## City of Racine

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Interest Rate Update


## I. Interest Rate Update

II. Estimated Amount of Borrowing / Structure

## Note Anticipation Notes

Funds: Project included in CIP
Term: Matures December 15, 2009; Noncallable
Long-term Financing: Fall 2009
III. Standard \& Poor's Rating (Recommended)

Baird, in conjunction with City Staff, will prepare the necessary information for an S \& Prating for the Issue.
IV. Procedure

- Finance Committee considers plan of finance
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- Council considers Finance Committee recommendation June 16, 2009
- Baird and City staff prepares necessary information and submits it to $S$ \& $P$ for credit rating.
- Preparations are made for the issuance (compilation of Preliminary Official Statement, marketing).
- Baird underwrites the issues and presents available interest rates to the Council
V. Example Financing Plan / "Build America Bonds" Program


## Summary of Recommended Financing Plan

Long-term Capital Improvement Plan


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## Taxable "Build America Bonds" (Direct Payment)

## What is the Benefit

- The Issuer receives a federal subsidy equal to $35 \%$ of the annual interest cost on taxable Build America Bonds ("BABs")
- The issuance of BABs may create savings over the interest cost of a traditional tax-exempt borrowing


## Program Eligibility

- All state and local governments are eligible including school districts
- BABs can be issued for any governmental purpose for which tax-exempt bonds could be issued (only capital expenditures), not including private activity bonds
- Refunding Bonds are not eligible except to refinance short-term obligations issued after February 17, 2009


## How much will be available for this program

- There is no cap on the issuance of BABs
- Must be issued before January 1, 2011


## Issuer Requirements

- Address first year levy requirements
- Issuers are required to complete IRS form $8038-\mathrm{CP}$ at least 45 days prior to each interest payment date to request the tax credit
- Taxable bonds are typically issued with semi-annual interest payments, likely requiring semi-annual filings of form 8038-CP
- Consider hiring fiscal agent services to handle 8038-CP filings


## Other Considerations

- Risk of Legislative changes modifying the subsidy
- Issuers do not need to access the bond market to take advantage of BABs
- State Trust Fund Loans issued for tax-exempt purposes may be designated as BABs with the opinion of bond counsel
- Taxable Bank Loans issued for tax-exempt purposes may be designated as BABs with the opinion of bond counsel
- Davis Bacon Act Applicable does not apply (prevailing wage requirements)

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Comparative Analysis of Tax-Exempt Traditional Bonds vs. Taxable Build America Bonds



[^0]:    (A) Levy Supported; includes UFPL refinancing.
    (B) Future Issues consist of a borrowing of $\$ 7,650,000$ in 2010 growing at $2 \%$ annually with an average interest rate of $5 \%$.
    (C) Indicates Maturities callable on 12/1/2019 or any day thereafter.

