

SECTION 340

BID BOND

(For a paper bid, one original required of all Bidders with Power of Attorney attached. For an electronic bid, an electronic bid bond will still be accepted if received prior to the bid opening)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Shannon Smith Construction, L.L.C. as PRINCIPAL, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto the DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, as OWNER in the penal sum of Five Percent Of Amount Bid DOLLARS (\$ -5%-) for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, successors and assigns.

Signed this 14th day of May, 20 25.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the PRINCIPAL has submitted to the DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, a Bid, attached hereto and hereby made a part thereof, to enter into a contract in writing, for the construction of the following project:

Hurricane Laura Storm Repairs – Demolition of Office/CCD & Hall/Storage Buildings
for St. Henry Catholic Church

NOW THEREFORE,

- a. If said Bid shall be rejected, or
- b. If said Bid shall be accepted and the PRINCIPAL shall execute and deliver a contract in the Form of Agreement attachment hereto (properly completed in accordance with said Bid) and shall furnish a Bond for faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor and furnishing materials in connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the Agreement created by the acceptance of said Bid, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise the same shall remain in force and effect; it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its Bond shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the OWNER may accept such Bid; and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extensions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PRINCIPAL and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, the day and year first set forth above.

Shannon Smith Construction, L.L.C.
PRINCIPAL (BIDDER)

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
SURETY

ADDRESS: 1200 E. McNeese St.

ADDRESS: 1299 Zurich Way

Suite A Lake Charles, LA 70607


Schaumburg, IL 60196

BY: 
AUTHORIZED OFFICER-OWNER-PARTNER
(SEAL)

BY: 
AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

TITLE President

TITLE: Ashlyn Armentor, Attorney in Fact

SIGNATURE: 

SIGNATURE: 

WITNESS Tammy Romero

WITNESS Elyse Duhon, Bond Assistant

IMPORTANT: Bid Guaranty Bonds: In accordance with LA R.S. 38:2218.C, all Bid Guaranty Bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance agency currently on the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved companies, with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bonds either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents.

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Illinois, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Illinois (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by Christopher Nolan, Vice President, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint **Douglas N. MCELVEEN, Kyla C. BAKER, Amanda B. MCELVEEN, Kathryn W. PETERS, Benjamin STINE, Ashlyn ARMENTOR, Charles T. MCDONALD of Lake Charles, Louisiana** its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

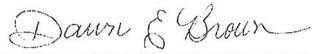
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**, this 24th day of February A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:
**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**





By: **Christopher Nolan**
Vice President

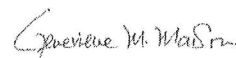


By: **Dawn E. Brown**
Secretary

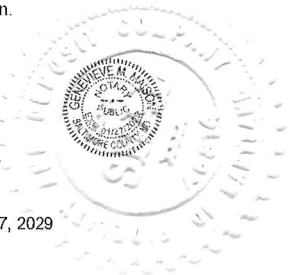
**State of Maryland
County of Baltimore**

On this 24th day of February A.D. 2025, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **Christopher Nolan, Vice President and Dawn E. Brown, Secretary** of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Genevieve M. Maison
Notary Public
My Commission Expire January 27, 2029



Authenticity of this bond can be confirmed at bondvalidator.zurichna.com or 410-559-8790

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies,
this 14th day of May 2025.



MJ Pethick

Mary Jean Pethick
Vice President

TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE CLAIM INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL ON THE BOND, THE BOND NUMBER, AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO:

Zurich Surety Claims
1299 Zurich Way
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056
reportsfclaims@zurichna.com
800-626-4577

Authenticity of this bond can be confirmed at bondvalidator.zurichna.com or 410-559-8790