

### **Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board**

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### MSRB: Who we are

- self-regulatory organization (SRO)
- created by Congress in 1975
- subject to oversight by the SEC
- other SROs include FINRA and CBOE
- 15-member Board of Directors

#### **MSRB** Mission

- MSRB's mission is to protect investors and the public interest, and promote a fair and efficient municipal securities market
- MSRB supports this Mission by
  - Rulemaking (which regulates dealer behavior only)
  - Information Systems
  - Outreach and Education
  - Exercising Market Leadership

# **Current Rulemaking Agenda**

- Access Equals Delivery
- EMMA
- Trade Reporting Enhancements (ARS and VRDOs)
  NIIDS (New Issue Information Dissemination System)



## **Current Information Systems Agenda**

- EMMA: Electronic Municipal Market Access
- RTRS Enhancements
- Transparency Products
- NIIDS Data
- Research

### **Current Outreach and Education Agenda**

- Attendance at Industry Events
- MSRB Conferences and Roundtables
- Issuer and Investor Advisory Groups
- Uniform Practices Group
- Professional Qualifications Committee

# **Current Market Leadership Agenda**

- Expert on Municipal Market during Credit Crisis
- Resource to Congressional Leaders; State and Federal Regulators; Policymakers
- Reminders to Industry on Trading in Insured Bonds and Auction Rate Securities, Prohibitions against Bank Tying Arrangements
- Comment Letter on Ratings
- Congressional Testimony

### New Issue Information Dissemination System ("NIIDS")

- Joint project with MSRB, DTCC and SIFMA
- NIIDs will provide centralized collection and real-time re-dissemination of new issue information
- Promotes accurate and comprehensive descriptive data about municipal securities
- MSRB rule requires underwriter participation to:
  - Ensure that all dealers have access to new issue information
  - Improve timeliness and accuracy of new issue trading

### Research

- MSRB has source data in primary and secondary market activity
- Develop research statistics, products and research tools to promote fair and efficient market
- Gear to retail investor
- Provide tools to other market participants

## **ARS/VRDO** Transparency

- Solicited comment for increasing information available on auction rate securities and variable rate demand obligations, and proposed system for collecting and disseminating this information
- Dual Purpose: Transparency and Market Surveillance
- EMMA will serve as the transparency vehicle at CUSIP level and across the market

## **Municipal Repository: EMMA**

- EMMA: Electronic Municipal Market Access
- Internet-based disclosure portal which provides free public access to disclosure documents and real-time municipal securities trade price data.
- Chairman Cox supports designating the MSRB as the "Muni EDGAR" but SEC Rule 15c2-12 change is required



 <u>Pilot Phase</u> — providing, on a *pilot* basis, official statements (OSs) for new issues of municipal securities and related documents for advance refundings of outstanding municipal securities (ARDs), together with real-time municipal securities trade price data



 <u>Access=Delivery Phase</u> –providing *permanent realtime* access to OSs, ARDs and trade price data – *"Access=Delivery"* rules requiring electronic submission and dissemination of OSs become effective



 <u>Continuing Disclosure Pilot Phase</u> –providing for *voluntary* submission and real-time dissemination of *continuing disclosures* by issuers and obligated persons under Rule 15c2-12, together with real-time access to OSs, ARDs and trade price data

 <u>Full Service Phase</u> – providing *permanent* submission and real-time dissemination of all *required continuing disclosures* by issuers and obligated persons under Rule 15c2-12, together with real-time access to OSs, ARDs and trade price data (SEC Rule 15c2-12 change required)



## EMMA

- OSs and Advance Refunding Documents from 1990
- Trade data from 2005
- Secondary Market Disclosures from effective date forward (EMMA will not have historical secondary market disclosures)





#### EMMA - Electronic Municipal Market Access

Official Statements and Trade Data for the Muni Market





#### **Market Activity**

View market-wide information about municipal securities, including recent trades, official statements for new issues and recent advance refundings of bonds trading in the secondary market.

