

# NEW YORK STATE

## SEC Municipal Advisor Rule

**Introduction:** The Securities Exchange Committee's (SEC) Municipal Advisor Rule was mandated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act. The Rule governs the definition, registration, and regulation of municipal advisors. The attached letter represents that the Division of the Budget (DOB) is aware of the Rule and that DOB has retained a registered municipal advisor that will, among other things, assist in evaluating recommendations from investment banking firms.

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## Division of the Budget

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To All Interested Persons:

The Division of the Budget (DOB) is aware of the "Municipal Advisor Rules" of the Securities and Exchange Commission (effective July 1, 2014) and the "independent registered municipal advisor" exemption from the definition of "municipal advisor". DOB hereby notifies investment banking firms that provide recommendations on the issuance of municipal securities and municipal financial products specific to the State's needs that it understands such firms are not acting in a fiduciary capacity. Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG) has been retained by DOB to, among other things, assist in evaluating such recommendations. Contact information for PRAG is included in this correspondence.

DOB will rely on PRAG for advice. PRAG has advised us that they are registered as a municipal advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The personnel of PRAG who will advise on such recommendations (including those who participate in the management, direction, supervision, or performance of such activity) have represented to DOB that they have not been associated with an investment banking firm within the two years prior to the date of this certificate. This certificate may be relied upon for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

In no event should any advice or information be sent directly to PRAG; any such advice or information so sent shall not be considered; and PRAG has been instructed to inform us if any advice or information is sent directly to them.

Please contact me via e-mail with any questions ([Tom.Wood@budget.ny.gov](mailto:Tom.Wood@budget.ny.gov)).

Sincerely,

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