2022 DEBT INSTITUTE

Thursday, October 13, 2022 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

NIU Naperville, 1120 E. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60563

8:30 – 8:55 AM CHECK-IN, NETWORKING AND COFFEE

8:55 - 9:00 AM WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

9:00 - 10:00 AM ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Harmon will provide a recap of the recent legislative session and share insight into what to expect in the future.

Speaker: Illinois Senate President **Don Harmon**

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Learn about major legislative issues in the recent Springfield legislative session;
- Understand the implications to the State's finances of the recent influx of COVID related Federal funds;
- Gain insight on how the mid-term November elections may impact future legislation for the State; and
- Understand what local governments should expect from Springfield in the future.

CPE: About 1.0 hours Field of Study: Business Law - Technical Level: Update

10:00 – 11:00 AM HOT TOPICS IN PUBLIC FINANCE

Panelists will discuss various hot topics in the current public finance market, including WIFIA and IEPA loans, other city/village developments, and SEC enforcement actions.

Speakers: **Christina Coyle**, Director of Finance, *City of Elmhurst*

Kent Floros, Partner, Chapman and Cutler LLP

Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President, Speer Financial, Inc.

Stephan Roberts, Director - Public Finance, BAIRD

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Understand the pros and cons of the Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and the IEPA SRF program;
- Discuss the latest in city/village development;
- Be up to date on recent Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) enforcement actions in the public finance industry; and
- Discuss other miscellaneous hot topics in the public finance industry.

CPE: About 1.0 hours Field of Study: Finance - Technical Level: Overview

11:00 - 11:15 PM BREAK

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM TAX INCREMENT FINANCE: A GENERAL SUMMARY OF TIF AND ISSUES RELATED TO EXPIRING TIFS

Panelists will provide an overview of TIF Bonds with a discussion of challenges surrounding the closing of TIFs.

Speakers: **Philip McKenna**, President, *Kane*, *McKenna & Associates*, *Inc.*

Jim Snyder, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Understand the basics of Tax Increment Finance as an economic development tool;
- Determine the difference between a TIF revenue bond and a G.O. Bond supported by TIF; and
- Identify what challenges to anticipate when winding up a TIF at expiration.

CPE: About 1.0 hours **Field of Study:** Finance – Technical **Level:** Overview

12:15 – 1:00 PM NETWORKING LUNCHEON

1:00 – 2:15 PM MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET UPDATE

Join two knowledgeable speakers as they provide insights into recent developments in the tax-exempt bond market with a focus on Illinois borrowers.

Speakers: **Brian Battle**, Managing Director, *Performance Trust*

Todd Krzyskowski, Director, Mesirow Financial

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Learn where current interest rates are relative to the past, and where rates might move in the future;
- Understand investor interest in bonds issued by units of local government in Illinois, especially in light of recent positive budget news for the State;
- Gain insight on why borrowing rates have been increasing and whether that is expected to continue; and
- Understand some of the implications for the bond market of the recent federal economic development initiatives.

CPE: About 1.5 hours Field of Study: Finance – Technical Level: Update

2:15 - 2:30 PM BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 PM ESG ISSUES FOR ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Panelists will discuss the recent focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues, including how ESG concerns could impact your bond rating.

Speakers: **Coley Anderson**, Vice President, *Moody's Investor Service*

Andrew Kim, Director, PMA Securities, LLC

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Learn the basics of ESG and public finance;
- Understand the general challenges Illinois units of local government face, if any, with respect to ESG; and
- ESG scoring by Moody's and whether such scoring could impact your bond rating.

CPE: About 1.0 hours Field of Study: Finance – Technical and Behavioral Ethics – Non-Technical Level: Basic

3:30 – 4:30 PM PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) BOND PROGRAMS

Panelists will discuss how Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs are implemented, and what economic development benefits to expect.

Speakers: Briana Moore, Energy and Conservation Specialist, *Will County*

Seema Patel, Senior Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP

Jason Stringer, Program Administrator, Illinois Energy Conservation Authority

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Understand how PACE programs are formed;
- Learn how the voluntary assessment structure works for property owners and borrowers; and
- Gain insight as to whether a PACE program would be beneficial to your community.

CPE: About 1.0 hours Field of Study: Finance – Technical Level: Overview

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