

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 One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine and 50/100ths Dollars (\$ 14,189,379.50)

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:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)

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

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)

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

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)

NAME OF BIDDER: RailWorks Track Systems LLC

ADDRESS OF BIDDER: 1600 W 13th Street

Deer Park, TX 77536

LOUISIANA CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER: 7205

NAME OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF BIDDER: Robert C Rolf

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF BIDDER: Vice President and General Manager

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF BIDDER **: 

DATE: 4/10/2024

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	\$23,100	\$248,325

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	\$4.78	\$7,170

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	\$109.20	\$10,920

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	\$7.36	\$83,168

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	\$795,000	\$795,000

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	\$60	\$633,600

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	\$32	\$176,000

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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	\$39,750	\$727,425

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	\$1.75	\$341,159

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	\$144.50	\$2,056,524

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	\$207	\$31,050

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	\$207	\$36,225

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	\$49,000	\$49,000

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	\$109,650	\$109,650

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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	\$105,850	\$317,550

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	\$105,800	\$105,800

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	\$91,000	\$91,000

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	\$83,450	\$250,350

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	\$17,000	\$221,000

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	\$139.50	\$3,071,232

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	\$61,200	\$428,400

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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	\$57,780	\$28,890

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	\$49.50	\$1,863,180

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	\$58	\$991,800

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	\$5.06	\$355,110.80

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	\$4.05	\$49,150.80

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ Tie Plates (Constractor 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	\$13.16	\$115,452.68

DESCRIPTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Base Bid or <input type="checkbox"/> Alt.# __ Tie Plates (Constractor 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	\$13.16	\$19,963.72

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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	\$309,600

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	\$925	\$74,000

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	\$164.50	\$37,012.50

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	\$10.50	\$651

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	\$6.60	\$7,260

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	\$1.21	\$11,616

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	\$18.22	\$149,404

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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	\$30.62	\$254,146

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	\$364	\$34,944

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	\$975	\$4,875

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	\$2,400	\$2,400

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	\$1,925	\$77,000

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	\$2,475	\$12,375

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

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Date: March 28, 2024

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That RailWorks Track Systems LLC of Deer Park, TX, as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, 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 than 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.

RailWorks Track Systems LLC
PRINCIPAL (BIDDER)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
SURETY

BY: 
AUTHORIZED OFFICER-OWNER-PARTNER

BY: 
AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT (SEAL)
Sarah Murtha, Attorney-in-Fact



**Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Sarah Murtha** of **HARTFORD**, **Connecticut**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory 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, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April**, **2021**.



State of Connecticut

By:

Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

On this the **21st** day of **April**, **2021**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June**, **2026**



Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each 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 remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **28th** day of **March**, **2024**.



Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.

Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.

