

LOUISIANA UNIFORM PUBLIC WORK BID FORM

TO: Lake Providence Port Commission
409 Port Road
Lake Providence, Louisiana 71254

(Owner to provide name and address of owner)

BID FOR: Port of Lake Providence

Multi-modal Freight Corridor Improvements
(SEAEDD Track Rehabilitation Project)

State Project No. H.014377(321)

(Owner to provide name of project and other identifying information)

The undersigned bidder hereby declares and represents that she/he: a) has carefully examined and understands the Bidding Documents, b) has not received, relied on, or based his bid on any verbal instructions contrary to the Bidding Documents or any addenda, c) has personally inspected and is familiar with the project site, and hereby proposes to provide all labor, materials, tools, appliances and facilities as required to perform, in a workmanlike manner, all work and services for the construction and completion of the referenced project, all in strict accordance with the Bidding Documents prepared by: _____

HDR and Digital Engineering and dated: February 2024

(Owner to provide name of entity preparing bidding documents.)

Bidders must acknowledge all addenda. The Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following **ADDENDA:** (Enter the number the Designer has assigned to each of the addenda that the Bidder is acknowledging) 1,2,3.

TOTAL BASE BID: For all work required by the Bidding Documents (including any and all unit prices designated "Base Bid" * but not alternates) the sum of:

Fourteen Million Five Hundred Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars and Thirty Cents Dollars (\$ \$14,561,520.30)

ALTERNATES: For any and all work required by the Bidding Documents for Alternates including any and all unit prices designated as alternates in the unit price description.

Alternate No. 1 *(Owner to provide description of alternate and state whether add or deduct)* for the lump sum of:

N/A Dollars (\$ N/A)

Alternate No. 2 *(Owner to provide description of alternate and state whether add or deduct)* for the lump sum of:

N/A Dollars (\$ N/A)

Alternate No. 3 *(Owner to provide description of alternate and state whether add or deduct)* for the lump sum of:

N/A Dollars (\$ N/A)

NAME OF BIDDER: Brown Industrial Construction

ADDRESS OF BIDDER: 17170 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, La 70810

LOUISIANA CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER: 55950

NAME OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF BIDDER: Gerald Denley

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF BIDDER: Chief Operations Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF BIDDER **: 

DATE: 4/11/2024

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THIS LOUISIANA UNIFORM PUBLIC WORK BID FORM:

* The Unit Price Form shall be used if the contract includes unit prices. Otherwise it is not required and need not be included with the form. The number of unit prices that may be included is not limited and additional sheets may be included if needed.

** **A CORPORATE RESOLUTION OR WRITTEN EVIDENCE** of the authority of the person signing the bid for the public work as prescribed by LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5).

BID SECURITY in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check as prescribed by LA R.S. 38:2218(A) attached to and made a part of this bid.

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DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Clearing and Grubbing			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
201-01-00100	10.75	Acre	\$40,000.00	\$430,000.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Removal of Fence			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
202-02-12000	1,500	Linear Foot	\$3.50	\$5,250.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Temporary Hay Bales			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
204-02-00100	100	Each	\$53.00	\$5,300.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Temporary Silt Fencing			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
204-06-00100	11,300	Linear Foot	\$3.15	\$35,595.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Mobilization / Demobilization			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
5	1	Lump Sum	\$1,450,000.00	\$1,450,000.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Rail Relay - 136# Relay (1 Mile Starting South of LA 2)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
6	10,560	Linear Foot	\$59.00	\$623,040.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Short and Broken Rail Replacements			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
7	5,500	Linear Foot	\$31.75	\$174,625.00

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DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Track Rehabilitation to FRA Class 2 Standards			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
8	18.3	Track Mile	\$3,600.00	\$65,880.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Tamping (2 Passes)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
9	194,948	Track Foot	\$0.80	\$155,958.40

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ New Track Construction			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
10	14,108	Track Foot	\$164.00	\$2,313,712.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ New Track Construction - H&W Warehouse Siding (85# SH Rail and OTM provided by Others, Contractor Provided Ties and Ballast)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
11	150	Track Foot	\$213.00	\$31,950.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Track Reconstruction - Epic Scale and Warehouse Tracks - Material provided by Others			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
12	175	Track Foot	\$95.00	\$16,625.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Install No. 6 90# LH Turnout on Existing Track - Epic Scale and Warehouse Track - Rebuild With Material provided by Others			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
13A	1	Each	\$21,660.00	\$21,660.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Install No. 10 8550 RH Turnout on Existing Track (Including Walkway Ballast) - H&W Warehouse Siding - Rebuild with Material Provided by Others			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
13B	1	Each	\$21,660.00	\$21,660.00

