

## BIDDER'S CHECKLIST

THE FOLLOWING FORMS, ITEMS 1 – 6, MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL AS REQUIRED, AND SUBMITTED COLLECTIVELY AS THE BID PROPOSAL PACKAGE PRIOR TO THE BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.

- (1) **BID PROPOSAL FORM** *(2 Forms) Add Amount on both forms*  
The unit prices bid must be shown in the space provided. Bids must be submitted on the bid proposal form provided.
- (2) **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WAGE PAYMENT STATUTES.** *Done*
- (3) **BID DEPOSIT**  
The attached bid bond form, or equivalent standard industry bid bond form, must be completed by the surety company and bidder, and submitted with the bid unless bid is accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, cash, or cashier's check.  
The bid deposit amount shall be not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount, excluding sales tax.
- (4) **STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS** *Done*
- (5) **IDENTIFICATION LIST FOR SUBCONTRACTORS OR CONTRACTOR ITSELF TO PERFORM HVAC, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL WORK**  
Must submitted with the bid proposal or within one (1) hour after the published bid submittal time.
- (6) **IDENTIFICATION LIST FOR SUBCONTRACTORS OR CONTRACTOR ITSELF TO PERFORM STEEL, REBAR.**  
Must submitted with the bid proposal or within forty-eight (48) hours after the published bid submittal time.

**PROJECT** Courthouse Renovation, New Courtroom 3D **BID NO.** PW-23-003SB  
**COMPANY** Hi Mark Construction Inc **BID AMOUNT** \$ 709,900.00  
**ADDRESS** PO Box 786, Stanwood, WA 98292 **TELEPHONE NO.** (253) 377-4594  
+ Tax

**Please complete the following information:**

Is your firm a:

- |                                          |                                         |                                  |                              |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Women Business Enterprise (WBE)?         | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Small Business Enterprise (SBE)? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)?      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | Veteran Owned Business (VOB)?    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                  |                              |

Do you have a certification number? Yes

If yes, please provide certification number and state or entity who issued the number below:

Certification No.: W2F0026043 State or Entity Issued: WA State

# BID PROPOSAL

**For bidder's convenience, this insert is provided as a bid submittal package that shall be completed and return to the County on or before the time, stipulated.**

Federal Suspension and Debarment Certification

Federal Executive Order 12549 prohibits federal, state and local public agencies receiving grant funding from contracting with individuals, organizations, or companies who have been excluded from participating in federal contracts or grants.

The purpose of this certification is for the contractor/vendor to advise Snohomish County, in writing, of any current Federal Suspension and Debarment.

**Debarment Certification.** By signing and submitting a response to this competitive solicitation, I certify that this firm and its principals are not currently suspended or debarred by any Federal Department or Agency from participating in Federal Funded Contracts.

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# SNOHOMISH COUNTY BID PROPOSAL FORM

Snohomish County Purchasing Division  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Robert J. Drewel Building  
3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS 507  
Everett, Washington 98201

The bidder, in compliance with your Invitation for Bids for the Courthouse Renovation, New Courtroom 3D, having examined the specifications, drawings, related documents, and the site of the proposed work, and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the work of the proposed project including the availability of material and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials and incidentals, and to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the Work required under the Contract Documents, of which this bid proposal is a part.

Bidder hereby agrees to commence work, as required by contract, upon receipt of written Notice to Proceed and to fully complete work as described.

1. **BASE BID:** For base bid as defined in the Drawings, Technical Specifications, Project Overview, and Contract Documents:

**BASE BID SCHEDULE 1:** For base bid as defined in the technical specifications.

The sum of seven hundred nine thousand nine hundred <sup>00/100</sup> dollars (\$ 709,900.00)  
Sales Tax at (9.9%): (\$ 70,280.10)

2. **OVERHEAD AND PROFIT:** The undersigned agrees that all of the above-named base bid, and alternate bids if applicable, includes all contractor's overhead and profit or fee.
3. **SALES TAX:** All applicable sales tax shall be shown as a separate line item on this bid proposal form.
4. **PERMITS:** The undersigned agrees that the above-named base bid, and alternate bids if applicable, includes permit costs.
5. **RIGHT OF REJECTION:** Bidder agrees that the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or the bid on any alternate, and to waive any informalities in the bidding.
6. **CONTRACT AND BONDS:** If the undersigned be notified of the acceptance of this bid within sixty (60) days of the date set for opening bids, or any time thereafter before this bid is withdrawn, the undersigned agrees to execute a contract for the above work in the standard form of agreement noted in the specifications for a compensation computed from the sums stipulated in the Form of Bid and to furnish insurance and performance and payment bonds as stipulated.

