

**WESTMORELAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

\$390,508 SCHOOL DISTRICT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2023

NOTICE OF PRIVATE COMPETITIVE BOND SALE

SALE DATE:	June 27, 2023 (TUESDAY)	Location: R. G. Timbs, Inc
Facsimile or		11 Meadowbrook Road
Telephone Bids Until:	11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time)	Whitesboro, New York 13492
Bonds Dated:	July 12, 2023 (Wednesday)	Fax: (315) 266-9212
Bonds Mature:	June 15, 2024-2027	Phone: (877) 315-0100 x5

Facsimile or telephone bids will be received and considered by the undersigned President of the Board of Education of the Westmoreland Central School District, Oneida County, New York, for the purchase in Federal Funds at not less than par and accrued interest of \$390,508 School District Serial Bonds, dated July 12, 2023. The Bonds will mature in annual principal installments each calendar year beginning in 2024 on June 15 and, together with the interest thereon as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2024	\$ 95,508
2025	\$ 95,000
2026	\$ 100,000
2027	\$ 100,000

*Principal amounts subject to adjustment by District in accordance with Section 58.00(c)(2) of the Local Finance Law.

The District may, after selecting the successful bidder, as provided herein, on the sale date, adjust such installments of principal to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of substantially level or declining annual debt service. Any such adjustments shall be conclusive and shall be binding upon the successful bidder.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefore in accordance herewith, payable on December 15, 2023 and semiannually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity.

Interest will be calculated on the basis of 30 days to the month and 360 days to the year. Unless all bids rejected, the Bonds will be awarded and sold to the bidder complying with the terms of this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale and offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest net interest cost. The School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale will be rejected.

The Bonds will be designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

The School District is unable to identify and state herein all of the direct or indirect effect, if any, of the COVID-19 pandemic on the School District or on the fair market value, at any time, of the Bonds.

The record date for the Bonds is the last business day of the calendar month preceding an interest payment date.

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of New York, including among others, the Local Finance Law, the Education Law and a bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on June 14, 2022 authorizing the issuance of up to \$413,508 of serial bonds for the acquisition of school buses.

The proceeds for the Bonds will provide new money for the aforementioned purpose.

The purchaser will have the option of having the Bonds issued as registered bonds in the name of the purchaser or, at the option of the purchaser, the Bonds may be registered to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). The purchasers must notify Bond Counsel, on the date of sale whether the Bonds will be issued in non-book-entry form or book-entry form.

If the Bonds are issued in non-book-entry form, they will be issued as registered obligations, registered in the name of the purchaser. Principal and interest on the Bonds will be payable at maturity at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York or at such other office as may be designated by the purchaser. Paying agent fees, if any, shall be paid by the purchaser. The Bonds may not be converted into coupon Bonds or be registered to bearer.

If issued in book-entry-only form, the Bonds will be (i) registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and (ii) deposited with DTC to be held in trust until maturity. DTC is an automated depository for securities and a clearing house for securities transactions and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a book-entry system for recording the ownership interest of its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfer of the interests among its participants. The DTC participants will be responsible for establishing and maintaining records with respect to the Bonds. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds may be made only through book entries made on the books and records of DTC (or a successor depository) and its participants in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except that one bond for the 2023 may be issued in a denomination which is or includes an amount less than the authorized multiple. Principal and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the School District or its agent by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. The School District will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

The Municipal Advisor intends to provide the purchaser of the issue with CUSIP identification numbers in compliance with MSRB Rule G-34, (a)(i) (A)-(H). As is further discussed in Rule G-34 the purchaser, as the "dealer who acquires" the issue, is responsible for the registration fee to the CUSIP Bureau for this service. It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP number on the Bonds will be paid for by the District provided, however; The District assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charges that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

The bonds will be available for inspection by the purchaser at The Depository Trust Company, in Jersey City, New Jersey not less than 24 hours prior to the time set for the delivery thereof. It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to verify the CUSIP numbers at such time.

Each proposal must be a bid for all the Bonds and must state in a multiple of one-hundredth of one percent or a multiple of one-eighth of one percent, the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear may state different rates of interest for Bonds maturing in different calendar years; provided however, the (i) only one rate of interest may be bid for Bonds of the same maturity (ii) variations in rates of interest so bid shall be in ascending progression in order of maturity so that the rate of interest on Bonds maturing in any particular calendar year shall not be less than the rate of interest applicable to Bonds maturing any prior calendar year. (iii) all rates of interest bid must be stated in a multiple of one-eighth or one hundredth of one per centum per annum. Unless all bids are rejected, the award will be made the bidder complying with the terms of the sale and offering to purchase the Bonds at such a rate or rates of interest as will produce the lowest net interest cost computed in accordance with the net interest cost method of calculation, that being the rate or rates of interest which will produce the least interest cost over the life of the bonds, after accounting for the premium offered, if any. If two or more such bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same net interest cost, computed as described above, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers to purchase the Bonds at the highest premium dollar amount. If the premiums are the same, the award shall be made by lot by the School District President of the Board of Education. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with this Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale except as provided above, will be rejected. A GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Bonds, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Bonds pursuant to Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive

Sale Requirements”). The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Bonds. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of a bidder, any purchase of such insurance or commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of the bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of such insurance, unless otherwise paid, shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued, shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of his contractual obligation arising from the acceptance of his proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

In the event that prior to the delivery of the bonds, the income received by the owners thereof from bonds of the same type and character becomes includable in the gross income of such owners for Federal income tax purposes, the successful bidder may, at his election, be relieved of his obligations under the contract to purchase the bonds, and in such case, the deposit accompanying his bid will be returned.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Bonds, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price or yield of each maturity of the Bonds (the “Initial Reoffering Prices”) as of the date of the award.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, it will elect and satisfy either option (1) or option (2) described below. *Such election must be made on the bid form submitted by each bidder.*

For purposes of the “hold the price” or “follow the price” requirement described below, a “maturity” refers to Bonds that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

(1) Hold the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Bonds within a maturity at a price that is higher, or a yield that is lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least 10 percent of the Bonds of such maturity at a price that is no higher, or a yield that is no lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the 5th business day after the date of the award of the Bonds, and

(c) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Bonds as set forth above

(2) Follow the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the School District with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will report to the School District information regarding the first price that at least 10 percent of the Bonds within each maturity of the Bonds have been sold to the public,

(c) will provide the School District with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sale prices the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. This reporting requirement, which may extend beyond the closing date of the Bonds, will continue until such date that the requirement set forth in paragraph (b) above for each maturity of the Bonds is satisfied, and

(d) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

Regardless of whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the winning bidder shall submit to the School District a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Bonds stating the applicable facts as described above. The form of Reoffering Price Certificate is available by contacting Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor.

If the winning bidder has purchased the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the Reoffering Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which the purchase of the Bonds was made.

For purposes of this Notice, the "public" does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any "derivative products" (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Bonds.

The Bonds are general obligations of the School District. All the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, subject to certain statutory limitation imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York. The State Constitution requires the School District to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of the Bonds and interest thereon and to make annual appropriation for the amounts required for the payment of such interest and the redemption of the Bonds. The State Constitution also provides that if at any time the appropriating authorities fail to make the required appropriation for annual debt service on the Bonds and certain others obligations of the School District, a sufficient sum shall be set apart for the first revenue thereafter received and shall be applied for such purposes, and also the chief fiscal officer of the School District may be required to set apart and apply such revenues as aforesaid suit of any holder of such obligations.

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to said School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State of New York with the holders from time to time of the Bonds.

