

October 16, 2014	\$19,000,000 (not-to-exceed amount) Lake Forest College

REQUEST	 Purpose: Revenue Refunding Bonds may be issued in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 and the proceeds used by Lake Forest College (the "College" or the "Borrower"), an Illinois corporation incorporated under a special act of the Illinois Legislature, to provide the College with the funds necessary to (i) refund and redeem the Illinois Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest College, Series 1998 (the "Series 1998 Bonds") (including, without limitation, financing both the principal and accrued interest component of the redemption price if deemed desirable by the College) and (ii) pay costs relating to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding and redemption of the Series 1998 Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the College, all as permitted under the Illinois Finance Authority Act (and, collectively, the "Financing Purposes"). Program: 501(c)(3) Revenue Bonds Extraordinary Conditions: None. 				
	No IFA Funds at risk. No State Funds at risk.				
BOARD ACTION	Final Bond Resolution (One-time consideration)			_	
MATERIAL CHANGES	This is the first time this matter has been considered by the IFA Board of Directors.			_	
JOB DATA	260 FT; 116 PT C	Current jobs	N/A	New jobs projected	
	N/A F	Retained jobs	N/A	Construction jobs projected	
BORROWER DESCRIPTION	• Type of entity: Lal college established in		(c)(3) co-education	ional undergraduate liberal arts	
	• Location: Lake Fo	rest/Lake/Northeast			
CREDIT INDICATORS	• Lake Forest College is currently rated Baa3 (Negative Outlook) by Moody's (affirmed as of 8/2/2013) and BBB- (Stable Outlook) by S&P (affirmed 7/3/2014).			_	
STRUCTURE	 Bank direct purchase structure to refinance 100% of the outstanding principal balance and accrued interest on the IEFA Series 1998 Bonds. The Bonds will be a general obligation of the College. The Bonds will be purchased directly by The Northern Trust Company at a fixed, variable, or synthetically fixed interest rate to be determined based on an evaluation of prevailing market conditions at closing. 				
SOURCES AND USES (Preliminary, subject to	Sources:		Uses:		_
CHANGE)	IFA Refunding Bonds	\$18,335,000	Refunding Escr	ow \$18,050,000	
	Equity	=	Costs of Issuan	ce <u>285,000</u>	
	Total	<u>\$18,335,000</u>	Total	<u>\$18,335,000</u>	
RECOMMENDATION	Credit Review Comm	nittee recommends approv	val.		

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY BOARD SUMMARY October 16, 2014

Project: Lake Forest College

STATISTICS

E-PC-TE-CD-8702 IFA Project: Type: Location: Lake Forest

501(c)(3) Revenue Bonds

Amount: \$19,000,000 (not-to-exceed amount) Rich Frampton and Brad R. Fletcher IFA Staff: County/ Region: Lake / Northeast

BOARD ACTION

Final Bond Resolution (One-time consideration) Conduit 501(c)(3) Revenue Bonds Credit Review Committee recommends approval. No IFA funds at risk No extraordinary conditions

VOTING RECORD

This is the first time this matter has been considered by the IFA Board of Directors. There have been no prior votes on this matter.

PURPOSE

Bond proceeds will issued in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 and used by Lake Forest College (the "College" or the "Borrower"), an Illinois corporation incorporated under a special act of the Illinois Legislature, to provide the College with the funds necessary to (i) refund and redeem the Illinois Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest College, Series 1998 (the "Series 1998 Bonds") (including, without limitation, financing both the principal and accrued interest component of the redemption price if deemed desirable by the College) and (ii) pay costs relating to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding and redemption of the Series 1998 Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the College, all as permitted under the Illinois Finance Authority Act (and, collectively, the "Financing Purposes").

IFA PROGRAM AND CONTRIBUTION

501(c)(3) Bonds are municipal bonds authorized under the Internal Revenue Code that enable 501(c)(3) corporations to finance capital projects furthering support of their mission. The IFA's issuance of these Bonds will convey federal tax-exempt status on interest paid to bondholders, thereby enabling bondholders to accept a below market interest rate that is passed through to the borrower.

VOLUME CAP

501(c)(3) Bonds do not require Volume Cap.