7. **BID DEPOSIT:** The bid deposit is attached in the sum of Bid Bond dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_). The undersigned agrees that the check or bid bond accompanying this bid is left in escrow with the Owner, that the amount of the check, or sum of the bond, is the measure of damages which the Owner will sustain by the failure of the undersigned to deliver said documents within ten (10) days after written Notice of Award. The check shall become the

Bid  
Bond  
Included.

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property of the Owner, or the bid bond shall remain in full effect. But if this bid is not accepted within sixty (60) days after the time set for that period, or if the undersigned delivers said contract, bonds and insurance as instructed, then the check shall be returned to the bidder, or the bond shall become void.

8. ADDENDA: Receipt of addenda numbered 1 throughout 3 is hereby acknowledged.

9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: None

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: The undersigned certifies and warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any personal or family relationship that may conflict with business or organizational conflict of interest, which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under the contract and the bidder's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that award of the contract may result in the bidder receiving an unfair competitive advantage, or the bidder's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired. The bidder agrees that if after being awarded it discovers a personal or organizational conflict of interest, it shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to Snohomish County which shall include a description of the action which the bidder has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict.

11. NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION: By signing the bid proposal herein, I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of Washington State, the following:

That the bid submitted is genuine and is not a sham or collusive bid, and is not made in the interest or on behalf of any person or company not named therein.

This bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder on subject work or materials to submit a sham bid, or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure an advantage over other bidders.

12. CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE:

PO Box 756

Street Address

Stanwood, WA 98292

City/State/Zip

(253) 377-4594

Telephone

603-066-517

U.B.I. # (Unified Business Identifier Account Number)

Hi Mark Construction Inc  
COMPANY NAME

Michelle Waterman  
Signature of Company Officer

Michelle Waterman, President  
Printed Name and Title

HIMARMC893B4  
License Number

If bidder is a corporation, write State of Incorporation under signature. If partnership, give full names of all partners.

**Snohomish County Subcontractor List  
HVAC, Plumbing & Electrical**

*Prepared in compliance with RCW 39.30.60 as amended*

Project Name: Hi Mark Construction Inc

Subcontractor(s) with whom the bidder will directly subcontract that are proposed to perform the work of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, plumbing, as described in Chapter 18.106 RCW, and electrical, as described in Chapter 19.28 RCW **must** be listed below. The work to be performed is to be listed below the subcontractor(s) name or noted as self-performed by the bidder. Per RCW 39.30.060 failure to list subcontractor(s) with whom the bidder will directly subcontract or to name itself to perform such work, will result in the bid being non-responsive.

Bidders are notified that PVC or metal conduit, junction boxes, etc., are considered electrical equipment and must be installed by a licensed electrical contractor, even if the installation is for future use and no wiring or electric current is connected during the project. A licensed electrical contractor must be listed to perform the work.

**Must be submitted with the bid proposal or within one (1) hour after the published bid submittal time.**

Subcontractor Name	<u>Getchell Electric</u>
Work to be performed	Electrical
Subcontractor Name	<u>The Robson Company</u>
Work to be performed	Plumbing
Subcontractor Name	<u>DK systems</u>
Work to be performed	HVAC
Subcontractor Name	
Work to be performed	
Subcontractor Name	
Work to be performed	

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGES ATTACHED

**Snohomish County Subcontractor List**

**Structural Steel & Rebar Installation**

*Prepared in compliance with RCW 39.30.60 as amended*

Project Name: Hi Mark Construction Inc

Subcontractor(s) with whom the bidder will directly subcontract that are proposed to perform the work of structural steel installation and rebar installation **must** be listed below. The work to be performed is to be listed below the subcontractor(s) name or noted as self-performed by the bidder. Per RCW 39.30.060 failure to list subcontractor(s) with whom the bidder will directly subcontract or to name itself to perform such work, will result in the bid being non-responsive.

