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BOND NO. 022237015

BID CONTRACT

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

AND

FLEMING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, L.L.C.

**RR105 - LOWER NINTH WARD NORTHEAST GROUP C (FRC)
BID PROPOSAL NO. 3121**

THIS CONTRACT (the “**Contract**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”) and Fleming Construction Co., Inc., represented by Jana Fleming Katz, Member (the “**Contractor**”). The City and the Contractor may sometimes be referred to as the “**Parties**”. This Contract is effective as of the date of execution by the City (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City issued an Invitation to Bid No. 3121 on May 25, 2023 and its Addenda No. 1 issued on June 22, 2023, No. 2 issued on June 26, 2023, No. 3 issued on June 28, 2023, and No. 4 issued on June 30, 2023 (collectively, the “**ITB**”) seeking a contractor to provide FEMA-eligible roadway construction services within the RR105 - Lower Ninth Ward Northeast Group C (FRC) neighborhood area (the “**Project**”), as provided in the ITB;

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in response to the City’s ITB, and the City desires to award the Contract to the Contractor; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City grants and confirms to the Contractor the Contract to provide roadway construction services on streets within the Lower Ninth Ward Northeast Group C neighborhood in accordance with the ITB, and the City and the Contractor, for good and valuable consideration, agree as follows:

I. THE CONTRACTOR’S OBLIGATIONS

The Contractor will perform all obligations of the Contract, and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth, in the Contract and in the following documents that are incorporated fully into this Contract by reference: the ITB; the Contractor’s Bid dated July 6, 2023 (the “**Contractor’s Bid**”); all documents, drawings, and specifications incorporated or referenced in the ITB and/or the Contractor’s Bid, including, but not limited to, any and all terms, conditions, documents, drawings, and/or specifications contained in the June 2015 Proposal and Construction Specifications for FEMA Funded Recovery Roads Program, including, but not

limited to, the City's General Contract Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions for FEMA Contracts, and the City's General Specifications for Street Paving (2015 ed.).

II. THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS

The City will pay the Contractor at the rates set forth in the Contractor's Bid for the satisfactory performance of this Contract and will perform all obligations of the City, and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract and any incorporated documents.

III. COMPENSATION

The maximum aggregate amount payable by the City pursuant to this Contract is **SEVENTEEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY – ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY – TWO AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$17,981,752.50).**

IV. CONTRACT TIME

Construction duration for this Project is **265 Working Days** commencing upon the issuance of the Notice to Proceed by the City.

V. THE SURETY'S OBLIGATIONS

A. Performance and Payment Bonds. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (the "Surety") intervenes in this Contract and binds itself as surety for:

1. The faithful performance of all work required of the Contractor by this Contract in the full sum of **\$17,981,752.50**; and
2. The full payment by the Contractor of all payments to be made by the Contractor under this Contract in the full sum of **\$17,981,752.50**.

Each of these bonds is to be considered separate and distinct, and no payment made by the Surety under either bond shall in any way reduce the obligations of the Surety under the other.

B. Acknowledgement of Contract. The Surety represents and warrants that it has fully read and understands the terms of this Contract, including all incorporated documents.

C. Survival and Validity of Bonds. The Surety's bonds shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive the termination of this Contract, but shall become null and void if the Contractor: (1) well and faithfully performs all and singular obligations assumed by the Contractor in this Contract; (2) promptly pays all wages of laborers, workmen, or mechanics to be employed by the Contractor for all work done or labor performed by the Contractor or by any subcontractors; or furnished to subcontractors, and used in the construction, erection, alteration, performance or repairs of the work required by the Contract; (3) promptly pays for all materials

or supplies furnished to the Contractor, or by any subcontractor, or to any subcontractor, for the use in machines used in the construction, erection, alteration, performance, or repair of the work required by the Contract; (4) fully secures and protects the City, its legal successor and representatives, from all loss or expenses of any kind, including premises, including all costs of Court and attorneys' fees, made necessary or arising from the failure, refusal, or neglect of the Contractor to comply with all of the obligations assumed by it; and (5) promptly delivers all the work required by the Contract to the City, free from any and all claims, liens, and expenses. The obligations of the Surety will not be affected in any way by any modifications, omissions, or additions in or to the terms of this Contract, the plans or specifications, or in the manner and mode payment.

VI. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. **Convicted Felon Statement.** The Contractor complies with City Code § 2-8(c) and no principal, member, or officer of the Contractor has, within the preceding 5 years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, falsification, or destruction of public records.

B. **Non-Solicitation Statement.** The Contractor has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Contract. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Contract.

