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The Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Local Finance publishes a “[Guide for the Issuance of Notes by the Counties, Consolidated Governments and Municipalities of Tennessee](#)”. This publication includes information, description and sample resolutions which can be used for the issuance of: [Bond Anticipation Notes](#), [Capital Outlay Notes](#), [Grant Anticipation Notes](#), [Tax Anticipation Notes](#), Health Care Anticipation Notes, and Revenue Anticipation Notes. The publication also includes State Form CT-0253 which reports to the Comptroller’s Office a summary of your new debt obligation related to amount, type of debt, cost of the issuance, interest rate and other information. [Form CT-0253](#) and related instructions.

Various factors will determine whether the county’s debt issuance is by way of note or bond. Below are the major factors to be considered:

1. Amount of Issuance
2. Type of Asset specifically the asset life expediency
3. How the new debt will fit into the existing multi-year debt service budget or plan-Term of Bond/ Loan.

Notes generally will be less expensive to issue due to the local government being able to handle the transaction locally and absorbing most, if not all, financial cost of issuance; however, notes that are large in dollar denomination may require placement outside of a local financial institution. Small dollar denomination notes are often sold to the local financial institutions via a bid process. [Sample Request for Quote form](#) for local financial institutions. You should consult your purchasing department to coordinate the purchasing effort.

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