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DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Furnish and Install No. 10 136RE RH Turnout on Existing Track (Including Walkway Ballast)				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
14	3	Each	\$115,000.00	\$345,000.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Furnish and Install No. 10 136RE LH Turnout on Existing Track (Including Walkway Ballast)				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
15	1	Each	\$112,000.00	\$112,000.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Furnish and Install No. 8 136RE RH Turnout on Existing Track (Including Walkway Ballast)				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
16	1	Each	\$113,000.00	\$113,000.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Furnish and Install No. 8 136RE LH Turnout on Existing Track (Including Walkway Ballast)				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
17	3	Each	\$114,000.00	\$342,000.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Turnout Rehabilitation				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
18	13	Each	\$13,980.00	\$181,740.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Track Tie Replacement (Contractor Furnish & Install)				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
19	22,016	Each	\$137.00	\$3,016,192.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Switch Tie Package Replacement for No. 10 Turnout (Contractor Furnish & Install) (6 Turnout 1/2 Switch Tie Packages, 4 Turnout with Full Switch Tie Package)				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
20	7	Set	\$28,000.00	\$196,000.00

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DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Switch Tie Package Replacement for No. 8 Turnout (Contractor Furnish & Install) (South No. #8 LH turnout with 1/2 Switch Tie Package)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
21	0.5	Set	\$38,000.00	\$19,000.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Ballast (Contractor Furnish & Install)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
22	37,640	Ton	\$55.00	\$2,070,200.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Subballast (Contractor Furnish & Install - Including Geotextile Fabric)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
23	17,100	Ton	\$62.00	\$1,060,200.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Rail Anchors (Contractor Furnish and Install 8550 Rail Anchors) (Box Anchoring Ties That are Replaced)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
24	70,180	Each	\$7.40	\$519,332.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Rail Anchors (Contractor Furnish and Install 90# Rail Anchors) (Box Anchoring Ties That are Replaced)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
25	12,136	Each	\$7.40	\$89,806.40

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Tie Plates (Constructor Furnish & Install 8550 Tie Plates)(Estimated at 1/4 of Plates on Ties to be Replaced)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
26	8,773	Each	\$11.65	\$102,205.45

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Tie Plates (Constructor Furnish & Install 90# Tie Plates)(Estimated at 1/4 of Plates on Ties to be Replaced)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
27	1,517	Each	\$11.65	\$17,673.05

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DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ At- Grade Crossing - Precast Concrete Panel Surface				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
28	688	Track Foot	\$450.00	\$309,600.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ At- Grade Crossing - Asphalt Concrete (AC) Surface				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
29	80	Track Foot	\$56.00	\$4,480.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ At- Grade Crossing - Asphalt Concrete (AC) Approach Pavement				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
30	225	Square Yard	\$90.00	\$20,250.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ At- Grade Crossing - Rock Surface				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
31	62	Track Foot	\$245.00	\$15,190.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Geogrid				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
32	1,100	Square Yard	\$5.50	\$6,050.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ Permanent Seeding				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
33	9,600	Square Yard	\$0.65	\$6,240.00

DESCRIPTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# ___ General Excavation				
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
203-01-00100	8,200	Cubic Yard	\$19.00	\$155,800.00

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DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ Embankment			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
203-03-00100	8,300	Cubic Yard	\$51.00	\$423,300.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ 24-inch Polymer Coated CMP (Furnish and Install)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
36	96	Linear Foot	\$306.00	\$29,376.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ Earth Mound Track End Treatment			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
37	5	Each	\$2,330.00	\$11,650.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ Wheel Stops (Contractor Furnish and Install)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
38	1	Pair	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ At-Grade Crossing - Remove, Realign Track and Replace Concrete Panels (Hwy 883-1)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
39	40	Track Feet	\$795.00	\$31,800.00

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ Derails (Furnish and Install Left or Right Hand Flop Type)			
REF. NO.	QUANTITY:	UNIT OF MEASURE:	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE EXTENSION <i>(Quantity times Unit Price)</i>
40	5	Each	\$2,118.00	\$10,590.00

Wording for "DESCRIPTION" is to be provided by the Owner.