C. **Non – Waiver.** The failure of either party to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Contract, to enforce any right or to seek any remedy upon the discovery of any default or breach of the other party at such time as the initial discovery of the existence of such noncompliance, right, default, or breach shall not affect or constitute a waiver of either party's right to insist upon such compliance, exercise such right, or seek such remedy with respect to that default or breach or any prior contemporaneous or subsequent default or breach.

D. **Federal Contract Clauses.** The "Federal Contract Clauses" attached as Exhibit "A" to this Contract, are expressly incorporated in the Contract and will be effective, notwithstanding any provision of the Contract or any incorporated documents, to the contrary, upon the City's notice to the Contractor that the City intends to seek reimbursement from FEMA in connection with the work to be performed under this Contract.

E. **Entire Agreement.** This Contract, including all incorporated documents, constitutes the final and complete agreement and understanding between the Parties. All prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, are superseded by this effect to vary or alter any terms or conditions of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, the Contractor, and the Surety, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Contract.

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: [Signature] FOR
LATOYA CANTRELL,
MAYOR

Executed on this 20th of September, 2023

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department

By: [Signature]
Printed Name: Tracy Tyle

FLEMING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
L.L.C.

BY: [Signature]
JANA FLEMING KATZ,
MEMBER

FEDERAL TAX I.D. NO. 

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: [Signature]
MARY E. KLEINPETER,
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

[Exhibit A contained on the following pages]

[ORIGINAL BOND AND POWER OF ATTORNEY MUST BE ATTACHED TO CONTRACT]

EXHIBIT A: FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES

Since the parties anticipate that federal funding will be applied to this Agreement, the following federal contract clauses must be complied with, where applicable, in addition to the clauses already mentioned.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided

in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: *Provided*, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon

contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT.

(1) *Overtime requirements.* No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District

or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* The City shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(4) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

CLEAN AIR ACT

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the GOHSEP and understands and agrees that the GOHSEP will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FEMA, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

The Contractor hereby recognizes the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163).

CLEAN WATER ACT

The Contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the GOHSEP and understands and agrees that the GOHSEP will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the FEMA, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the City, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING ACT

The Contractor will be expected to comply with Federal statutes required in the Anti-Lobbying Act. Contractors who apply or bid for an award shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

In the performance of this Contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the Contract performance schedule;
- ii. Meeting Contract performance requirements; or
- iii. At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS.

(a) Any party to this contract must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. These steps are required for the hiring of any subcontractors under this contract.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT.

Any procurement of telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment must comply with the provisions of 2. C.F.R. §200.216.

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS.

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the parties should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

(1) The Contractor agrees to provide the State of Louisiana, the City, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

(4) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the City and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the Contract only. The Contractor will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Contract.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

CONTRACTS WITH OTHERS

If the Contractor contracts with any other contractor or vendor for performance of any portion of the work required under this Agreement, the Contractor must incorporate into its contract with such contractor or vendor an indemnification clause holding the Federal Government, its employees and/or their contractors; the State of Louisiana, its employees, and/or their contractors; and the City, its employees and/or their contractors, and the Contractor and its employees and/or contractors harmless from liability to third parties for claims asserted under such contract.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

The City shall each have the right to terminate this Agreement for cause, effective immediately upon the giving of written notice to the other party of its intent to terminate and the reasons therefore. If the termination for cause is subsequently challenged in a court of law and if the challenging party prevails, the termination for cause shall be deemed to be a termination for convenience and shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date that the original written notice of termination for cause was given to the challenging party and no further notice shall be required.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause by giving the Contractor written notice of its intent to terminate at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination. In the event that the City elects to terminate for convenience, the City shall be obligated to pay the Engineer only for those Services performed up to and through the date of termination.

REMEDIES AND SANCTIONS AGAINST ENGINEER'S DEFAULT

The City retains all rights and recourse under Louisiana law to enforce this Agreement or recover damages in connection with any breach or violation by the Contractor hereof.



This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: 8210066-969123

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Brenda G. Ortego, Charles E. Reagin III, Edward L. Kinney Jr., Markham R. McKnight, Mary E. Kleinpeter, Rhonda S. Crooks, Roxanna S. Borer, Stephanie S. McKnight, Tawanda A. Weatherspoon, Theodore J. Eastin, Thomas M. Sandahl, Trent J. Sandahl, William G. McKnight

all of the city of Baton Rouge state of LA each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 5th day of May, 2023.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By:

David M. Carey
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 5th day of May, 2023 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My commission expires March 28, 2025
Commission number 1126044
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By:

Teresa Pastella
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this _____ day of _____.



By:

Renee C. Llewellyn
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary