

DWS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST  
Form SC TO-I  
September 27, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule TO

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust  
(Name of Filing Person (Issuer))

MUNICIPAL AUCTION RATE CUMULATIVE PREFERRED SHARES, SERIES T  
\$0.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

811234-20-2

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

John Millette  
Secretary  
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(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and  
communications on behalf of filing persons)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation	Amount of Filing Fee
\$67,200,000(a)	\$7,701.12(b)



(a) Calculated as the aggregate maximum purchase price to be paid for 2,800 shares in the offer, based upon a price of 96% of the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (or \$24,000 per share).

(b) Calculated as \$114.60 per \$1,000,000 of the Transaction Valuation.

Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

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Filing Party:  
Date Filed:

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

If applicable, check the appropriate box(es) below to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon:

- Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
- Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

Introductory Statement

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to an offer by DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust, a Massachusetts business trust (the “Fund”) to purchase for cash up to 100% of the Fund’s outstanding Municipal Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series T, par value \$0.01 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (the “Preferred Shares”), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Fund’s Offer to Purchase dated September 27, 2012 and the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the “Offer”), which are filed as exhibits to this Schedule TO. The price to be paid for the Preferred Shares is an amount per Preferred Share equal to 96% of the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per Preferred Share (or \$24,000 per Preferred Share), plus any unpaid dividends accrued through October 26, 2012, or such later date to which the Offer is extended.

Items 1 through 9 and Item 11.

The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated by reference in answer to Items 1 through 9 and Item 11 of this Issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO.

Item 10. Financial Statements.

Not applicable.

Item 12. Exhibits

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(a)(1)(i)	Offer to Purchase, dated September 27, 2012.
(a)(1)(ii)	Form of Letter of Transmittal (including Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9).
(a)(1)(iii)	Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
(a)(1)(iv)	Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
(a)(1)(v)	Form of Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, and Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
(a)(1)(vi)	Form of Notice of Withdrawal.
(a)(5)	Press Release, dated September 27, 2012.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DWS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME  
TRUST

By: /s/ W. Douglas

Beck

Name: W. Douglas Beck

Title: President

Dated: September 27, 2012

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