- Trade Activity
- Recent Official Statements
- Advance Refunding Documents

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#### **EMMA Education Center**

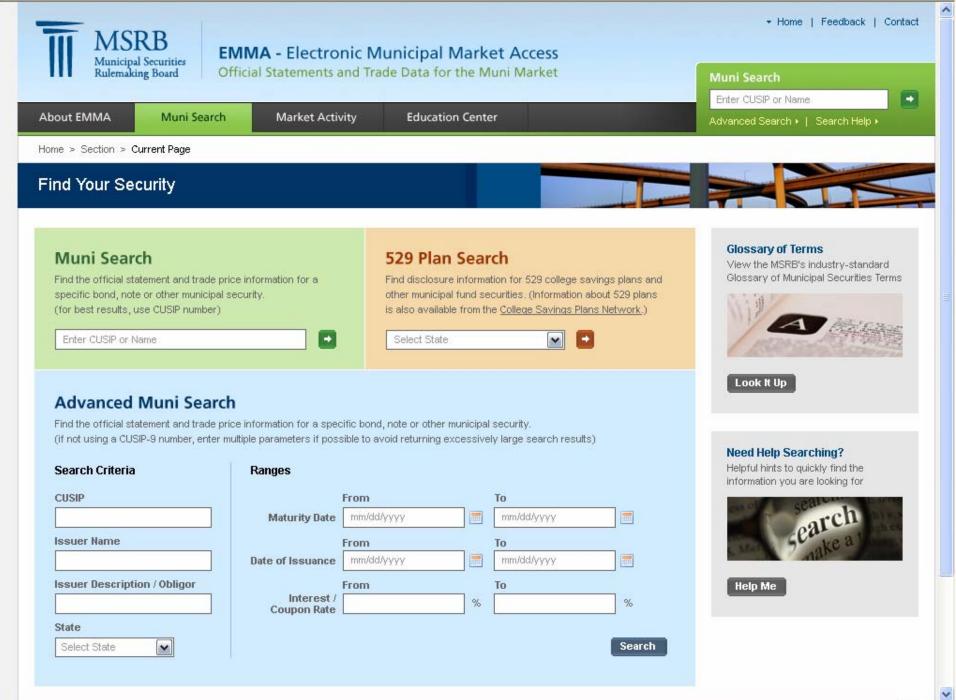
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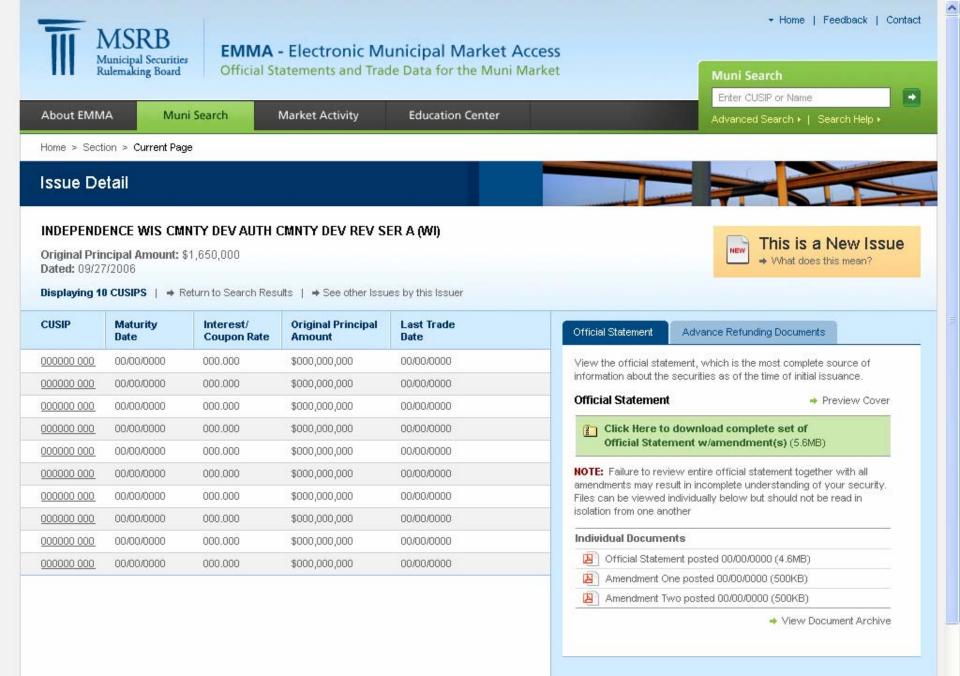
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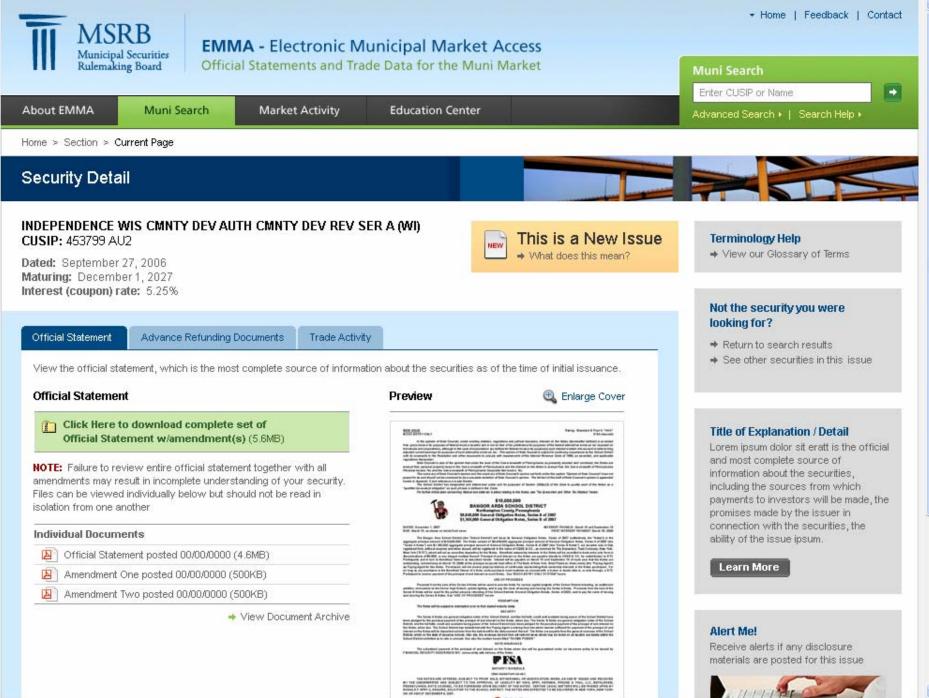
