

August 19, 2021

Mr. Mike Ridley, Supervisor
3546 S. Straits Highway
Indian River, MI 49749

RE: Township of Tuscarora, County of Cheboygan, State of Michigan Sewer System
Improvement Bonds Phase I I

Dear Mr. Ridley:

Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Registered Municipal Advisor for the issuance of the above referenced bond issue. This letter (the "Agreement") will confirm the terms of our engagement:

- Act on behalf of the Township of Tuscarora (the "Issuer") with a fiduciary duty, as well as dealing fairly with all persons in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC");
- Phase I
 - Prepare complete financial information in cooperation with officials and engineers in order to arrive at the amount of the issue to be sold;
 - Development of cash flow analysis and revenue sources to meet the principal and interest obligations on the proposed bonds;
 - With input from the Issuer, determine whether a private placement, or competitive sale is the most beneficial to the issuance of the bonds depending on the selected bond issue type and current market conditions, and then develop a plan of finance;
- Phase II
 - Assist the Issuer in determining the revenue sources to meet the principal and interest obligations on the proposed bonds;
 - Provide assistance when requested to the Issuer's Attorney and Bond Counsel to insure that all possible provisions are made towards the most advantageous terms to the Issuer;
 - Prepare with cooperation of the Issuer, the forms required by the Municipal Finance Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury;
 - Prepare with cooperation of the Issuer, the application required by the Rural Development to obtain Rural Development approval;



- Prepare Bond Specifications for the Issuer's Bond Counsel;
- Advise and assist the Issuer to enable them a successful delivery of funds from Rural Development; and
- Furnish the debt service schedule and sources and uses of funds.

Bendzinski & Co. proposes of \$25,266.00.

In addition to the above professional fee, the Issuer will be charged for all travel and out-of-pocket expenses including, but not limited to: postage, telephone, mileage, airfare, meals and lodging for attendance of meetings requested by the Issuer.

We believe this provides you with the outline of the services we provide. The services provided under this Agreement are limited to the services described above unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Bendzinski & Co.

The Registered Municipal Advisor fee is contingent upon the closing and delivery of the bonds. If the Issuer decides not to proceed with the issuance after Phase II work has begun, a mutually agreeable fee will be due based on the work completed. Although this form of compensation may be customary, it presents a conflict because Bendzinski & Co. may have an incentive to recommend unnecessary financings or financings that are disadvantageous to the Issuer. For example, when facts or circumstances arise that could cause the financing or other transaction to be delayed or fail to close, Bendzinski & Co. may have an incentive to discourage a full consideration of such facts and circumstances, or to discourage consideration of alternatives that may result in the cancellation of the financing or other transaction. Bendzinski & Co. manages and mitigates this conflict primarily by adherence to the fiduciary duty which it owes to municipal entities such as the Issuer which require it to put the interests of the Issuer ahead of its own.

Bendzinski & Co. is registered as a "municipal advisor" pursuant to Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act and rules and regulations adopted by the SEC and the MSRB. As part of this registration Bendzinski & Co. is required to disclose to the SEC information regarding any criminal actions, regulatory actions, investigations, terminations, judgments, liens, civil judicial actions, customer complaints, arbitrations and civil litigation involving Bendzinski & Co. Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-42, Bendzinski & Co. is required to disclose any legal or disciplinary event that is material to the Issuer's evaluation of Bendzinski & Co. or the integrity of its management or advisory personnel. Bendzinski & Co. has determined that no such event exists as there are no criminal actions, regulatory actions, investigations, terminations, judgments, liens, civil judicial actions, customer complaints, arbitrations or civil litigation involving Bendzinski & Co. that were required to be reported to the SEC.

The MSRB has made available on its website (www.msrb.org) a municipal advisory client brochure that describes the protections that may be provided by MSRB rules and how to file a complaint with the appropriate regulatory authority.

Bendzinski & Co.

Mr. Ridley
Supervisor

Copies of Bendzinski & Co.'s filings with the SEC can currently be found by accessing the SEC's EDGAR system Company Search Page, which is currently available at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html> and searching for either Bendzinski & Co. or for our CIK number which is 1614475.

It is understood and agreed that either party to this contract of employment may terminate the contract for any reason upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. If our employment on this basis is agreeable to you, please endorse your acceptance hereof on this letter which will constitute our contract of employment.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

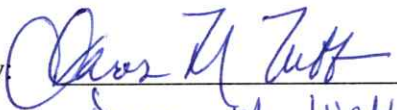
BENDZINSKI & CO.
Municipal Finance Advisors



Robert J. Bendzinski, CIPMA
President
Registered Municipal Advisor

Accepted: 8/30/21, 2021

TOWNSHIP OF TUSCARORA, STATE OF MICHIGAN

By: 
Dawn M. Webb (Name, Title)




**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion AD-1048
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.300, 180.335, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0027. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal, civil, fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

(Read instructions on page two before completing certification.)

- A. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- B. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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| ORGANIZATION NAME | PR/AWARD NUMBER OR PROJECT NAME |
| NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S) | |
| SIGNATURE(S)  | DATE |

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint (<https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer>) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442.

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on page 1 in accordance with these instructions.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549, at 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 417. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management (SAM) database.
- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.