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*"Biggest Little
Town Around"*

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Independent Registered Municipal Advisor (IRMA) Representation Letter

The Town of Atkinson, Henry County, Illinois (the "Town") is hereby disclosing and notifying all potential underwriters, placement agents and other market participants that it has retained an *Independent Registered Municipal Advisor* ("Municipal Advisor" or "IRMA") pursuant to Section 975 of Title IX of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act") amended Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

By publicly posting the following written disclosure, the Town intends that market participants receive and use it for purposes of the Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Exemption (the "IRMA Exemption") as provided in the Securities and Exchange Commission's final rules adopted for municipal advisor registration (the "Final MA Rules").

Disclosure of Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Representation

The Town is represented by and will rely on its Municipal Advisor, **The Economic Development Group, Ltd.** ("EDG"), and more specifically Steven E. Kline and Gwen R. Crawford for General Municipal Advisory Services and to provide advice on proposals from financial services firms concerning the issuance of municipal securities and municipal financial products. The individual listed herein is on our retained team at our Municipal Advisor and has been employed by our Municipal Advisor for two years (or more) prior to the date of this disclosure and, thus, is not "associated" (as defined in the Final MA Rules) at either an entity level or an individual level with persons seeking to rely on the *IRMA Exemption*. Any changes to the Town's team going forward will be promptly posted to the Town's website. **The written notice required under the *IRMA Exemption* of the Final MA Rules stating that an underwriter or placement agent is not a municipal advisor and is, therefore, not subject to a fiduciary duty to the Town should be provided to the Town at the address noted below, with a copy to The Economic Development Group, Ltd. at 1701 Clearwater Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois 61704.**

Notices and proposals should be addressed to Ken Taber, President, Town of Atkinson, P.O. Box 614, Atkinson, IL 61235-0614. To encourage the continued sharing of ideas and proprietary information by market participants, the Town intends to keep original materials provided by and concepts it discusses with market participants from time to time confidential (to the extent provided by law), but hereby reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to share any information which will be seriously considered by the Town with its Municipal Advisor. **Please note that aside from regulatory mandated correspondence between an underwriter and municipal advisor, an underwriter or placement agent should not speak directly with or send documents directly to the Town's Municipal Advisor unless specifically directed to do so by the President or designated personnel.**

This Representation Letter may be relied upon until amended or otherwise replaced by a new Representation Letter posted to the Town's website.

Sincerely,

Ken Taber, President

Town of Atkinson, Illinois