility Notes" and together with the General Improvement Notes, the "Tax-Exempt Notes") of the Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Township") will be received by the Township, on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026**, until 11:00 a.m. No proposals will be received after 11:00 a.m. A determination as to the award will be made by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township no later than 2:00 p.m. on that date. Proposals will be received by either (a) electronic mail ("e-mail") to hltzebauer@nwfinancial.com on the Official Form of Proposal for Tax-Exempt Notes attached hereto or (b) electronically via PARITY at <https://newissue.muni.spglobal.com> in the manner described below. **The Township will accept proposals via e-mail that contain the information in bold on the attached Official Form of Proposal for Tax-Exempt Notes, including the purchase price, interest rate per annum, information regarding the purchaser and informational items listed at the bottom of the form.**

The General Improvement Notes are being issued to (i) refund, on a current basis, prior general improvement notes issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,330,000 on March 17, 2025 and maturing on March 16, 2026, and (ii) temporarily finance various general capital improvements in the amount of \$10,871,700, including paying the costs associated with the issuance of the General Improvement Notes. The Water Utility Notes are being issued to temporarily finance various water utility improvements in the amount of \$2,000,000, including paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Water Utility Notes.

Each proposal must offer to purchase all of the Tax-Exempt Notes being offered at a price not less than par and must specify a single rate of interest offered for the Tax-Exempt Notes. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of twelve (12) thirty (30)-day months in a 360-day year. The Tax-Exempt Notes will be awarded to the entity on whose proposal the issuance thereof may be made at the lowest net interest cost. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township reserves the right to waive irregularities in any proposal, reject all proposals or to award the Tax-Exempt Notes to an entity other than the entity submitting the lowest proposal. An entity, by submitting a proposal, agrees to accept the determination of the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

The Tax-Exempt Notes will not be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TAX-EXEMPT NOTES

Principal Amount:	\$16,201,700 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$14,201,700 General Improvement Notes, Series 2026, and \$2,000,000 Water Utility Notes, Series 2026
Dated:	March 12, 2026
Maturity Date:	March 11, 2027
Interest Rate Per Annum:	Specified by the successful purchaser
Legal Opinion:	Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. ("Bond Counsel"), in substantially the form set forth in <u>Appendix C</u> of the Preliminary Official Statement (as defined herein)
Rating:	Moody's: "MIG 1"
Paying Agent:	Township of Bloomfield, in the County Essex, State of New Jersey
Closing:	
a. Date:	March 12, 2026
b. Location:	Office of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, located at 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
Denominations:	\$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or, as applicable, any odd denomination in excess thereof
Payment:	Wire transfer of immediately available funds
Form of Notes:	Registered, Book-Entry or Direct Purchase, Not Reoffered, as specified by the successful purchaser

The Tax-Exempt Notes will be non-callable general obligations of the Township payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable property located within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent that payment is not otherwise provided.

The successful purchaser of the Tax-Exempt Notes shall be obligated to furnish to the Township within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of delivery of the Tax-Exempt Notes, a certificate ("Issue Price Certificate") satisfactory to Bond Counsel, if determined by Bond Counsel to be applicable, in substantially the proposed form of the Issue Price Certificate attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Each bidder may, on the Official Form of Proposal for Tax-Exempt Notes attached hereto, designate the Tax-Exempt Notes as "Direct Purchase, Not Reoffered". If a bidder makes such designation and is awarded the Tax-Exempt Notes, such winning bidder shall certify at closing that (i) it has not reoffered the Tax-Exempt Notes to the public and does not expect to do so and (ii) it has purchased the Tax-Exempt Notes for its own account (or the account of a related party) and not with a view to resell or distribute such Tax-Exempt Notes. In the event the winning bidder designates the Tax-Exempt Notes as "Direct Purchase, Not Reoffered", then the issue price for the Tax-Exempt Notes shall be the purchase price offered by the winning bidder.

At the time of delivery of the Tax-Exempt Notes, the Township will furnish to the purchaser customary closing documents, including (1) a certificate executed by the officials who execute the Tax-Exempt Notes stating that no litigation of any kind is now pending or, to their knowledge, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or the delivery of the Tax-Exempt Notes or the levy or collection of taxes to pay the principal of or interest due on the Tax-Exempt Notes, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Notes or the levy or the collection of taxes, or affecting the validity of the Tax-Exempt Notes or the levy or the collection of taxes, and (2) the approving legal opinion of

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel to the Township, in the form attached as Appendix C to the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement (both as hereinafter defined) relating to the Tax-Exempt Notes.