As a condition to each purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds, such purchaser will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery of and payment for the Bonds: (a) the usual Closing Certificate of the School District in a form satisfactory to Bond Counsel, evidencing among other things, the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds, the receipt of payment therefor and the fact that the Bonds will not be arbitrage obligations within the meaning of the Code; (b) a certificate, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel and dated as of the closing date, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or to the knowledge of the signers threatened affecting the Bonds, (c) the approving opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the School District, that all the taxable real property therein will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount, and that among other things, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), includes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income to the recipients thereof, and that under the existing law and assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not a specific preference item for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax. In addition, Bond Counsel will opine that, by virtue of the Local Finance Law, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of the State of New York and its political subdivisions. Such opinion also will state that: (a) the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditor's rights generally and by equitable principals, whether considered at law or in equity; and (b) such opinion is given as of its dated date and

that Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update or supplement their opinion to reflect and facts or circumstance that may thereafter come to their attention or any changes in law that law that may occur thereafter.

THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE TIME/AND/OR DATE FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS. NOTICE OF ANY SUCH CHANGE SHALL BE PROVIDED NOT LESS THAN ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE TIME SET FORTH ABOVE FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS BY MEANS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PRIVATE COMPETITIVE BOND SALE OR TO BE TRANSMITTED OVER THE TM3

The population of the School District is estimated to be 6,090 (2021 U.S. Census estimate). No debt statement is required to be filed pursuant to Section 109.00 of the Local Finance Law in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The full valuation of real property subject to taxation by the School District is \$428,855,189, its debt limit is \$20,683,435 and its total net indebtedness is \$9,065,000 following the principal reduction payments to be issued prior to June 15, 2023. The issuance of the Bonds will increase such net indebtedness by \$390,508.

The District will act as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The District contact information is as follows: Mark Kennedy, Business Administrator, District Offices, Westmoreland Central School District, 5176 State Route 233, PO Box 430, Westmoreland, New York 13490, Phone: (315) 557-2611, Email: mkennedy@westmorelandschool.org.

The District's Bond Counsel information is as follows: Timothy R. McGill, Esq., 248 Willow Brook Office Park, Fairport NY 14450, Phone: (585)-381-7470, Email: mcgill_law@frontiernet.net.

No Official Statement accompanies this Notice of Private Bond Sale. Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not require the distribution of an offering document in connection with the sale of the municipal securities offered Through this Notice of Private Bond Sale.

Additional information or additional copies of the Notice of Sale may be obtained upon request from the offices of R. G. Timbs, Inc., telephone number (877) 315-0100, or at www.RGTimbsInc.net.

Dated: June 21, 2023

John Acee
Board President and Chief Fiscal Officer

PROPOSAL FOR BONDS

John Acee, Board President
Westmoreland Central School District
Oneida County, New York
c/o R. G. Timbs, Inc.
11 Meadowbrook Road
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Telefax # (315) 266-9212

SALE DATE: June 27, 2023
TIME: 11:00 A.M., Eastern Time

WESTMORELAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
\$390,508 School District (Serial) Bond, 2023

Date: July 12, 2023

Maturity Dates: June 15, 2024/2027

For the \$390,508 School District Serial Bonds, 2023 of the Westmoreland Central School District, Oneida County, New York, that are subject of the annexed Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, which is hereby made a part of this bid, we will pay \$390,508 plus a premium of \$_____ and accrued interest to date of delivery, provided that the Bonds maturing as set forth below shall bear interest in the indicated multiple(s) of 1/8th or 1/100th of one per centum (1%), from their dated date until maturity at the respective rates per annum stated in the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	_____ %
2025	_____ %
2026	_____ %
2027	_____ %

The following is our computation of the net interest cost, made as provided in the above mentioned Notice of Private Competitive Bond Sale, but not constituting any part of the foregoing proposal for the purchase of the \$390,508 Bonds therein described:

Gross Interest	\$ _____
Less Premium Bid Over Par	\$ _____
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	\$ _____
Effective NIC Rate	_____ % (Four decimals)

PROPOSAL CONTINUES ONTO NEXT PAGE

Please specify form of Bonds:

Book-Entry-Only registered to Cede & Co.

Registered in the Name of the Purchaser

Please select one:

We are purchasing the Bonds for our own account and have no intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Bonds

In the event the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met we hereby elect to:

Follow the Price for all maturities; or

Hold the Price for all maturities

Signature:

Name of Bidder:

Financial Institution:

Address:

Telephone (Area Code):

Email Address:
