

## **BOND COUNSEL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, between THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, hereinafter designated as the "Board of Education" and sometimes referred to herein as the "School District," party of the first part, and WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A., Attorneys at Law with offices at 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey, hereinafter designated as "Bond Counsel," party of the second part:

### **WITNESSETH:**

1. The Board of Education desires to authorize the issuance of School District obligations for various capital projects and other purposes and to provide for the terms and the security of such bonds and notes in accordance with Title 18A, Education, of the New Jersey Statutes and other applicable laws or to provide for its capital projects and financings by some alternative means. The Board of Education desires to undertake such transactions at the most advantageous terms available to it.

2. Bond Counsel, in consideration of the making and the signing of the within Agreement, agrees to render the following services to the School District:

A. Bond Counsel will advise the School District as to the alternate methods of financing capital projects and other purposes.

B. Bond Counsel will prepare a tentative time-table for the steps to be taken for any financing and will submit it for review to the appropriate Board representatives.

C. Bond Counsel will draft the resolution authorizing any proposal to be submitted to the voters at a special or annual school district election.

D. Bond Counsel will help make necessary applications to appropriate State agencies.

E. Upon approval by the voters, Bond Counsel will work, together with the appropriate representatives of the Board, to assemble and to review a record of proceedings.

F. When the Board of Education determines to issue bonds, Bond Counsel will prepare the necessary resolutions or other operative documents to set up the bond sale. Bond Counsel will see to the printing and to the distribution of the Official Statement to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for new bond issues of that type. Bond Counsel will arrange for the publication of the notice of sale in The Bond Buyer and other required places and will answer inquiries made by the investment community concerning the bond sale. Bond Counsel will attend the bond sale and will render legal advice as necessary concerning the submission of bids for the bonds in accordance with the notice of sale and the requirements of law. After the bond sale, Bond Counsel will prepare the bonds for execution, will prepare and will see to the execution of the necessary closing certificates and will establish the time and the place for the delivery of the

bonds to the successful bidder. Bond Counsel will attend the closing, at which time the bonds will be delivered, payment will be made for the bonds and Bond Counsel will issue a final approving legal opinion with respect to the validity of the bonds.

G. Should the Board of Education determine to engage in short-term financing through the issuance of temporary notes or other obligations, Bond Counsel will prepare the necessary resolutions or other operative documents to authorize the sale of such notes or obligations. When the purchaser and the details of the obligations have been determined, Bond Counsel will prepare the obligations for execution and will prepare the appropriate closing papers and an approving legal opinion with respect to the obligations. Generally it is not necessary for Bond Counsel to attend the closing for notes. The School District will be authorized to release the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel when the appropriate closing documents are executed and delivered and payment for the notes has been received. Unless requested otherwise, Bond Counsel will forward notes, closing papers and the approving legal opinion to the Business Administrator for execution and delivery.

H. Bond Counsel will provide advice in regard to the effect of arbitrage regulations on the issuance of bonds, temporary notes or other obligations and the investment of the proceeds thereof.

I. In the event the School District decides to enter into a capital lease, equipment lease or energy savings improvement program financing, Bond Counsel will advise the School District as to alternatives and the appropriate procedures, will draft all necessary documents and instruments, will assist in the application for any necessary State approvals and will deliver an opinion as to the validity and the enforceability of the lease or other obligations and the exemption from federal income taxes of the portion of any payment deemed to be interest on the obligation.

3. The School District will make payment to Bond Counsel for services rendered in accordance with the following schedule:

A. For basic services rendered in connection with the preparation for a bond referendum through the review of the record of proceedings in connection therewith, the fee will be \$8,500.

B. For basic services rendered in connection with a permanent bond sale, the fee will be \$9,500 plus \$1.00 per thousand dollars of bonds issued.

C. The base fee for each temporary financing issue not involving preparation of an Official Statement or attendance at the closing shall be \$.60 per thousand dollars of notes, with a minimum fee of \$7,500 for temporary notes.

D. The following services will be rendered at an hourly rate of \$185 for attorney time in connection with: arbitrage compliance and related tax analysis, review of financial analysis and/or tax impact analysis, drafting or review of voter educational materials, services involving private placement due diligence assistance work in connection with the issuance of obligations, drafting and/or

review of transactional documents, attendance at meetings, conference calls, attention to any litigation that may occur, construction contract drafting, review or negotiations and procurement advice, negotiation, review or drafting of applications for financial assistance including BPU grants, energy rebates, tax credits, solar renewal energy certificates or similar financial programs, applications to State agencies, including, but not limited to, the State Department of Education, the Local Finance Board, the Schools Development Authority or other agencies, drafting and/or review of any related legal opinions, review of documents and rendering of legal opinions required in connection with the issuance of a credit support such as bond insurance or a letter of credit, applications to the Federal Reserve Bank for investments of proceeds of obligations in State and Local Government Series Obligations and any research and analysis and services rendered beyond the scope of the services described in this Agreement. In the event any transaction cannot be completed except for a refunding issue as set forth below, the fee to be charged will be a reasonable one, based on the services performed and the hourly rates set forth in this subsection..

E. For services rendered in connection with energy savings obligation refunding bonds or equipment lease purchase agreements under an Energy Savings Improvement Program, an energy savings equipment lease or a capital facilities lease, the base fee will be \$15,000 plus \$1.00 per thousand dollars of securities issued.

F. For services rendered in connection with the preparation and/or review of a preliminary and/or official statement, our fee will be \$7,500.

G. For services rendered in connection with an ordinary equipment lease in an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000, our fee will be \$3,500; in an amount not exceeding \$2,000,000, our fee will be \$4,500; in an amount not exceeding \$3,000,000, our fee will be \$5,500; in an amount not exceeding \$4,000,000, our fee will be \$6,500; and in an amount exceeding \$4,000,001, our fee will be \$7,500.

H. A fee will be quoted in the event of a refunding transaction. No fee will be charged for a refunding issue unless and until the transaction is completed.

I. In the event that a bond sale is held but all bids are rejected or the sale is cancelled, or a transaction is abandoned prior to completion, or this Agreement is terminated prior to the sale of bonds or completion of a transaction, the fee to be charged shall be a reasonable one, based on the services performed at the hourly rates set forth herein.

J. For services rendered in connection with the drafting and/or review of the specifications in connections with the procurement of a power purchase agreement and review and/or drafting of power purchase agreements the base fee will be \$30,000.

K. Customary at-cost disbursement expenses incurred in connection with the provision of bond counsel services shall also be charged in addition to the fees referred to herein. Such disbursements include photocopying, delivery and postage costs, newspaper publication costs, paralegal overtime, and where

applicable, the costs of printing bond official statements. Please know, however, that we make every reasonable effort to limit such costs.

4. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect until such time as either party gives written notice to the other of termination. It is anticipated that it will remain in effect until completion of the District's capital project.

5. Bond Counsel and the Board of Education incorporate into this contract the mandatory language of N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5(a) and N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.7 promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 to 38 (P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time), and Bond Counsel agrees to comply fully with the terms, the provisions and the conditions of N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5(a) and N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.7.

6. Bond Counsel and the Board of Education hereby incorporate into this contract the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 USC §121 01 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Education has caused this Agreement to be duly executed by its proper officers and has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and Bond Counsel has caused this Agreement to be duly executed by the proper party as of the day and year first above written.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY  
OF UNION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Anthony Solimine, Esq.,  
Shareholder

**(REVISED 4/10)**

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**

**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L.1975, c.127)**

**N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.**

**GOODS, GENERAL SERVICES, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity

or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: [http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract compliance](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract%20compliance)).

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.