The request for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be the responsibility of NW Financial Group, LLC, Bloomfield, New Jersey, the Municipal Advisor to the Township (the "Municipal Advisor"), and the CUSIP Service Bureau charge therefor shall be the responsibility of, and shall be paid for by, the purchaser of the Tax-Exempt Notes. CUSIP numbers must be communicated to Bond Counsel within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the Tax-Exempt Notes to have the CUSIP numbers printed on the Tax-Exempt Notes. Neither the failure to print such number on any Tax-Exempt Note nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and make payment for the Tax-Exempt Notes in accordance with the terms of this Notice of Sale.

Procedures Regarding Electronic Bidding. Proposals may be submitted electronically via PARITY in accordance with this Notice of Sale until 11:00 a.m., prevailing New Jersey time, on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, but no proposal will be received after the time for receiving proposals 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. The bidder further agrees that:

1. The Township may regard the electronic transmission of the proposal through PARITY (including information about the purchase price of the Tax-Exempt Notes, the interest rate to be borne by the Tax-Exempt Notes and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information was submitted on the Official Form of Proposal for Tax-Exempt Notes provided by the Township and executed and submitted by a duly authorized representative of the bidder. If the proposal submitted electronically via PARITY is accepted by the Township, the terms of the proposal for the Tax-Exempt Notes and this Notice of Sale, as well as the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY, shall form a contract and the successful bidder(s) shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

2. PARITY is not an agent of the Township, and the Township 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 Township or information provided by the bidder.

3. The Township may, in its sole discretion and prior to the electronic receipt of proposals, choose to clarify any term hereof including, without limitation, its decision to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY, by issuing a notification to such effect via Thomson News Service ("TM3") and/or PARITY prior to 11:00 a.m., prevailing New Jersey time, on February 25, 2026.

4. Once the proposals are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Township as described above, each proposal will constitute a proposal for the Tax-Exempt Notes and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting proposals for the Tax-Exempt Notes electronically via PARITY, the time maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.

5. Each bidder shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its proposal in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Township nor PARITY shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to any bidder, and neither the Township 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 Township is using PARITY as a communications mechanism, and not as the Township's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Tax-Exempt Notes. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the Township harmless for any harm or damages caused by or to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Tax-Exempt Notes.

The Township has authorized the distribution of an Official Statement (the "Official Statement") "deemed final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange

Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, and distributed in preliminary form (the "Preliminary Official Statement") on the date hereof. The Preliminary Official Statement may be viewed electronically at www.munihub.com. Bidders may either (a) print out a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2026, elect to receive an electronic copy of the Preliminary Official Statement via electronic mail by calling the Township's bond counsel, Everett M. Johnson, Esq., of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 at (732) 855-6149. All Bidders must review the Preliminary Official Statement and by submitting a proposal will certify that they did so prior to submitting their proposal. Final Official Statements will be delivered to the purchaser of the Tax-Exempt Notes within the earlier of seven (7) business days following the award of the Notes or to accompany the purchaser's confirmations that request payment for the Tax-Exempt Notes, such Official Statement to be dated as of the date of the award of the Tax-Exempt Notes. The Successful Bidder will be furnished upon request, without cost, with a reasonable number of copies of the Official Statement. Neither the Township, Bond Counsel nor the Municipal Advisor is responsible to any Bidder for any defect or inaccuracy in the Preliminary Official Statement as it appears on www.munihub.com.

/s/ Carmine Sarno

Carmine Sarno
Chief Financial Officer
Township of Bloomfield
in the County of Essex
State of New Jersey

Dated: February 18, 2026

OFFICIAL FORM OF PROPOSAL FOR TAX-EXEMPT NOTES

**\$16,201,700 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026 (TAX-EXEMPT)
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**TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BID DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2026

**DATED: MARCH 12, 2026
MATURING: MARCH 11, 2027**

VIA E-MAIL AT HLITZEBAUER@NWFINANCIAL.COM

**Carmine Sarno, Chief Financial Officer
Township of Bloomfield
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
Attn: Heather Litzebauer**

Dear Mr. Sarno:

Subject to the provisions of the Notice of Sale (the "Notice"), which is made a part hereof, we offer to purchase the \$16,201,700 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$14,201,700 General Improvement Notes, Series 2026 and \$2,000,000 Water Utility Notes, Series 2026 (collectively, the "Tax-Exempt Notes"), as specified above and described in such Notice at a **purchase price of \$ _____, provided that the Tax-Exempt Notes bear interest at the rate per annum of _____%.**

Name of Entity Making Proposal: _____
Address: _____
Authorized Signatory: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail: _____

