TAX-EXEMPT BONDS, POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE & MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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Post-Issuance Compliance Overview

Why should organizations care? Mitigation of Risk

- There has been increased IRS examination activity focused on taxexempt debt
- Defending tax-exempt status of bonds in an IRS audit is <u>expensive</u>, <u>stressful</u>, and <u>time consuming</u>
- Financial settlement to protect bondholders can be costly
- · Adverse outcomes give rise to disclosure requirement

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Tax Compliance Has Many Layers

Arbitrage

Private Business Tests

Corrective Action

Record Retention

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Post-Issuance Compliance Overview

Requirements for Ongoing Compliance Monitoring

- 1. Yield Restriction: Bond proceeds may not be invested at a yield that is "materially higher" than the bond yield, except for a "minor portion" and any proceeds held during a temporary period or in a reasonably required reserve
- 2. Rebate: Any investment earnings above the bond yield must be rebated to the federal government, unless the issuer meets a rebate exception; Generally, this must be calculated every 5 years

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3. Use of Bond Financed Facilities: Requires monitoring the various direct and indirect uses of bond financed property over the life of the bonds and calculations of the percentage of private business use (PBU)

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