**Must be submitted with the bid proposal or within forty-eight (48) hours after the published bid submittal time.**

Subcontractor Name	Hi Mark Construction Inc if applicable
Work to be performed	Structural Steel
Subcontractor Name	Hi Mark Construction Inc if applicable
Work to be performed	Rebar
Subcontractor Name	
Work to be performed	
Subcontractor Name	
Work to be performed	
Subcontractor Name	
Work to be performed	

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY: 0 PAGES ATTACHED



# Snohomish County

## Certification of Compliance with Wage Payment Statutes

The bidder hereby certifies that, within the three-year period immediately preceding the bid solicitation date, that the bidder is not a "willful" violator, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, of any provision of chapters 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52 RCW, as determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Hi Mark Construction Inc

Bidder

Michelle Waterman

Signature of Authorized Official\*

Michelle Waterman

Printed Name

President

Title

1/9/23

Date

Camano Island

City

WA

State

Check One:

Individual  Partnership  Joint Venture  Corporation

State of Incorporation, or if not a corporation, State where business entity was formed:

Washington

If a co-partnership, give firm name under which business is transacted:

*\* If a corporation, proposal must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice-president (or any other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign). If a co-partnership, proposal must be executed by a partner.*

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## STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Each bidder submitting a bid proposal on work included in these specifications shall prepare and submit, as part of this bid, the data requested in the following schedule:

1. Name of Bidder: Hi Mark Construction INC
2. Business Address: PO Box 756, Stanwood WA 98292  
E-mail Address: mh20man@msn.com
3. Telephone Number: (253) 377-4894 Fax Number: N/A
4. How many years has said bidder been engaged in the contracting business under the present firm name? 13 years
5. Contracts now in hand (gross amount): \$ Just finished 4.2m project N. Bend
6. General character of work performed by said company: Construction of Shop / office 8200 sq foot commercial building. Self performed framing, doors & hardware, acoustical ceiling, touch up painting & finish carpentry.
7. List of more important projects constructed by said company, including approximate cost and dates. (Submit additional sheet if necessary.) Please see job summary references.
8. List three recent customer references where similar work has been completed. Include organization name, address, telephone number, and name of contact person:

Organization: <u>Snohomish County Purchasing</u>	Address: <u>3000 Rockefeller Ave</u>
Contact: <u>Lolly Huggins / Jeff Hencz</u>	Telephone: <u>(425) 328-5510</u>
Organization: <u>Monroe High School</u>	Address: <u>17001 Tester Rd</u>
Contact: <u>John Mannix</u>	Telephone: <u>Monroe, WA 98272</u>
Organization: <u>Everett Carnegie Restoration</u>	Address: <u>3000 Rockefeller Ave</u>
Contact: <u>Lolly Huggins / Jeff Hencz</u>	Telephone: <u>Everett, WA 98201</u>
Telephone: <u>(425) 328-5510</u>	
9. Bank references: Keybank
10. Contractor's License No.: HIMARMC893B4 UBI No.: 603-066-517  
Federal ID No. 27-4281618  
If Applicable:  
Workers Comp Acct No.: 586 029-02  
Employment Sec Dept No.: 428907-00-0  
Excise Tax Registration No.: 603-066-517



## STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

11. **Intent Regarding Apprenticeship Utilization:** By submitting a bid for this project, contractor certifies their intent to participate and their understanding of the County's Apprentice Utilization Program. *We affirm that: we have read and understand the provisions of the apprentice utilization goals established for this contract by Snohomish County. All documentation submitted by us to demonstrate such compliance is true and accurate; and we will make good faith efforts to comply, including submitting a 15% utilization plan prior to award of the contract.*

Hi Mark Construction Inc  
Company Name  
1/9/23  
Date

Michelle Waterman  
By  
Michelle Waterman, President  
Printed Name and Title



**JOB SUMMARY  
HI MARK CONSTRUCTION INC.**

Date: 12/19/22

**Project Name: SALLAL WATER ASSOCIATION – NEW SHOP & OFFICE**

Owner: Sallal Water Association

Architect: Lawhead Architects P.S. – Matthew

Amount: \$4,366,042.42

Scope of Work: Framing Shop of approximately 8200 sq ft., Acoustical Ceiling and Painting

Completion Date: July, 2022

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: EVALUATION & TREATMENT CENTER**

Owner: Snohomish County Purchasing – Lolly Huggins (425) 388-3193

Architect: KMD Architects – Chris Buchanan - (206) 858-3131

Amount: \$2,201,531.

