

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida will consider the approval of an issue of revenue bonds to be issued by the Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority (the "Authority"), in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,900,000 (the "Bond") on behalf of Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc. a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Borrower"), at a public hearing to be held at a meeting on March 20, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners' Assembly Room, Fifth Floor, at the Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

The proceeds of such Bond will be used by the Borrower, together with funds from other sources, to (a) finance and refinance approximately 230,000 square feet of improvements through construction to include (i) the final phase of a 378 space parking structure, (ii) a new building for guests and educational space, (iii) exhibit space improvements (iv) an elevated deck, and (v) other capital improvements to the Borrower's facilities; (b) finance a new dolphin habitat ((a) and (b) collectively, the "Project") and (c) pay certain costs relative to the issuance of the Bond. The Project will be owned and operated by the Borrower. The Borrower currently operates as an animal hospital, education center and aquarium attraction located at 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, Florida which is the location of the Project.

THE BOND WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR PINELLAS COUNTY, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, but will be payable solely from payments made by the Borrower.

The hearing is being held for the purpose of affording residents of Pinellas County, Florida and other interested persons an opportunity to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed issuance of the Bond and the nature and location of the Project. All interested parties are invited to present their comments at the time and place shown above.

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (727) 464-4062 (Voice/TDD) or fax a written request to (727) 464-4157.

Ken Burke, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
By Norman D. Loy, Deputy Clerk