



Bulletin

TO: City and Town Treasurers
District and Regional School District Treasurers
County Treasurers

FROM: James R. Johnson, Assistant Director of Accounts

DATE: January 1997

SUBJECT: **“State House Notes” -- Registration and Delivery**

This BULLETIN is to advise you of an additional option with respect to notes certified by the Bureau of Accounts pursuant to Chapter 44, sec. 23 to 27A, so-called “State House Notes.” This option falls within existing statutory provisions, and has been put forth by a major Massachusetts commercial bank which acts as a financial advisor to enhance the marketability of these notes.

For the last decade, most bonds have been issued under the Book-Entry-Only System. The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) in New York City acts as securities depository. The securities are fully registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee). One fully-registered certificate is issued for each maturity, in the aggregate principal amount of that maturity, and is deposited with DTC.

We have been advised that DTC has approved notes certified by the Bureau for registration. If you award a bid calling for registration in the name of Cede & Co., the note for each maturity (if more than one) and the clerk’s certificate should be completed in that manner. We understand that the purchaser, issuer or financial advisor will provide us a FedEx or other label completed with their account number to ship the certified notes to DTC.

Please feel free to call Bill Arrigal in the Debt Section at (617) 626-2399 or myself with any questions.

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