Scope of Work: Demo, Concrete, Rough & Finish Carpentry, Insulation, Cabinets, Doors & Hardware, Gypsum Board, Acoustical Ceiling, Interior Painting, Fire Suppression, Acoustical Ceiling, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, Resilient Flooring, Fencing, Asphalt Paving.

Completion Date: April, 2021

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: SAUK SUITATTLE TRIBE – CASINO TO GYM RENOVATION**

General Contractor – Quilceda Excavation Inc. – Office (360) 629-5236

Amount: \$310,000. plus hourly rates – Completed 12/31/20

Scope of Work: Supervise project, Framing, Insulation, Door Relocation, Front Entrance Cedar Siding, Plywood Substrate for Sports Court, Moved Interior Walls to Accommodate the Court.

**Project Name: LAKE WA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Owner: Lake WA Institute of Technology – Casey Huebner (425) 739-8252

Architect – Miller Hayashi Architects PPLC – Laura Maman (248) 514-8499 Matthew Denner

Amount: \$273,902

Scope of Work: Demo, Concrete Slab Repair, Rough Carpentry, Insulation, Doors & Hardware, Glazing, Metal Framing, Gypsum Board, Acoustical Ceiling, Carpet, Signage, Acoustical Insulation, Paint, Markerboards, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC and Electrical

Completion Date: February, 2021

Project Manager: Michelle Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman



**JOB SUMMARY**  
**HI MARK CONSTRUCTION INC.**

**Date:** 12/19/22

**Project Name: MONROE HS – ADV MANUFACTURING LAB**

Owner: Monroe School District – John Mannix (360) 804-2579

Architect: Hutteball + Oremus Architecture – Lisa Penn - (425) 828-8948

Amount: \$1,035,946.

Scope of Work: Demo, Concrete, Finish Carpentry, Thermal Insulation, Doors & Hardware, Gypsum Board, Acoustical Ceiling, Tile Flooring, Interior Painting, Visual Display Units, Signage, Roller Window Shades, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, Compressed Air System, Electrical, HVAC & Earthworks Including Fire Line.

Completion Date: August, 2019

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: EVERETT CARNEGIE RESTORATION PHASE 2 – WATER DAMAGE**

Owner: Snohomish County – Lolly Huggins (425) 388-3193

Amount: \$125,000.

Scope of Work: Replace Subfloor, Gypsum Board & Restoration, Painting and Finish Carpentry

Completion Date: 6/6/19

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE – LAB2 RENOVATION**

Owner: Bellingham Technical College – Dave Jungkuntz

Architect: HKP Architects – Austin Miles (206) 686-2505

Amount: \$128,135

Scope of Work: Interior Tenant Improvements converting an existing Carpentry Lab into two new functions, an Electrical Lab and Facilities Storage.

Completion Date: 3/5/19

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: EVERETT CARNEGIE RESTORATION PHASE 2**

Owner: Snohomish County – Lolly Huggins (425) 388-3193

Architect: Capital Architects Group PC - Sandra Higgins (425) 317-8017

Amount: \$1,555,857

Scope of Work: Historical Building Remodel Phase 2 including Demo, Concrete Slab Cutting, Concrete Restoration and Leveling, Wood Framing, Electrical, Fire, Plumbing, Fire Sprinklers, Data by Owner, Drywall, Acoustical Ceiling, Paint, Custom Desk and Flooring by Owner,

Completion Date: 12/10/18

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman



**JOB SUMMARY**  
**HI MARK CONSTRUCTION INC.**

**Date:** 12/19/22

**Project Name: WTA MOAB REMODEL**

Owner: Whatcom Transportation Authority – Cindy Campen (360) 788-9361

Architect: Zervas Group – Sharon Robinson (360) 734-4744

Amount: \$349,520

Scope of Work: Transportation Facility Remodel in Occupied Space included Demo, Concrete Slab Cutting & Restoration, Metal Framing, Electrical, Data, Fire, HVAC, Fire Sprinklers, Drywall, Acoustical Ceilings, Painting, Custom Cabinets, Flooring, Doors & Hardware. Remodel was completed while building was occupied.