Please also supply the following additional information necessary to complete the Tax-Exempt Note closing documentation:

Gross Interest Payable on Tax-Exempt Notes: _____
Less: Premium on the Tax-Exempt Notes _____
(if any): _____
Net Interest Cost: _____
Net Interest Rate: _____
Reoffering Yield: _____
Reoffering Price: _____

Form (please check): ☐ **DTC, Book-Entry**
☐ **Register in Name of Purchaser**
☐ **Direct Purchase, Not Reoffered**

EXHIBIT A
to
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Form of Issue Price Certificate

March ____, 2026

Township of Bloomfield
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
90 Woodbridge Center Drive
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Re: Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex,
State of New Jersey
\$16,201,700 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026
(Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$14,201,700 General Improvement
Notes, Series 2026, and \$2,000,000 Water Utility Notes,
Series 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, as a representative of the Underwriter of the \$16,201,700 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$14,201,700 General Improvement Notes, Series 2026 and \$2,000,000 Water Utility Notes, Series 2026 (collectively, the "Tax-Exempt Notes"), sold on the Sale Date (as hereinafter defined), dated and issued on the date hereof and maturing on March 11, 2027 of the Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Issuer" or "Township"), hereby certifies as follows:

[1. [Alternate 1 – ***Bids Received From at Least 3 Underwriters***]

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering price of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public by the undersigned is the price listed below (the “Expected Offering Price”). The Expected Offering Price is the price for the Tax-Exempt Notes used by the undersigned in formulating its bid to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes.

(b) The undersigned was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by the undersigned constituted a firm offer to purchase the Tax-Exempt Notes.

(d) Based on the Expected Offering Price, the offering price of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public is \$_____ (face amount of \$_____, plus original issue premium of \$_____).

<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>EXPECTED OFFERING PRICE</u>
	\$	%	%

2. The standalone Yield on the Tax-Exempt Notes is not less than _____%

3. The weighted average maturity on the Tax-Exempt Notes is _____.

[1. [Alternate 2 – **Competitive Sale Requirements not satisfied - Actual sale of at least 10% of Tax-Exempt Notes by closing**] As of the date of this certificate, the first price at which at least 10% of the Tax-Exempt Notes was sold to the Public is the price listed below under “Offering Price”. Based on the Offering Price, the Offering Price of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the public is \$_____ (face amount of \$_____, plus original issue premium of \$_____).

<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>EXPECTED OFFERING PRICE</u>
	\$	%	%

[1. **Hold-the-Price language**] As of the Sale Date, the Underwriter offered the Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public for purchase at the Expected Offering Price listed below. The Underwriter agrees that (i) it will neither offer nor sell any of the Hold-The-Offering-Price Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Offering Price listed below for the Tax-Exempt Notes during the Holding Period for the Tax-Exempt Notes (the “Hold-The-Offering-Price Rule”), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain an agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain an agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the Hold-The-Offering-Price Rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter has offered or sold the Hold-The-Offering-Price Maturity at a price that is higher than the Offering

Price for the Tax-Exempt Notes during the Holding Period. The Offering Price of the Tax-Exempt Notes to the public is \$_____ (face amount of \$_____, plus original issue premium of \$_____).

<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>EXPECTED OFFERING PRICE</u>
	\$	%	%

2. **Defined Terms.** In addition to the terms defined above, the following terms used herein shall have the meanings therefor set forth below:

[(a) “Hold-The-Offering-Price Maturity” means the Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes listed in the chart above.]

[(b) “Holding Period” means, with respect to a Hold-The-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of such Hold-The-Offering Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Offering Price for such Hold-The-Offering-Price Maturity.]

(a) “Maturity” means Tax-Exempt Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Tax-Exempt Notes with different maturity dates, or Tax-Exempt 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 fifty percent (50%) common ownership of any person, directly or indirectly.

(c) “Sale Date” means the date in which the Tax-Exempt Notes were offered and sold to the Underwriter for the Maturity of the Tax-Exempt Notes. The Sale Date of the Tax-Exempt Notes is February 25, 2026.

(d) “Underwriter” means _____ and (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 Tax-Exempt 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 Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes to the Public).

(e) “Yield” means the discount rate which, when used in computing the present value of the expected issue payments (principal and interest components, qualified guarantee payments, and the retirement price) to be paid on the Tax-Exempt Notes, produces an amount equal to the issue price of the Tax-Exempt Notes as of the date hereof.

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the undersigned'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 compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Tax-Exempt Notes, and by bond counsel in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Tax-Exempt Notes 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 Tax-Exempt Notes.

Very truly yours,
_____ [UNDERWRITER]

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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