



**FRANKLIN COUNTY
CONVENTION FACILITIES
AUTHORITY**

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Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority Representation by an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor

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The Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (the “Authority”) hereby represents that it has engaged H.J. Umbaugh and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, LLP, to serve as Municipal Advisor (the “Advisor”) with respect to the issuance of municipal bonds or notes, as well as certain other financial products and matters. The Authority’s engagement of the Advisor specifically includes the evaluation of proposals made by third parties, including broker-dealers desiring to be engaged as underwriters for municipal securities issued by the Authority, and other matters relating to the Authority’s issuance of municipal securities or the Authority’s utilization of certain financial products.

The Authority is represented by, and will rely upon, the advice of its Advisor. The Advisor has represented to the Authority that the Advisor is an “independent registered municipal advisor” (“IRMA”) within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi).

The Authority is providing this statement in order to assist any broker-dealer or other third party in determining whether an exemption is available to it under the SEC Municipal Advisor Rule, pursuant to Section 15Ba1 of the Exchange Act (the “Rule”) and in connection with any information, proposal or recommendation provided in advance of such person or broker-dealer being engaged by the Authority as an underwriter or otherwise. The Authority 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 the Authority will endeavor to post notice of any expiration or termination of the engagement of its Advisor, anyone seeking to rely on such engagement should seek e-mail confirmation that such engagement is currently active. Inquiries regarding this notice, any request for confirmation of the current status of the Advisor’s engagement, and any request for the Advisor’s contact information should be directed to:

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