**§ 2676-h. Bonds of the authority.** 1. The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized from time to time to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to pay the cost of any project or for any other corporate purpose, including the establishment of reserves to secure the bonds, the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds and the payment of incidental expenses in connection therewith. The aggregate principal amount of such bonds, notes, or other obligations outstanding shall not exceed eighty million dollars, excluding bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds, notes, or other obligations theretofore issued for such purposes; provided, however, that upon any such refunding or repayment the total aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds, notes, or other obligations may be greater than eighty million dollars only if the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes, or other obligations to be issued shall not exceed the present value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes, or other obligations so to be refunded or repaid. For purposes hereof, the present values of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes, or other obligations and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes, or other obligations so refunded or repaid, shall be calculated by utilizing the effective interest rate of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes, or other obligations, which shall be that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate (compounded semi-annually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the refunding or repayment bonds, notes, or other obligations from the payment dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes, or other obligations and to the price bid including estimated accrued interest or proceeds received by the authority including estimated accrued interest from the sale thereof. The authority shall have power and is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements and perform such acts as may be required under any applicable federal legislation to secure a federal guarantee of any bonds.

2. The authority shall have power from time to time to renew bonds or to issue renewal bonds for such purpose, to issue bonds to pay bonds, and, whenever it deems refunding expedient, to refund any bond by the

issuance of new bonds, whether the bonds to be refunded have or have not matured, and may issue bonds partly to refund bonds then outstanding and partly for any other corporate purpose of the authority. Bonds, other than notes or other evidence of indebtedness, issued for refunding purposes, which have a final maturity date longer than the maturity of the bonds being refunded, shall be approved by a resolution of the county legislature adopted by a majority vote and approved by the county executive. Bonds issued for refunding purposes shall be sold and the proceeds applied to the purchase, redemption, or payment of the bonds or notes to be refunded.

3. Bonds issued by the authority may be general obligations of the authority or may be special obligations payable solely out of particular revenues or other moneys as may be designated in the proceedings of the authority under which the bonds shall be authorized to be issued, subject as to priority only to any agreements with the holders of outstanding bonds pledging any particular property, revenues, or moneys. The authority may also enter into loan agreements, lines of credit and other security agreements and obtain for or on its behalf letters of credit, insurance, guarantees, or other credit enhancements to the extent now or hereafter available, in each case for securing its bonds or to provide direct payment of any costs which the authority is authorized to pay.

4. (a) Bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the authority, be in such denominations and bear such date or dates and mature at such time or times, as such resolution may provide, provided that bonds and renewals thereof shall mature within forty years from the date of original issuance of any such bonds.

(b) Bonds shall be subject to such terms of redemption, bear interest at such rate or rates, be payable at such times, be in such form, either coupon or registered, carry such registration privileges, be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment at such place or places, and be subject to such terms and conditions as such resolution may provide. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the bonds of the authority issued pursuant to this section shall be sold to the bidder offering the lowest true interest cost, taking into consideration

any premium or discount not less than four nor more than fifteen days, Sundays excepted, after a notice of such sale has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area served by the authority, which shall state the terms of the sale. The terms of the sale shall not change unless notice of such change is published in such newspaper at least one day prior to the date of the sale as set forth in the original notice of sale. Advertisements shall contain a provision to the effect that the authority, in its discretion, may reject any or all bids made in pursuance of such advertisements, and in the event of such rejection, the authority is authorized to negotiate a private or public sale or readvertise for bids in the form and manner above described as many times as, in its judgment, may be necessary to effect satisfactory sale.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subdivision, whenever in the judgment of the authority the interests of the authority will be served thereby, the members of the authority, on the written recommendation of the chairperson, may authorize the sale of such bonds at private or public sale on a negotiated basis or on either a competitive or negotiated basis. The authority shall set guidelines governing the terms and conditions of any such private or public sales. The private or public bond sale guidelines set by the authority shall include, but not be limited to, a requirement that where the interests of the authority will be served by a private or public sale of bonds, the authority shall select underwriters for each private or public bond sale conducted pursuant to a request for proposal process and consideration of proposals from qualified underwriters taking into account, among other things, qualifications of underwriters as to experience, their ability to structure and sell authority bond issues, anticipated costs to the authority, the prior experience of the authority with the firm, if any, the capitalization of such firms, participation of qualified minority and women-owned business enterprise firms in such private or public sales of bonds of the authority and the experience and ability of firms under consideration to work with minority and women-owned business enterprises so as to promote and assist participation by such enterprises.

(d) The authority shall have the power from time to time to amend such private bond sale guidelines in accordance with the provisions of this

subdivision.

(e) No private or public bond sale on a negotiated basis shall be conducted by the authority without prior approval of the state comptroller and the county comptroller. The authority shall annually prepare and approve a bond sale report which shall include the private or public bond sale guidelines as specified in this subdivision, amendments to such guidelines since the last private or public bond sale report, an explanation of the bond sale guidelines and amendments, and the results of any sale of bonds conducted during the fiscal year. Such bond sale report may be a part of any other annual report that the authority is required to make.

