

BID BOND

DATE: September 13, 2011

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT Louisiana School Equipment Company, LLC

of 330 Lee Drive, Ste. B, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 as Principal,

and North American Specialty Insurance Company and as Surety, are held

and firmly bound unto the Calcasieu Parish School Board, in the full and just sum of **five (5%) percent of the total amount of this proposal, including all alternates**, lawful money of the United States, for payment of which sum, well and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally firmly by those presents.

Surety represents that it is listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument, that surety currently is licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, and that this bond is countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, whereas said Principal is herewith submitting its proposal to the obligee on a Contract for:

**LIBRARY AND CLASSROOM ADDITION
LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB, & ART STUDIO FURNITURE
SAM HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL.**

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Contract be awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall, within such time as may be specified, enter into the Contract in writing and give a good and sufficient bond to secure the performance of the terms and conditions of the Contract with surety acceptable to the obligee, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the obligation shall become due and payable.

BOND CERTIFICATION: The Principal certifies that he meets all bonding requirements of the Calcasieu Parish School Board as set forth in paragraph 4.2.1 of the Instructions to Bidders found in the General Guide for Front End Documents for Calcasieu Parish School Board.

Louisiana School Equipment Company, LLC

Arnold M. Jones, Jr.
Principal

North American Specialty Insurance Company

Samoa P. Meche
Samoa P. Meche, 215582 Attorney in Fact Surety

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NAS SURETY GROUP

NORTH AMERICAN SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT North American Specialty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the State of New Hampshire, and having its principal office in the City of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Washington International Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its principal office in the City of Schaumburg, Illinois, each does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

R.E. POOL, DAVID P. DANIEL and SAMOA P. MECHE

JOINTLY OR SEVERALLY

Its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf and as its act and deed, bonds or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond on behalf of each of said Companies, as surety, on contracts of suretyship as are or may be required or permitted by law, regulation, contract or otherwise, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract or suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed the amount of:

FIFTY MILLION (\$50,000,000.00) DOLLARS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of both North American Specialty Insurance Company and Washington International Insurance Company at meetings duly called and held on the 24th of March, 2000:

"RESOLVED, that any two of the Presidents, any Managing Director, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary be, and each or any of them hereby is authorized to execute a Power of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute on behalf of the Company bonds, undertakings and all contracts of surety, and that each or any of them hereby is authorized to attest to the execution of any such Power of Attorney and to attach therein the seal of the Company; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future with regard to any bond, undertaking or contract of surety to which it is attached."



By

Steven P. Anderson

Steven P. Anderson, President & Chief Executive Officer of Washington International Insurance Company & Senior Vice President of North American Specialty Insurance Company



By

David M. Layman

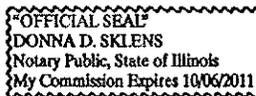
David M. Layman, Senior Vice President of Washington International Insurance Company & Vice President of North American Specialty Insurance Company

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, North American Specialty Insurance Company and Washington International Insurance Company have caused their official seals to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by their authorized officers this 22nd day of September, 20 10.

North American Specialty Insurance Company
Washington International Insurance Company

State of Illinois
County of Cook ss:

On this 22nd day of September, 20 10, before me, a Notary Public personally appeared Steven P. Anderson, President and CEO of Washington International Insurance Company and Senior Vice President of North American Specialty Insurance Company and David M. Layman, Senior Vice President of Washington International Insurance Company and Vice President of North American Specialty Insurance Company, personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as officers of and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of their respective companies.



Donna D. Sklens

Donna D. Sklens, Notary Public

I, James A. Carpenter, the duly elected Assistant Secretary of North American Specialty Insurance Company and Washington International Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney given by said North American Specialty Insurance Company and Washington International Insurance Company, which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seals of the Companies this 13th day of September, 20 11.

James A. Carpenter

James A. Carpenter, Vice President & Assistant Secretary of Washington International Insurance Company & North American Specialty Insurance Company