OPENING STATEMENT PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE 2013 December 2-3, 2013

THE LEGALLY DESCRIBED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SET FORTH WILL BE SOLD PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR UNDER CAUSE NOS. 11-2-10138-5, 12-2-09838-2 AND 13-2-09723-6.

All sales will be made to the highest bidder. The auction will be conducted via Bid4Assets internet website only. The auction will begin on Monday, December 2, 2013 starting at 8:30 AM (PST) and the auctions will close at the time shown on each auction item on December 3, 2013. The auction may continue on any parcels unsold, until each parcel is sold or the Assessor-Treasurer determines no bids were received. The Assessor-Treasurer may withdraw any parcel from the auction at any time.

Bidders are required to conduct any research of due diligence they wish to conduct prior to bid submittal. A bid is an irrevocable offer to purchase property and once made, is a binding contract. The bidder is solely responsible to determine the extent, if any, to which the parcel they are bidding on will or may be subject to liens. No representation or warrant is made as to the existence or non-existence of any interest, encumbrance, condition or lien which may survive the sale under applicable law, whether known or unknown.

Minimum bid includes all delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and foreclosure costs. The minimum bid increment is \$100 in even dollar amounts.

In accordance with Revised Code of Washington 84.64.080, no person who is a Pierce County officer or employee may bid at this sale, nor may such person bid as an agent for another or allow any other person to bid on an employee's behalf.

By Thursday, December 5, 2013, successful bidders must complete the deed information. A treasurer's deed will be issued within 30 days of this sale. All fees to complete and record the deed are included in the minimum bid amount. Title companies may not insure for a period of three years following the foreclosure auction.

A bidder is legally and financially responsible for all parcels bid upon whether representing ones self or acting as an agent. By 4:30 pm, PST, Thursday, December 5, 2013 funds must be received by Pierce County via wire transfer, mail or in-person. All payments must be in the form of cash, cashier's check or wire transfer. Payment in person will be accepted only at the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's office located at 2401 S 35th Street, Room 142, Tacoma WA, 98409 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm PST. If mailing overnight payment, send to Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's Office, **Attention Foreclosure**, 2401 S 35th St, Room 142, Tacoma WA 98409. Wire instructions are available to successful bidders only through the Bid4Assets website or can be received by contacting the foreclosure department at 253-798-7133. The Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer reserves the right to pursue all available legal remedies against a non-paying bidder.

Pierce County is not liable for the failure of any device which prevents a person from participating in any sale. "Device" includes, but is not limited to; computer hardware, networks, software applications or website.

Any proceeds from any sale in excess of the minimum bid, after payment of all water and sewer district liens, will be refunded by Pierce County, if a proper application is filed, by the person(s) who held record title on the date of issuance of the Certificate of Delinquency.

No one claiming any right, title, interest or estate in the property may redeem at this time or hereafter, **EXCEPT** the real property of any minor or incompetent person may be redeemed at any time within three (3) years after the date of the Treasurer's Deed and except for redemption by the United States, if any, as authorized by applicable federal law.

If no bid is made on a parcel, the assessor-treasurer may open the bidding again the following week. If no minimum bid is received for any parcel, that parcel will be transferred to Pierce County in default of bids.

Pierce County retains the right to reject any and all bids for any reason, may withdraw any property from the auction at any time before or during the auction and reserves the rights to cancel the sale of a parcel any time prior to issuance of the Treasurer's Deed.

By submitting a bid, you agree to the terms of sale as posted at the time bid is submitted.