

To: All Interested Persons

From: Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA)

Date: July 24, 2017

Subject: OHFA Engagement of Independent Registered Municipal Advisors (IRMA)

Please be advised that the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (“OHFA”) hereby represents that it has engaged RBC Capital Markets, LLC to serve as its municipal advisor and Optimal Capital Group to serve as its swap financial advisor (together, the “Financial Advisors”) with respect to the issuance of municipal securities or entering into municipal financial products by OHFA and other financial matters. The engagements by OHFA of these Financial Advisors specifically includes the evaluation of proposals made to OHFA by third parties, including broker-dealers desiring to be engaged as underwriters for municipal securities issued by OHFA or as a counterparty under a derivative financial product, and other matters relating to the issuance by OHFA of municipal securities or utilization of municipal financial products. OHFA is represented by and will rely upon the advice of its Financial Advisors.

The Financial Advisors have represented to OHFA that each is an “independent registered municipal advisor” within the meaning of Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi) and each has confirmed to the OHFA that it has not been in the last two years an “associated person” with respect to any “broker dealers” within the meaning of the Municipal Advisor Rule adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 15B(a)(1) of the Exchange Act (the “Rule”).

OHFA is providing this statement in order to assist any broker-dealer (and any other third party) in determining whether the independent municipal advisor exemption is available to it under the Rule in connection with any information, proposal or recommendation provided by such person, in advance of such broker-dealer being engaged by OHFA as an underwriter or otherwise. OHFA makes no representation as to the sufficiency of the foregoing for such purpose and specifically disclaims any responsibility or liability with respect to compliance with the Rule by any third party other than with respect to the accuracy of the representation made herein.

Although OHFA will endeavor to post notice of any expiration or termination of the engagement of any of its Financial Advisors, anyone seeking to rely on such engagement should seek email confirmation that such engagement is currently active.

Inquiries regarding this notice, any request for confirmation of the current status of the engagement of any Financial Advisor, and any request for contact information for the particular Financial Advisor who should be provided a copy of any required disclosure information by a broker-dealer should be directed to:

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