All quantities are estimated. The contractor will be paid based upon actual quantities as verified by the Owner

BID BOND

FOR

Multi-modal Freight Corridor Improvements (SEAEDD Track Rehabilitation Project) State Project No. H.014377(321)

Date: April 11, 2024

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Brown Industrial Construction, LLC of 17170 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, as Principal, and United States Fire Insurance Company, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Lake Providence Port Commission (Obligee), in the full and just sum of five (5%) percent of the total amount of this bid, 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 these presents.

Surety represents that it is listed on the current U. S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater that the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument or that it is a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A - rating in the latest printing of the A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the Bond amount may not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide.

Surety further represents that it is licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana and that this Bond is signed by surety's agent or attorney-in-fact. This Bid Bond is accompanied by appropriate power of attorney.

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

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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 this obligation shall become due and payable.

Brown Industrial Construction, LLC
PRINCIPAL (BIDDER)

United States Fire Insurance Company
305 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960
SURETY

BY: *Genevieve Purley*
AUTHORIZED OFFICER-OWNER PARTNER

BY: *Stephen L. Cory*
AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT (SEAL)
Stephen L. Cory, Attorney-in-Fact

Countersigned:
Louisiana Resident Agent:
By: *Stephen L. Cory*
Stephen L. Cory, Metairie, LA

**POWER OF ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
PRINCIPAL OFFICE - MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That United States Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, has made, constituted and appointed, and does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Stephen L. Cory, Pamela K. Tucker, Bert Guiberteau, Jr., Michael C. Seaman,
Mary Claire Buckley, Ronald Chase Zumo

each, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver: Any and all bonds and undertakings of surety and other documents that the ordinary course of surety business may require, and to bind United States Fire Insurance Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds or undertakings had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of United States Fire Insurance Company at its principal office, in amounts or penalties: **Unlimited**

This Power of Attorney limits the act of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein, and they have no authority to bind United States Fire Insurance Company except in the manner and to the extent therein stated.

This Power of Attorney is granted pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws of United States Fire Insurance Company as now in full force and effect, and consistent with Article III thereof, which Articles provide, in pertinent part:

Article IV, Execution of Instruments - Except as the Board of Directors may authorize by resolution, the Chairman of the Board, President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice President, the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary shall have power on behalf of the Corporation:

- (a) to execute, affix the corporate seal manually or by facsimile to, acknowledge, verify and deliver any contracts, obligations, instruments and documents whatsoever in connection with its business including, without limiting the foregoing, any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney, stipulations, policies of insurance, deeds, leases, mortgages, releases, satisfactions and agency agreements;
- (b) to appoint, in writing, one or more persons for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraph (a), including affixing the seal of the Corporation.

Article III, Officers, Section 3.11, Facsimile Signatures. The signature of any officer authorized by the Corporation to sign any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, stipulations, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney and policies of insurance issued by the Corporation may be printed, facsimile, lithographed or otherwise produced. In addition, if and as authorized by the Board of Directors, dividend warrants or checks, or other numerous instruments similar to one another in form, may be signed by the facsimile signature or signatures, lithographed or otherwise produced, of such officer or officers of the Corporation as from time to time may be authorized to sign such instruments on behalf of the Corporation. The Corporation may continue to use for the purposes herein stated the facsimile signature of any person or persons who shall have been such officer or officers of the Corporation, notwithstanding the fact that he may have ceased to be such at the time when such instruments shall be issued.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, United States Fire Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed and attested by its appropriate officer and its corporate seal hereunto affixed this 28th day of September, 2021.

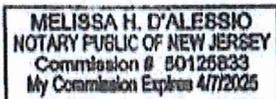
UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY



Matthew E. Lubin, President

State of New Jersey }
County of Morris }

On this 28th day of September, 2021, before me, a Notary public of the State of New Jersey, came the above named officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described herein, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument and affixed the seal of United States Fire Insurance Company thereto by the authority of his office.



Melissa H. D'Alessio (Notary Public)

I, the undersigned officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, a Delaware corporation, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of United States Fire Insurance Company on the 11th day of April 2024

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY



Michael C. Fay, Senior Vice President