

K21-1242

Bond No. 43BCSIR5470

**CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
AND
HARD ROCK CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC
BID PROPOSAL NO.: 1617
EMERGENCY CLEANING, VIDEO SURVEYING, AND TRIAGE
OF CATCH BASINS, CATCH BASIN LATERALS, MAIN DRAIN LINES, AND
DRAINAGE STRUCTURES**

THIS CONTRACT (the “**Contract**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”), and Hard Rock Construction Co., LLC, represented by Jason Juneau, Member/Estimator (the “**Contractor**”). The City and Contractor are each sometimes referred to as a “**Party**,” and collectively, as the “**Parties**.” The Contract is effective as of the date of execution by the City (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2021, the Mayor of the City of New Orleans executed a proclamation declaring a state of emergency due to extreme weather associated with then Tropical Storm Ida (See “**Declaration of Emergency**” as Exhibit A);

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency authorized the City to undertake any and all extraordinary measures to provide for the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience, including without limitation the suspension of any regulatory ordinance, order, rule or regulation of any local agency prescribing procedures for the conduct of local business which would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action on coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, due to the Declaration of Emergency, on November 5, 2021, the City issued an Emergency Invitation to Bid No. 1617, seeking a contractor to provide emergency cleaning, video surveying, and triage of catch basins, catch basin laterals, main drain lines, and drainage structures (the “**ITB**”);

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid in response to the ITB; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to award the Contract to the Contractor;

NOW THEREFORE, the City grants and confirms to the Contractor the Contract to provide emergency cleaning, video surveying, and triage of catch basins, catch basin laterals, main drain lines, and drainage structures to the City under the ITB, and the City and the Contractor, for good and valuable consideration, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I – THE CONTRACTOR’S OBLIGATIONS

The Contractor will perform all obligations of the Contractor and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract and in the following documents that are incorporated fully into this Contract: the ITB and the Contractor's Bid dated November 11, 2021 (the "Bid").

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE III – THE SURETY'S OBLIGATIONS

A. Performance Bond. Hartford Fire 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 \$3,765,000.00; 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 \$3,765,000.00.

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.

ARTICLE IV – FORCE MAJEURE

A. Event. An event of Force Majeure will include any event or occurrence not reasonably foreseeable by the City at the execution of this Agreement, which will include, but not be limited to, abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions or other acts of God (including tropical weather events, tornados, hurricanes, and flooding); declarations of emergency; shortages of labor or materials (not caused by City); riots; terrorism; acts of public enemy; war; sabotage;

cyber-attacks, threats, or incidents; epidemics or pandemics; court or governmental order; or any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of City, provided such event was not caused by the negligence or misconduct of City, by the failure of City to comply with applicable laws, or by the breach of this Agreement.

B. Notice. To seek the benefit of this Article, the City must provide notice in writing to the Contractor stating: (1) an event triggering this Article has occurred; (2) the anticipated effect of the Force Majeure event on performance; and (3) the expected duration of the delay, if the Agreement is being suspended

C. Effect.

1. Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure event, for which the City has provided required notice, the City may, at its sole discretion:

- a. Suspend this Agreement for a duration to be set by the City, not to exceed 90 days. During such time of suspension, the Parties will not be liable or responsible for performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement, and there will be excluded from the computation of such period of time any delays directly due to the occurrence of the Force Majeure event. During any such period of suspension, the Contractor must take all commercially reasonable actions to mitigate against the effects of the Force Majeure event and to ensure the prompt resumption of performance when so instructed by the City; or
- b. Terminate this Agreement, either immediately or after one or more periods of suspension, effective on notice to Contractor and without any further compensation due.

2. Notwithstanding Section C(1) above, the obligations relating to making payments when due (for services or materials already provided) and those obligations specified to survive in the Agreement will be unaffected by any suspension or termination.

ARTICLE V – SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR FEMA COMPLIANCE

The “Federal Contract Clauses” attached as Exhibit “B” to this Agreement, are expressly incorporated in the Agreement and will be effective, notwithstanding any provision of the Agreement or any incorporated documents, to the contrary, upon execution of this Amendment.

ARTICLE VI – ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Convicted Felon Statement. The Contractor complies with City Code Section 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, or 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 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. **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 Contract and are without effect to vary or alter any terms or conditions of this Contract.

(Signatures and Exhibits contained on the following pages)

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

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

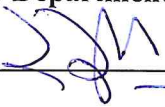
BY: 

LATOYA CANTRELL,
MAYOR

Executed on this 26th of July, 2022

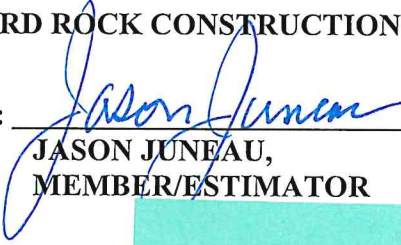
FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:

Law Department

By: 

Printed Name: Tracy Tye

HARD ROCK CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC

BY: 

JASON JUNEAU,
MEMBER/ESTIMATOR


FEDERAL TAX I.D.

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: 

NORMA TOUPS

(PRINT NAME)

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

[ORIGINAL POWER OF ATTORNEY MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS CONTRACT.]

(Exhibits A-B contained on the following pages)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

THE HARTFORD

BOND, T-11

One Hartford Plaza

Hartford, Connecticut 06155

Bond.Claims@thehartford.com

call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: ELLSWORTH CORPORATION

Agency Code: 43-480815

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| ☒ | Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut |
| ☒ | Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana |
| ☒ | Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut |
| ☐ | Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut |
| ☐ | Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana |
| ☐ | Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois |
| ☐ | Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana |
| ☐ | Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida |

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of Unlimited :**

Charles F. Cowand, Anthony Currera, Alexander J. Ellsworth, Ralph J. LeBlanc, Kathryn Moore, Norma Touns of METAIRIE, Louisiana

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by ☒, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on May 23, 2016 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Shelby Wiggins

Shelby Wiggins, Assistant Secretary

Joelle L. LaPierre

Joelle L. LaPierre, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

ss. Lake Mary

On this 20th day of May, 2021, before me personally came Joelle LaPierre, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that (s)he resides in Seminole County, State of Florida; that (s)he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that (s)he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that (s)he signed his/her name thereto by like authority.



Jessica Ciccone

Jessica Ciccone
My Commission HH 122280
Expires June 20, 2025

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of _____.

Signed and sealed in Lake Mary, Florida.



Keith D. Dozois

Keith D. Dozois, Assistant Vice President