Agenda Item #:

## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	February 4, 2014	[] Consent [] Ordinance	[X] Regular [ ] Public Hearing
Department:	Department of Economic	c Sustainability	ideanalidea <sup>a</sup> dire i <u>e e a</u>

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) Adopt** a Resolution authorizing participation in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's (FHLBA) Community Investment Services Programs and authorizing designated County staff to execute documents associated with the County's participation in these Programs; B) Approve a Sponsor Access Agreement with FHLBA; and C) Authorize the Department of Economic Sustainability to submit an application to FHLBA under its Affordable Housing Program (AHP) for the Brooks Subdivision Project.

**Summary:** The FHLBA, through its Community Investment Services Programs, provides funding for affordable housing development. Under the AHP Competitive component, \$500,000 will be awarded per project through a competitive application process. The application deadline is February 13, 2014. The Sponsor Access Agreement provides the County access to FHLBA's website for participation in their programs.

The Brooks Subdivision Project (Project) is a 22 single family homeownership affordable housing project in Riviera Beach. The County provided funding to the Project including \$700,000 from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP), a State grant, and \$714,500 from the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), a Federal grant. In total \$186,778 of HOME funds and \$600,000 of SHIP funds were expended. The Project stalled after property acquisition and certain site improvements due to the housing crisis and lack of capacity of the developer. The County is currently pursuing action to take title to the property as first lien holder. This project remains viable as an integral component of providing decent, safe and affordable housing in Riviera Beach. If the County is successful in gaining title, staff will bring a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding development options. These are private FHLBA funds which require no local match. (BHI) District 7 (TKF)

**Background and Justification:** The Project is located on Brooks Circle which is north of Blue Heron Boulevard and east of Congress Avenue in Riviera Beach. On August 21, 2007, and on September 9, 2008, the BCC approved (R2007-1332 and R2008-1487) an award of \$420,000 in HOME funds to Northwest Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Corporation (NWRBCRC) for the development of the Project. On August 18, 2009, the BCC also approved (R2009-1291) an additional \$294,500 in HOME funds to NWRBCRC for predevelopment and project delivery costs. In addition, on September 9, 2008, the BCC approved (R2008-1488) an award of \$700,000 in SHIP funds to Brook's Subdivision, LLC to acquire land for the Project. Of the \$714,500 total in HOME funds awarded to Brook's Subdivision, LLC, \$600,000 was expended.

## Attachments:

1. Resolution

2. Sponsor Access Agreement with FHLBA

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# II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

# A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
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# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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<sup>★</sup> No fiscal impact.					
C. Departmental Fisca	al Review:	Shairette M	H/ lajor, Fiscal N	lanager II	
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A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Chief Assistant Cour ty Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

## RESOLUTION NO. R2014 -

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF ATLANTA'S (FHLBA) COMMUNITY INVESTMENT SERVICES PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED COUNTY STAFF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THESE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County (Board) is committed to community economic development and affordable housing development in Palm Beach County;

WHEREAS, FHLBA offers various Community Investment Services Programs which provide funding for community economic development and affordable housing development;

WHEREAS, in order to receive such funding from FHLBA the Board wishes to participate in the various Community Investment Services Programs offered by FHLBA;

WHEREAS, participation in said Programs requires the execution of paper and electronic documents;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate and expedite the execution of such documents, the Board desires to authorize certain designated County staff to execute documents associated with the County's participation in said Programs; and

WHEREAS, FHLBA will be entitled to rely on this Resolution until the Board provides FHLBA with a resolution changing or rescinding this Resolution. No change or rescission will be given effect until FHLBA receives such certified copy and FHLBA has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to act on such change or rescission, and no such change or rescission will affect any then-existing agreement between FHLBA and the Board, unless FHLBA agrees to such effect, in each instance, in writing to the extent allowed by Florida law. The Board will indemnify and hold harmless the FHLBA from any loss suffered or liability incurred by FHLBA prior to receipt of such certified copy as a result of FHLBA acting as if such rescission or change had not occurred.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby authorizes participation in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's Community Investment Services Programs.

**Section 2:** The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby authorizes the designated County staff named in the Certificate of Incumbency, and provided as Attachment 1 hereto, to execute documents associated with the County's participation in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's Community Investment Services Programs.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner	, who moved its
adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner	, and being put to a
vote, the vote was as follows:	, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor Commissioner Paulette Burdick, Vice Mayor Commissioner Hal R. Valeche Commissioner Shelley Vana Commissioner Steven L. Abrams Commissioner Mary Lou Berger Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria

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The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

## PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

#### ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK CLERK & COMPTROLLER

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By:

Tammy K. Fields Chief Assistant County Attorney By: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk

## ATTACHMENT 1

#### CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Mayor of <u>Palm Beach County</u> (the "Participant"), hereby certify that:

1. The Authorized Persons referenced in Paragraph 2 of that certain Resolution Authorizing Participation in Community Investment Services Programs of Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (the "Bank") are as follows:

Name	Title	Signature
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[Attach additional sheet if necessary]

2. The Authorized Persons are duly qualified employees of the Participant having the titles set forth above and the signatures of such persons set forth opposite their names and titles are genuine signatures.

3. This Certificate of Incumbency supersedes and replaces any prior Certificate of Incumbency related to Participant's Resolution authorizing participation in Community Investment Services programs of the Bank.

4. This Certificate of Incumbency is effective, and may be relied upon by the Bank, until the Bank receives a Certificate of Incumbency that replaces and supersedes this Certificate of Incumbency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_

Name:	
Title:	

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#### ACCESS FORM FOR SPONSOR WEB SYSTEM ACCESS

In connection with its community investment programs (collectively, the "Programs" and individually, a "Program"), Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (the "Bank") provides non-members that are participating in such Programs with access to a portion of the Bank's website at www.fhlbatl.com that permits such participants to provide and obtain certain information related to their applications and their current projects under certain Programs (the "System"). By entering into this Access Form, the Bank agrees to make the System available to the below-named Sponsor and Sponsor agrees to use the System, all in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Access Form and the terms and conditions for access to the System attached to this Access Form and available at www.fhlbatl.com (the "Terms and Conditions"), which, by signing below, Sponsor hereby acknowledges having read and understood prior to its execution below. The Bank will notify Sponsor of any changes in the Terms and Conditions, and Sponsor hereby agrees that its continued use of the System after being notified of such changes constitutes its agreement to those changes. The Agreement (as defined in the Terms and Conditions) will be effective on the latest of the execution dates set forth below (the "Effective Date"). By signing below, Sponsor further agrees to accept and be bound by electronic agreements and other documents executed electronically in the course of using the System, and the Bank and Sponsor agree that the Access Form may be executed by facsimile signature and in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

#### ACCEPTED BY Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta:

Address: 1475 Peachtree Street, NE

Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Voice Telephone: (800) 536-9650 Press 7

Fax: (404)888-8285

E-mail: fhlbaccess@fhlbatl.com

1) Signature:
Name: ACASE ADDR RLD

Title: BONK OFFICER
Execution Date: DITABLE

2) Signature: BONK OFFICER

Name: Gateanne SellerS

Title: Bonk Officer

Execution Date: DITABLE

ACCEPTED BY:

Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor ("Sponsor")

Address: 301 North Olive Suite 1201, West palm Beach, FL 33401

Voice Telephone: <u>561-355-2207</u> Fax: <u>561-355-6332</u>

E-mail: <u>ptaylor@pbcgov.org</u>

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_

Execution Date: \_\_\_\_

Terms and Conditions

ATTEST: SHARON R. BROCK

By: \_\_\_\_

By:\_

**Clerk & Comptroller** 

Tammy K. Fields Chief Assistant County Attorney

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#### 1. System.

a. <u>Right to Access</u>. On and subject to the terms and conditions in the Agreement (which Agreement consists of these Terms and Conditions, the related Access Form executed by the Bank and Sponsor and the User Policies (defined below)), the Bank will make available from time to time, and Sponsor may access and use, the System (as defined in the Access Form).

b. <u>Implementation</u>. At such time after the Effective Date (as defined in the Access Form) as the Bank deems appropriate in its sole discretion, the Bank will use commercially reasonable efforts to establish Sponsor's access to the System. Sponsor will from time to time execute such documents, forms and agreements, and provide such information, as are reasonably requested by the Bank to make the System available to Sponsor as contemplated under the Agreement. Sponsor is solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining the necessary hardware, software and communications links and services necessary to access and use the System.

c. Use Policies. Sponsor will use the System in accordance with the Agreement and the Bank's written instructions, policies, procedures and requirements provided to Sponsor or accessible by Sponsor on the Bank's web site (the "User Policies"). The Bank may modify such User Policies from time to time upon notice (via e-mail, website posting or otherwise) to Sponsor. Sponsor warrants that its use of the System will not violate any applicable laws or regulations. Sponsor will use the System only for its internal business purposes, and will not provide to any third party, nor permit any third party to use, the System or any component thereof, except for third-party agents or contractors which Sponsor has authorized to act on its behalf in connection with the provision of information to the Bank and which use the System solely on Sponsor's behalf and have agreed to do so in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Such use by authorized agents and contractors shall not relieve Sponsor of any of its obligations under this Agreement, and no such agent or contractor shall be considered a third-party beneficiary of the Agreement, notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary.

#### 2. Registration and Access.

a. <u>User ID and Password</u>. At such time after the Effective Date (as defined in the Access Form) as the Bank deems appropriate in its sole discretion, the Bank will deliver to Sponsor a unique user identification and password, and any other security features designated by the Bank as necessary for Sponsor to access the System (which may include, without limitation, security tokens or digital certificates). Sponsor will, in accordance with all applicable User Policies, use such user identification, password and other security features to access, create, use and maintain the Sponsor's information (including, without limitation, maintaining accurate contact information with respect to Sponsor).

b. <u>Account Security</u>. Sponsor is solely responsible for maintaining the security of, and for all activities that occur under, Sponsor's user identification, password and other security features, and for any information or data transmitted, stored or received by Sponsor in using the System. Sponsor will not lend, give or otherwise disclose

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Sponsor's user identification, password or other security features to any unauthorized person, or permit any unauthorized person to access the System through the use of such user identification, password or security features. The Bank and its member password or security features. institutions ("Institutions") are entitled to rely upon any action taken, information provided or request made, through the use of the user identification, password or other security feature of Sponsor, and the Bank and its Institutions will not be liable to Sponsor or any third party for the consequences of such reliance. Sponsor will notify the Bank immediately upon becoming aware of any unauthorized use of the System or any compromise of security with respect to Sponsor's user identification, password or security feature. After receiving such notice, the Bank will, if appropriate, deactivate the user identification, password and security features associated with such unauthorized use, but the Bank will have no liability, and hereby disclaims all responsibility, for losses, damages, penalties or expenses associated with such unauthorized use or the continuation thereof.

d. <u>Authority</u>. Sponsor hereby warrants and represents that Sponsor has all necessary authority to perform the functions with respect to the System, and that each employee, contractor or agent that Sponsor permits to use its user identifications, passwords or security features has all necessary authority to perform and take all actions on behalf of Sponsor in connection with the System.

#### 3. Service Levels.

a. <u>Availability</u>. Sponsor acknowledges that interruptions and loss of service may periodically occur as a result of maintenance or repairs to the System or the website, unexpected outages or interruptions (including without limitation the force majeure events under Section 17 below) or any other act or omission of a sponsor or an Institution or any third party. The Bank will not incur any obligation or liability as a result of any interruption or loss of service.

b. <u>Maintenance</u>. The Bank may periodically perform maintenance and repairs that may impact the availability or functionality of the System. the Bank will not incur any obligation or liability as a result of such maintenance or repairs or the Bank's failure to undertake such maintenance or repairs.

c. <u>Security and Monitoring</u>. The Bank may implement and maintain security measures (including, without limitation, encryption software and firewalls) designed to prevent security breaches with respect to the System. The Bank may use tools to monitor the technical performance, availability, security and use of the System, but the existence or non-existence of such tools, and the use or nonuse thereof, will not impose any obligation or liability on the Bank.

#### 4. Sponsor Data.

a. <u>License</u>. As between the Bank and Sponsor, Sponsor owns all rights to the data provided solely by Sponsor for use in connection with the System (the "Sponsor Data"), except that Sponsor hereby grants to (i) the Bank a license to use Sponsor Data in connection with the Bank's business activities or as otherwise permitted by law, including for the Bank's public relations purposes, and (ii) the Institutions a license to use Sponsor Data for purposes relating to the Programs, including, without limitation, creation, submission and manipulation of Program applications.

b. <u>Quality of Data</u>. Sponsor warrants and represents that it has the authority to provide Sponsor Data to the Bank and the Institutions, and that the Bank's and the Institutions' use of Sponsor Data will not violate any applicable law or regulation or any third party right. Sponsor is solely responsible for any errors and inaccuracies in Sponsor Data, and for reviewing and determining the validity and accuracy of all data and information it receives through the System. Sponsor will not, either indirectly or directly, through either the material or information uploaded, posted, transmitted, published or distributed by it or otherwise, interfere with, corrupt, damage or disrupt, or allow the interference, computer networks or software connected to the System.

5. <u>Proprietary Rights</u>. Subject to Sponsor's rights under Section 4, the Bank, as between Sponsor and the Bank, owns and will retain all rights and interests in and to the System and each component thereof, including, without limitation, all copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets and other proprietary rights. Sponsor will not have, acquire or assert any rights in the System or components, and will not, without the Bank's prior written consent, copy, reproduce or distribute in any manner any of the content, data or information available through the System, except for such data or information that is specifically related to Sponsor's projects. All third parties providing a product or service to the Bank and used by the Bank in the System are hereby deemed third party beneficiaries entitled to enforce directly against Sponsor their intellectual property rights in such products or services.

6. <u>No Program Guarantee</u>. Nothing herein will be deemed to constitute a guarantee, and the Bank makes no guarantee, that an Institution will include Sponsor in an application submitted under any Program or that any such application will be approved.

7. <u>Warranty Disclaimer</u>. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT, THE BANK MAKES NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE SYSTEM, AND THE BANK HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL SUCH WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, DESCRIPTION, NON-INFRINGEMENT AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

8. <u>Liability Limitation</u>. SPONSOR'S SOLE REMEDY, AND FHLBA'S SOLE OBLIGATION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT OR FAILURE OR ERROR OF THE SYSTEM WILL BE TO CEASE USE OF THE SYSTEM AND OF ANY ERRONEOUS RESULTS FROM THE SYSTEM. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE BANK WILL NOT BE LIABLE TO SPONSOR OR ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY THEORIES OF BREACH OF CONTRACT OR WARRANTY OR TORT (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY)) FOR ANY DIRECT (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT SUCH DIRECT DAMAGES ARE CAUSED BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE BANK), COMPENSATORY, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL,

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CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR OTHER DAMAGES, ANY COSTS TO PROCURE SUBSTITUTE SERVICES OR ANY LOST PROFITS, LOST BUSINESS, LOSS OF USE OR DATA OR INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT OR THE SYSTEM (OR THE UNAVAILABILITY OF ALL OR ANY PART THEREOF), EVEN IF THE BANK KNEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE BANK IS NOT AN INSURER AND THE PROVISION OF THE SYSTEM BY THE BANK IS CONTINGENT ON THE LIABILITY LIMITATIONS IN THIS SECTION 8.

9. <u>Term and Termination</u>. The initial term of the Agreement will commence on the Effective Date set forth in the Access Form and, unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Section 10, will extend until either party provides the other with 30-days notice of termination. In addition, the Bank may immediately terminate the Agreement if Sponsor breaches the Agreement and does not cure such breach within five days after receiving notice thereof, or if the Bank reasonably believes that Sponsor's use of the System may violate any applicable law or regulation or agreement or damage or threaten the security of FHLBA's or any of its suppliers', licensors', contractors', Institutions', users' or other sponsors' accounts, resources, information, data, software or servers. Upon termination of the Agreement, Sponsor will promptly return to the Bank all data, materials, Confidential Information (as defined below) and other properties of the Bank held by Sponsor with respect to the Agreement to the extent allowed by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,

22 and this Section 10 of these Terms and Conditions will survive termination of the Agreement.

10. <u>Suspension</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the Bank may, without any liability, obligation or notice to Sponsor, suspend Sponsor's use of the System if, in FHLBA's reasonable discretion, Sponsor's use of the System may violate any applicable law or regulation or agreement or could damage or threaten the security of FHLBA's or any of its suppliers', licensors', contractors', Institutions', users' or other sponsors' accounts, resources, information, data, software or servers.

11. <u>Confidentiality</u>. "Confidential Information" means information, in any form, of or relating to the Bank, its customers, users, Institutions, contractors, suppliers or licensors or the System and that is not generally known to the public or that is marked confidential or proprietary. Sponsor will not, and will cause its contractors and agents to not, directly or indirectly, disclose or use FHLBA's Confidential Information except as expressly authorized under the Agreement or otherwise required by law. Sponsor may use FHLBA's Confidential Information only as necessary to perform its obligations or exercise its rights under the Agreement, but in doing so will only disclose such Confidential Information on a need-to-know basis to persons that have been informed of the confidential nature of such information and are bound by confidentiality obligations no less protective of

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such information than those under this Section 12. Sponsor shall be responsible to the Bank for any such disclosee's use or disclosure of FHLBA's Confidential Information in a manner not permitted by this Section 12 to the extent allowed by law. Sponsor must use the same degree of care in protecting FHLBA's Confidential Information as it uses to protect its own, similar confidential information, but in no event will Sponsor use less than reasonable care to protect such Confidential Information. the Bank may seek equitable relief (in addition to any other remedies) to enforce this Section 12.

12. <u>Entire Agreement</u>; Amendment. These Terms and Conditions, the User Policies, and the Access Form are the entire agreement between the parties with respect to Sponsor's use of the System and supersede all agreements, understandings, discussions, warranties and representations, in any form, express or implied, between the parties prior to the Agreement and related to Sponsor's use of the System, except that the parties acknowledge that Sponsor's eligibility for, and the actual provision of, specific Bank Programs, products and services are governed by various other agreements and resolutions, as well as applicable regulations and the Bank policies, and that the Agreement does not supersede such other agreements, resolutions, regulations or policies other than to the extent that they specify a certain mode or method of executing or administering transactions, in which event the Agreement will control as to such administrative matters. If a conflict arises between these Terms and Conditions and the Access Form, then these Terms and Conditions will control. The Agreement may only be amended by a writing signed by each party, except that the Bank may, in its sole discretion, modify (a) the User Policies in accordance with Section 1, and (b) these Terms and Conditions upon notice (via e-mail, website posting or otherwise) to Sponsor, and Sponsor's continued use of the System after such notice will constitute Sponsor's acceptance of such revised Terms and Conditions.

13. <u>Relationship</u>. FHLBA's relationship to Sponsor is solely as an independent contractor.

14. <u>Assignment</u>. Sponsor may not assign the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Bank.

15. <u>Third Parties</u>. The Bank may use third parties to perform one or more of FHLBA's obligations, or exercise one or more of its rights, under the Agreement, but such use will not relieve the Bank of any of its obligations under the Agreement. Except as expressly set forth in the Agreement, no person will be considered a third-party beneficiary of the Agreement.

16. Force Majeure. The Bank will not be liable for any failure or delay in performance to the extent caused by any event beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, an act of God; flood; riot; fire; explosion; judicial or governmental act; terrorism; military act; strike or lockout; third party act or omission; failure of utility or telecommunications facilities; virus, worm, trojan horse or other code, command, file or program designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any software, hardware or equipment; Internet slow-down or failure; lightning or other weather condition or event.

17. <u>Links</u>. The Bank is not responsible for the content, information accuracy or other aspects of any third-party owned web site to which a person may link from the System, including, without limitation, any third-party web sites accessible from links provided by the Bank.

Governing Law. The Agreement will be governed by and 18. construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Georgia, the Federal Housing Finance Board or any successor entity and any other governmental agency of competent jurisdiction. Each party hereby submits to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia for the resolution of any court actions arising with respect to the Agreement. Sponsor acknowledges that the Bank controls and operates the System from Atlanta, Georgia, and that any use of the System from or in locations outside of District 4 of the Federal Home Loan Bank system is at such Sponsor's own risk and without any responsibility or liability of the Bank.

19. <u>Severability; Waiver</u>. If any provision of the Agreement is found illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Agreement will remain in full force and effect and the parties will substitute for such provision a legal and enforceable provision that most nearly effects the parties' intention. Any waiver by a party must be in writing and signed by such party.

20. <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise set forth in the Agreement, all notices under the Agreement must be in writing (which the parties stipulate will include electronic communications in perceivable form) and delivered to the individual and address first designated in the Access Form.

21. Other. All contents of the FHLBA's website are copyrighted and may only be used in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The name "Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta" and the the Bank graphics and logos are property of the Bank and may not be used without the prior written permission of the Bank. Sponsor acknowledges that neither the System nor any content of the website (i) represents investment advice, (ii) constitutes an offer to extend credit, a grant or subsidy, and (ii) constitutes investment solicitation or an offer to buy securities. Sponsor should not rely on the website or the System in making an investment decision, credit decision or calculating the timing or amount of payment on debt securities or any other related information. Sponsor acknowledges that the website contains information that is not part of any offering notice or offering circular for consolidated obligations of the Federal Home Loan Banks or other credit products of the Bank.

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