

Foster, RI Successfully Sells General Obligation Bonds in Competitive Sale

The Town of Foster, Rhode Island successfully sold \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") in the competitive bond market on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. This was the Town's first public bond issue. PFM Financial Advisors served as municipal advisor to the Town and Locke Lord served as bond counsel. The Bonds will finance a new Police Station as well as other related projects. The 20-year bonds had tremendous demand, receiving five bids with the winning bid from Fidelity Capital Markets at a true interest cost of 3.43%. Other bidders included Roosevelt & Cross, Robert W. Baird, TD Securities, and Bernardi Securities.

In connection with the sale, the Town met with Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") to seek a rating on the Bonds. Moody's assigned a rating of Aa2 to the inaugural Bond issue, which is stronger than the median rating of Aa3 for cities/towns nationwide.