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If a county is having its debt issued by bonds, the county and its advisor can select to have a competitive, negotiated or private placement of the bonds. If a competitive sale is selected, then a financial advisor, issuer, or bond counsel will develop legal notices, bid forms, and various disclosures regarding the issue, along with a time and date to receive bids. The county should be aware that Federal law prohibits what is known as arbitrage - where a county receives tax exempt debt funds and re-invests those funds to generate earnings greater than the interest cost. Generally when the bonds are sold, all proceeds are then turned over to the county. A specific drawdown of the money on the capital project is planned and anticipated to prohibit an arbitrage issue.

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