**I N V I T A T I O N T O B I D: TOWN OF BRIDGTON, MAINE**

 $10,437,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

TAX EXEMPT / BANK QUALIFIED (REFUNDING AND NEW MONEY)

BRIDGTON WASTEWATER EXPANSION PROJECT

**Principal**: $10,437,000

**Type:** Municipal General Obligation BAN (Refunding and New Money)

**Bid deadline:** November 23, 2020 at 2:15 p.m.

**Issue Date:** December 8, 2020

**Maturity Date:** December 8, 2021

The Town of Bridgton (the "Town") invites bids to provide the Town with a tax-exempt bond anticipation loan in the principal amount of $10,437,000 (the “Note”) to provide temporary financing for costs of expanding the Town’s wastewater system (the “Project”).

Not less than $3,700,000 of the Note proceeds will be used to refund principal advances on the Town’s February 15, 2019 drawdown bond anticipation note which is payable on or before December 15, 2020 (the “2019 Refunded Note”). The balance of Note proceeds will be used to fully refund the Refunded Note, including interest, and for additional costs of the Project. The Project engineer has prepared a Project drawdown schedule. Based on that schedule, the Town estimates that the Note will be fully expended on the Project by October 2021.

The Note will be dated and issued on or about December 8, 2020 and will mature and be payable one year from the issue date. Interest shall be payable at maturity. The Note **will** be bank-qualified within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Pursuant approved the Project for USDA Rural Development loan and grant funding. Accordingly, the Town intends to refund the Note with the proceeds of the sale of permanent bonds to be issued and sold to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Interested lenders must submit sealed bids on the attached form by 2:15 p.m. on November 23, 2020, via US mail, courier, or delivery service, **or via email**. A bid submitted by mail, courier, or delivery service must be addressed to the Town Treasurer, Town of Bridgton, 3 Chase Street, Bridgton, ME 04009 and submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid: Town BAN. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 23, 2020." A bid submitted by email must be emailed to rpeabody@bridgtonmaine.org and contain a subject line reading: “Bid: Town BAN. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 23, 2020.” Bids shall be opened at the Town Treasurer’s office at that time. It is anticipated that the Town Treasurer will make an award by November 30, 2020.

Bids may be made on a lump sum basis and/or draw down basis. Each bid must state the interest rate and the method of computing interest. Bids must state the total interest cost for the full term of the loan assuming the entire principal balance is advanced for the full term of the loan. Bids must also disclose in full the amount of any fees or other charges relating to the borrowing, whether prepayment is permitted, and the amount of the penalty or charge for prepayment, if any. Bids must so state if a deposit relationship must be maintained. Bids must remain firm for acceptance by the Town for fourteen (14) days from the submission deadline.

The Note is issued pursuant to referendum approval of the voters of the Town on November 6, 2018 and resolutions adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 11, 2018.

The Note will not be issued or reissued in denominations smaller than $100,000 and the purchaser shall be responsible to comply with all applicable securities laws.

Copies of the Town's three most recent audited financial statements are available on the Town’s website at [https://bridgtonmaine.org/finance/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__bridgtonmaine.org_finance_&d=DwMFAg&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=L1Dewm8PHOu8g1szzJhOzqE6BAz8I3n2ILfKxUGWxJU&m=r0l2z0iirG-fWEMQ3Z6w54R75tgsRinhcypBlnR7MKQ&s=jwj-p3JW8edyOSVuJAEmqVLIyxD4aJTB3AV2Ibu-GS4&e=). The Town has engaged the firm of Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon to act as Bond Counsel in connection with this borrowing. The Note will be a general obligation of the Town. The Town will pledge its full faith and credit in payment of the Note. Bond Counsel will deliver a supporting opinion for the Note in customary form at the time of the closing.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids and to exercise its judgment in evaluating the bids. The decision of the Town Treasurer on these matters shall be final and conclusive.

Any questions concerning the bid should be directed to rpeabody@bridgtonmaine.org

or to Town of Bridgton, Robert Peabody, Town Treasurer, 3 Chase Street, Bridgton, ME 04009.

BID FORM

TOWN OF BRIDGTON $10,437,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

rpeabody@bridgtonmaine.org

Robert Peabody, Town Treasurer

Town of Bridgton

3 Chase Street, Bridgton, ME 04009

RE: Town $10,437,000 - 2020 Bond Anticipation Note

**Type:** Municipal General Obligation BAN/Tax Exempt/Bank Qualified

**Bid deadline:** November 23, 2020 at 2:15 p.m.

**Issue Date:** December 8, 2020

**Maturity Date:** December 8, 2021

Dear Mr. Peabody:

We offer to purchase the above captioned Note as described in the Invitation to Bid and hereby made a part of this proposal, as follows:

*Complete for* ***Lump Sum*** *Bid:*

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| Interest Rate | Method of Computing Interest  | Fees or Charges, if any | Less Premium, if any | Total Interest over full term of Note |
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Prepayment ***is/is not*** permitted *(select one)*.

*State terms and charges or penalties, if any, if prepayment is permitted*:­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Complete for* ***Draw Down*** *Bid:*

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| Interest Rate | Method of Computing Interest  | Fees or Charges, if any | Less Premium, if any | Total Interest over full term of Note |
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Prepayment ***is/is not*** permitted *(select one)*.

*State terms and charges or penalties, if any, if prepayment is permitted*:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*State if a deposit relationship must be maintained for the above bids*:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned acknowledges that the Town will award the Note upon the basis of the Invitation to Bid. The Note will be awarded to one bidder. Identical bids may be decided in the judgment of the Treasurer or by a draw of lots.

Respectively submitted,

Name of Institution:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_