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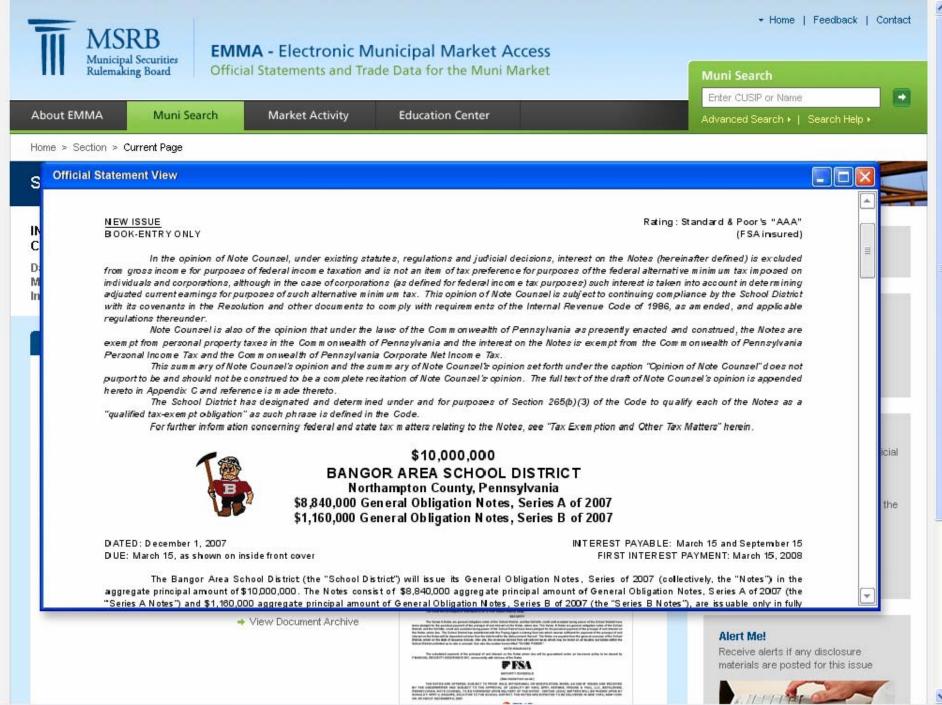




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#### EMMA - Electronic Municipal Market Access



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#### What You Should Know Before Investing

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