

**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, Russell J. Stutes Construction Co., LLC as PRINCIPAL, and The Cincinnati Insurance Company 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 9 day of November, 2023.

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 – Repairs to Catholic Charities.

**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.

Russell J. Stutes Construction Co., LLC  
PRINCIPAL (BIDDER)

The Cincinnati Casualty Company  
SURETY

ADDRESS: 3007 Country Club Rd.

ADDRESS: 700 W. Prien Lake Road

Lake Charles, LA 70605

Lake Charles, LA 70601

BY: T. Patricia Mungall

BY: Kathryn Peters

(SEAL) AUTHORIZED OFFICER-OWNER-PARTNER

AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

TITLE PRESIDENT

TITLE: Kathryn Peters - Attorney-in-Fact

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

WITNESS M. h. S.

WITNESS Ashlyn Armentor

**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.

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY  
THE CINCINNATI CASUALTY COMPANY

Fairfield, Ohio

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY and THE CINCINNATI CASUALTY COMPANY, corporations organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, and having their principal offices in the City of Fairfield, Ohio (herein collectively called the "Companies"), do hereby constitute and appoint

Benjamin Dennis Stine, Christine Baker, Kathryn Peters, Douglas Nash McElveen,

of Lake Charles, LA

their true and legal Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of the Companies as Surety, any and all bonds, policies, undertakings or other like instruments, as follows:

Fifty Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$50,000,000.00)

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of The Cincinnati Insurance Company and The Cincinnati Casualty Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the President or any Senior Vice President be hereby authorized, and empowered to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact of the Company to execute any and all bonds, policies, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Corporation, and may authorize any officer or any such Attorney-in-Fact to affix the corporate seal; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority. Any such writings so executed by such Attorneys-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

RESOLVED, that the signature of the President or any Senior Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Secretary or Assistant Vice-President and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power of certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be sealed with their corporate seals, duly attested by their President or any Senior Vice President this 16th day of March, 2021.



STATE OF OHIO )SS:  
COUNTY OF BUTLER )

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY  
THE CINCINNATI CASUALTY COMPANY

*Stephen A. Ventre*

On this 16th day of March, 2021 before me came the above-named President or Senior Vice President of The Cincinnati Insurance Company and The Cincinnati Casualty Company, to me personally known to be the officer described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the corporate seals of said Companies and the corporate seals and the signature of the officer were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said corporations.



*Keith Collett*

Keith Collett, Attorney at Law  
Notary Public – State of Ohio

My commission has no expiration date.  
Section 147.03 O.R.C.

I, the undersigned Secretary or Assistant Vice-President of The Cincinnati Insurance Company and The Cincinnati Casualty Company, hereby certify that the above is the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Companies, and do hereby further certify that the said Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seal of said Companies at Fairfield, Ohio, this 9 day of November, 2023



*Ed H.*