

# CDIAC Fundamentals of Debt Financing Role of the Issuer

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# **Establishing an Evaluation Framework**

- Capital Planning
  - Coordination with internal City/Agency departments
  - 5-Year CIP
  - Long-range financial plan

### Define Financial and Policy Objectives

- Amount(s) needed
- IRS requirement: reasonably expect to spend 85% of proceeds within 3 years

### Develop an Evaluation Framework

- 1. Project viability
- 2. Affordability
  - Pay-Go vs. Debt Financing
  - Alternative Sources of Funding



## **Developing a Plan of Finance**

- Determine Method of Financing
  - Pay-Go / Cash / Reserves
  - Debt Financing
    - Bond vs. Bank Loan / Private Placement
  - Combination

### Determine basic debt structure

- Fixed vs. Variable
- Short-term s. Long-term
- Debt profile
- Refunding: required NPV /cash flow savings

### Determine Method of Sale

- Competitive vs. Negotiated

Select Remainder of Financing Team



# **Managing the Financing Process**

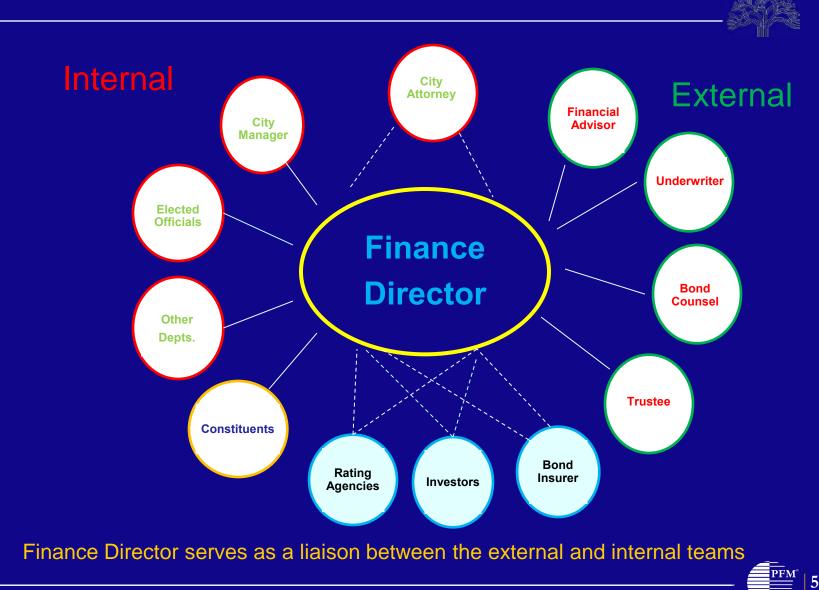


**Implementing the Plan of Finance** 

- Establish deal parameters: financing team members, compensation, policy objectives, structure and timeline
- Select underwriting team / other financing team members
- Coordinate internal coordination process
- Manage the "message" to marketplace
- Post-sale administration
  - Arbitrage rebate
  - Continuing disclosure



## **Financing Team**



## Finance Officer's Role in Debt Issuance



- Select and assign duties to outside finance team participants
- Select the method of sale
- Negotiate business points of the transaction
- Ensure consistent, accurate and complete disclosure to marketplace
- Control the project and timeline
- Post-sale evaluation of financing team members



## The RFP Process

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- Keep it short and focused you will be reading them!
- Establish a pool with subsequent mini-RFPs
- Questions that allows parties to demonstrate understanding of problem at hand
- How do you determine qualifications
  - SDC Rankings
  - Case Studies & References
- E-mail submissions
- Interviews



## **Continuing Disclosure**

## Issuer Website

- CAFR
- Official Statements
- Continuing Disclosure Report

## MSRB (EMMA)

<u>www.emma.msrb.org</u>

## Communication with rating agencies and investors

- Early and often
- If in doubt, disclose





## **SEC Rule 15c2-12**



### • Rule 15c2-12 has two basic elements:

- 1. Requires substantially final "preliminary official statement"
- 2. Written continuing disclosure agreement to provide continuing disclosure with respect to those Bonds.

### Continuing Disclosure Obligations Under Rule 15c2-12:

- By a specified date, annual financial and operating information for the Governmental Issuer and each other Obligated Person for whom financial information or operating data is presented in the official statement (an "Annual Information Filing");
- When and if available, audited annual financial statements for Obligated Persons ("Audits");
- Notice of the occurrence of one of eleven material events;
- Notice of a failure of any person required to provide the Annual Information Filing referred to above, on or before the date specified in the continuing disclosure agreement ("Notice of Failure").



# Annual Information Filing & Audit Requirements



Continuing disclosure agreements must address the following:

- The specific financial information and operating data to be provided
- What financial statements are to be filed and when
- In reasonable detail, the accounting principles pursuant to which financial statements will be prepared, and whether the financial statements will be audited
- The date each year by which annual financial information will be provided.



# **11 Material Events**

- 1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies
- 2. Nonpayment-related defaults
- **3.** Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
- 4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
- **5.** Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
- 6. Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds
- 7. Modifications to rights of bondholders
- 8. Bond calls
- 9. Defeasances

**10**.Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds

11.Rating changes



## **Post-Sale Evaluation**



## Consider post-sale evaluations for all team members

- Memorializes performance of key financing team members: financial advisor, underwriter, bond counsel
- Justification for future use of firm

## Criteria

- Evaluate Underwriter performance by using post-sale pricing book
- Pricing relative to other similar bond issues (size, credit, structure, sale date, etc.)
- Timeliness of document execution
- Problem solving orientation / good ideas
- Service



### **Questions?**



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