



MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST

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MWPAT ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF RECENT BOND SALE *“AAA” Rated Issuer Offers \$371.4 Million in Bonds*

The Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (MWPAT) today announced the results of its recent bond sale. The MWPAT became the first State Revolving Fund (SRF) in the country to sell its bonds through a combined offering of a negotiated and a competitive sale process.

“In offering its bonds on both a negotiated and competitive basis, the MWPAT was able to leverage the expertise of its underwriting team to not only achieve substantial savings and programmatic changes to the program, but see to it that Massachusetts retail investors had an opportunity to invest in local infrastructure projects that create jobs right here in the Commonwealth,” said Treasurer Grossman, who serves as the Chairman of the MWPAT. “Through the competitive offering, we were able to further demonstrate our administration’s commitment to full transparency in every aspect of our operations.”

“Additionally, the MWPAT used this sale to enhance the quality of its investment portfolio while taking advantage of current market rates to refinance certain prior bond issues. The savings realized by the Massachusetts taxpayers as a result, will top out at over \$17 million,” said Treasurer Grossman.

The negotiated portion of the sale took place last Tuesday and Wednesday. A total of \$81.3 million in bonds were sold to retail investors and \$173.2 million sold to institutional accounts. The \$113.7 million competitive offering took place last Thursday morning with Wells Fargo entering the lowest of nine bids with a true interest cost of 3.416%.

The MWPAT issued \$240.6 million in bonds at an all-in cost of 3.045% which allowed the funding of \$388.5 million in water infrastructure projects throughout the Commonwealth. The refunding of prior bonds with an all-in cost of 2.640% allowed the Trust to realize \$17.3 million in debt service savings.

The MWPAT received ratings on the bonds of AAA from all three major ratings agencies. Each agency also reaffirmed the AAA on its prior issues.

The Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (MWPAT) was established in 1989 pursuant to Title VI of the Federal Clean Water Act. It was later amended in 1998 to encompass the provisions of Title XIV of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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