(f) The authority shall annually submit its bond sale report to the state comptroller and the county comptroller and copies thereof to the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee.

(g) The authority shall make available to the public copies of its bond sale report upon reasonable request thereof.

(h) Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to alter, affect the validity of, modify the terms of or impair any contract or agreement made or entered into in violation of, or without compliance with, the provisions of this subdivision.

5. Any resolution or resolutions authorizing bonds or any issue of bonds may contain provisions which may be a part of the contract with the holders of the bonds thereby authorized as to:

(a) pledging all or part of the revenues, other monies or property of the authority to secure the payment of the bonds, or any costs of issuance thereof, including but not limited to any contracts, earnings, or proceeds of any grant to the authority received from any private or public source subject to such agreements with bond holders as may then exist;

(b) the setting aside of reserves and the creation of sinking funds and the regulation and disposition thereof;

(c) limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds from the sale of bonds may be applied;

(d) the rates, rents, fees, and other charges to be fixed and collected by the authority and the amount to be raised in each year thereby and the use and disposition of revenues;

(e) limitations on the right of the authority to restrict and regulate the use of the project or part thereof in connection with which bonds are issued;

(f) limitations on the issuance of additional bonds, the terms upon which additional bonds may be issued and secured and the refunding of outstanding or other bonds;

(g) the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with bond holders shall be amended or abrogated, the amount of bonds the holders of which shall consent thereto, and the manner in which such consent shall be given;

(h) the creation of special funds into which any revenues or monies shall be deposited;

(i) the terms and provisions of any trust, mortgage, deed or indenture securing the bonds under which the bond shall be issued;

(j) vesting in a trustee or trustees such properties, rights, powers, and duties in trust as the authority may determine which may include any or all of the rights, powers, and duties of the trustees appointed by the bond holders to appoint a trustee pursuant to this title or limiting the rights, duties, and powers of such trustee;

(k) defining the acts or omissions to act which shall constitute a default in the obligations and duties of the authority to the bond holders and providing for the rights and remedies of the bond holders in the event of such default, including as a matter of right appointment of a receiver, provided, however, that such rights and remedies shall not be inconsistent with the general laws of the state and other provisions of this title;

(l) limitations on the power of the authority to sell or otherwise dispose of any project or any part thereof;

(m) limitations on the amount of revenues and other monies to be expended for operating, administrative or other expenses of the authority;

(n) the payment of the proceeds of bonds, revenues, and other monies to a trustee or other depository, and for the method of disbursement thereof with such safeguards and restrictions as the authority may determine; and

(o) any other matters of like or different character which in any way affect the security or protection of the bonds or the rights and

remedies of bondholders.

6. In addition to the powers conferred upon the authority to secure its bonds under this section, the authority shall have power in connection with the issuance of bonds to adopt resolutions and enter into such trust indentures, agreements or other instruments as the authority may deem necessary, convenient or desirable concerning the use or disposition of its revenues or other monies or property, including the mortgaging of any property and the entrusting, pledging, or creation of any other security interest in any such revenues, monies, or property and the doing of any act, including refraining from doing any act which the authority would have the right to do in the absence of such resolutions, trust indentures, agreements, or other instruments. The authority shall have power to enter into amendments of any such resolutions, trust indentures, agreements, or other instruments. The provisions of any such resolutions, trust indentures, agreements, or other instruments may be made a part of the contract with the holders of bonds of the authority.

7. Notwithstanding any provision of the uniform commercial code to the contrary, any pledge of or other security interest in revenues, monies, accounts, contract rights, general intangibles, or other personal property made or created by the authority shall be valid, binding, and perfected from the time when such pledge is made or other security interest attaches without any physical delivery of the collateral or further act, and the lien of any such pledge or other security interest shall be valid, binding, and perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the authority irrespective of whether or not such parties have notice thereof. No instrument by which such a pledge or security interest is created, nor any financing statement need be recorded or filed.

8. Regardless of whether the bonds are of such form and character as to be negotiable instruments under the terms of the uniform commercial code, the bonds are hereby made negotiable instruments within the meaning of and for all the purposes of the uniform commercial code, subject only to the provisions of the bonds for registration.

9. Neither the members of the authority nor any person executing its bonds shall be liable personally on its bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

10. Subject to such agreements with bondholders as may then exist, the authority shall have power out of any funds available therefor to purchase bonds of the authority, which shall thereupon be cancelled, at a price not exceeding (a) if the bonds are then redeemable, the redemption price then applicable plus accrued interest to the next interest payment date; or (b) if the bonds are not then redeemable, the redemption price applicable on the first date after such purchase upon which the bonds become subject to redemption plus accrued interest to the next interest payment date. Bonds so purchased shall thereupon be cancelled.