	ESTIMATED SOU	RCES AND USES	S OF FUND	S (Preliminary, Subj	ect to Change)
Sources:	IFA Refunding Bonds	\$ 18,335,000	Uses:	Refunding Escrow	\$ 18,050,000
				Costs of Issuance	285,000
	Total:	\$ 18,335,000		Total:	<u>\$ 18,335,000</u>
			JOBS		
Current em	nployment: 260 FT (inc *116 PT (in	ludes 100 FT facul ncludes 96 PT facu	5 / /	ojected new jobs:	N/A
Jobs retained: N/A		5,	onstruction jobs:	N/A	

*Additionally, the College employs 500 students on a part-time basis who are not included in the part-time employment totals reported above.

FINANCING SUMMARY					
Bondholder's Security:	The Northern Trust Company will be secured by a general obligation pledge of Lake Forest College.				
Underlying Ratings:	The College's Series 2012 Bonds are its only Bonds outstanding that are rated without credit enhancement (i.e., rated based on the direct underlying rating of the College). Lake Forest College is currently rated Baa3 (Negative Outlook) from Moody's (affirmed as of August 2, 2013) and BBB- (Stable Outlook) from S&P (affirmed as of July 3, 2014).				
Structure/ Interest Rate:	Fixed Rate or Variable Rate (with synthetic fixed rate swap option) for an initial term of up to 10 years to be determined based on market conditions (and priced based on an index of 30-Day LIBOR plus an applicable margin). Estimated interest rates are expected to conform to market interest rates for comparably rated debt of a similar maturity (in the range of approximately 2.75% to 3.25% for 10 years).				
Maturity:	The Series 2014 Revenue Refunding Bonds will maintain the same final maturity date as the Series 1998 Bonds (i.e., October 1, 2028, which was approximately 30 years from the original date of issuance).				
Anticipated Closing Date:	October 2014				
Rationale:	The proposed IFA Series 2014 Revenue Refunding Bonds (Lake Forest College Project) will enable the College to refinance the outstanding balance of its Illinois Educational Facilities Authority Series 1998 Insured Bonds to refinance 20 and 30 year maturities priced in 1998 (bearing interest at a 5.0% rate) at lower current market rates for maturities from 2018 to 2028, thereby realizing present value savings that can be used to fund the College's operations, increase balance sheet liquidity, or accelerate repayment of the College's debt.				
	This financing will also enable the College to streamline bond and loan covenants. Following this transaction, The Northern Trust Company will (i) continue to serve as the Direct Pay Letter of Credit provider on the College's Series 2008 Bonds while (ii) becoming the Direct Bond				

Purchaser for the College's IFA Series 2014 Revenue Refunding Bonds. The Northern Trust Company also provides the College with a Line of Credit facility. (The Series 2012 Bonds were sold based on the direct, underlying ratings of the College and will remain outstanding with external bondholders.)

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Background: Lake Forest College (the "College" or the "Borrower") is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and is a 501(c)(3) corporation originally founded in 1857 by the founders of the Village of Lake Forest and an Illinois corporation incorporated under a special act of the Illinois Legislature.

The College is governed by a Board of Trustees (see Economic Disclosure Statement section on pages 5-7 for further information). The Members of the Board of Trustees include Charter Trustees, National Trustees, Ex Officio Trustees, and Life Trustees. The act of a majority of the 20 Charter Trustees constitutes a valid action of the College's Board of Trustees.

Description: Lake Forest College is a co-educational undergraduate liberal arts college that is located approximately 30 miles north of Chicago in the Village of Lake Forest. The College is a non-denominational liberal arts college that was founded in the mid-1800s by a group of Presbyterian ministers and retains affiliation with the church.

The College's campus is located on approximately 107 acres on three attached campuses with a portion of the lands granted to the College at its founding in 1857. The campus is located in the National Register Historic District of East Lake Forest and is comprised of 65 College-owned buildings.

Lake Forest College's academic programs include 30 majors and focus on combining the ideals of a liberal arts education with pre-professional and career preparation (including internship opportunities). The College offers accelerated and dual degree programs in law, communication, nursing, engineering, and international relations offering highly motivated students a way to finish a degree in only three years, or to complete a bachelor's degree while enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a partner university.

The College has a distinguished faculty of 100 full-time teaching faculty (and 96 part-time). Approximately 98% of the College's full-time teaching faculty members hold the terminal degree in their field of study.

The College's total undergraduate student enrollment was 1,607 (or 1,600 FTE's) at the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year (Fall 2014), up from 1,491 undergraduate students (1,485 FTE's) in Fall 2011. The College has steadily increased undergraduate enrollment over each of the past 5 years. In Fall 2009, the College enrolled 1,387 undergraduate students (1,382 FTE's). Academic year 2014-2015 undergraduate tuition and fees total \$41,172.

The College's student body represents 47 states and 78 countries. Approximately 1,150 of the student body lives on campus. Lake Forest competes in Division III and offers 17 varsity sports, nine women's and eight men's.

Lake Forest College admits students regardless of their ability to pay, so that qualified students from all economic backgrounds have the opportunity to pursue their academic goals. Lake Forest is committed to meeting as much of a student's demonstrated financial need as possible, which may include a combination of federal/state/college grants, loans, and work-study opportunities. The College offers several merit-based scholarships, recognizing academic achievement, talent, and community engagement.

Lake Forest College is included in <u>The Princeton Review's 2015 Best Colleges</u>, and appears on its Financial Aid Honor Roll and its Best Midwestern Colleges list. Lake Forest College is a Tier 1 school and was ranked as 120th in a list of the top liberal arts colleges in the country by <u>US News</u>

<u>& World Report</u> for its *America's Best Colleges 2014 Edition*. Lake Forest College is a member of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest.

In addition to (i) the estimated \$18,335,000 IFA Series 2014 Revenue Refunding Bonds (which would refund 100% of the outstanding principal balance of IEFA Series 1998 Bonds (Lake Forest College Project) and provide funds to cover related costs), the College also has outstanding approximately (ii) \$6,000,000 of IFA Series 2008 Bonds (Lake Forest College), and (iii) \$15,800,000 of IFA Series 2012 Bonds, the proceeds of which were used to finance a new (replacement) student housing project (the College redeemed \$160,000 of the original \$15,960,000 Par Amount as of 10/1/2014 as posted on the MSRB's EMMA website).

All payments on all three of the College's outstanding Bonds have been made as scheduled as of 10/1/2014, including: (i) IEFA Series 1998 Bonds (originally enhanced with MBIA municipal bond insurance; now with "A3"-rated municipal bond insurance from National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation (as successor to MBIA)), (ii) IFA Series 2008 Bonds (credit enhanced with a Direct Pay Letter of Credit from The Northern Trust Company with an enhanced rating of Aa3/P-1 with a Stable Outlook), and (iii) IFA Series 2012 Bonds (under which the College applied for and was assigned "Baa3" with a Negative Outlook (Moody's; affirmed 8/2/2013); "BBB-"with a Stable Outlook (S&P; rating affirmed 7/3/2014) have been made as scheduled as of 10/1/2014.

PROJECT SUMMARY (FOR FINAL BOND RESOLUTION)

Bond proceeds will issued in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 and used by **Lake Forest College** (the "**College**" or the "**Borrower**"), an Illinois corporation incorporated under a special act of the Illinois Legislature, to provide the College with the funds necessary to (i) refund and redeem the Illinois Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest College, Series 1998 (the "**Series 1998 Bonds**") (including, without limitation, financing both the principal and accrued interest component of the redemption price if deemed desirable by the College) and (ii) pay costs relating to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding and redemption of the Series 1998 Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the College, all as permitted under the Illinois Finance Authority Act (and, collectively, the "**Financing Purposes**").

ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant:	Lake Forest College, 555 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 (c/o Ms. Lori Sundberg, Vice President for Finance and Planning, North Hall 106, 847-735-5034) E-mail: <u>lsundber@mx.lakeforest.edu</u>		
Applicant Website:	www.lakeforest.edu		
Project name:	Lake Forest College Series 2014 Revenue Refunding Bonds		
Location:	Lake Forest College, Lake Forest (Lake County), IL		
Organization:	Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation		
Ownership/ Board of Trustees:	Lake Forest College – Board of Trustees – 2014-2015:		
	<i>Officers</i> William U. Parfet '70, Chairman Daniel D. Dolan Jr. '80, Vice-Chairman Lorna S. Pfaelzer, Vice-Chairwoman William A. Lowry '84, Secretary		

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