Completion Date: 4/4/18

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: FLEET SERVICES SPACE RENOVATION**

Owner: Snohomish County – Lynn Gray (425) 388-3381

Architect: Capital Architects Group PC – Sandra Higgins (425) 317-8017

Amount: \$175,465

Scope of Work: Commercial Remodel in Occupied Space included Concrete Floor Leveling and Reseal, Core Cut Exterior Door and Interior Door, Install New Roll Up Door, Drywall Repair, Paint and Structural Steel Reinforcement.

Completion Date: 12/7/17

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: CARDINAL CENTER W STOREFRONT REPLACEMENT**

Owner: Skagit Valley College – Dave Scott (360) 416-7751

Architect: Schreiber Starling Whitehead Architects (206) 682-8300

Amount: \$204,927

Scope of Work: College Remodel and Storefront Replacement including Demo, Roof Addition, Concrete Foundation, Framing, Sheetrock, Acoustical Ceiling, Electrical, Painting, New Storefront and Flooring.

Completion Date: 6/13/17

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman



**JOB SUMMARY  
HI MARK CONSTRUCTION INC.**

Date: 12/19/22

**Project Name: LOWELL POINT COMFORT STATION**

Owner: WA State Park & Recreation Commission – Barbara Alten (360) 755-5262

Amount: \$874,389

Scope of Work: Construction New Comfort Station - Construct a 1064 Sq Ft Comfort Station including utilities to the site, road reconstruction, concrete pad and walkways, ADA Signage, Outdoor Shower and Fountain.

Completion Date: 2/23/17

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: WWTP JB LEWIS-MCCHORD**

Owner: USACE Seattle District

Amount: \$252,210

Scope of Work: Installation of 55 Doors and Hardware for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Completion Date: 3/1/17

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

**Project Name: WWTP JB LEWIS-MCCHORD**

Owner: USACE Seattle District

Amount: \$285,203

Scope of Work: Installation of all Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter, Pavement and Additional Items as Necessary.

Completion Date: 2/1/17

Project Manager: Darell Waterman

Superintendent: Ryan Waterman

If you have any questions please contact Darell Waterman at (253) 377-4595 or Michelle Waterman at (253) 377-4594. Thank you!

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Michelle Waterman, President  
Hi Mark Construction Inc.  
mh20man@msn.com

Hi Mark Construction Inc.  
782 Quarter Moon Terrace  
Camano Island, WA 98282  
(253) 377-4594

## BID DEPOSIT

Herewith find deposit in the form of a Bid Bond (state whether cashier's check, certified check, cash, postal money order, or surety bond) in the amount of \$5% of Bid Amount which is not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid excluding sales tax.

## BID BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT Hi Mark Construction, Inc. a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Washington, as principal, and Merchants National Bonding, Inc. a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa and authorized to do business in the State of Washington, as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Snohomish in the full and penal sum of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid proposal of said principal for the work hereinafter described for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and successors and assigns, firmly by these presents.

The condition of this bond is such, that whereas the principal herein is herewith submitting their sealed proposal for the following construction project, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_

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said bid and proposal, by reference hereto, being made a part hereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said proposal bid by said principal be accepted, and the contract be awarded to said principal, and if said principal shall duly make and enter into and execute said contract and shall furnish a performance, payment and warranty bond as required by the County of Snohomish within a period of ten (10) days from and after said award, exclusive of the day of such award, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain and be in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the principal and surety have caused these presents to be signed and sealed this 10th day of January, 2023.

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

Hi Mark Construction, Inc.

Surety, Name of Company Principal, Name of Company

Alyssa J Lopez  
Signature of Surety Agent

Michelle Waterman  
Principal Signature

Alyssa J Lopez, Attorney-in-Fact

Printed Name of Surety Agent

Michelle Waterman, President

Printed Name of Principal/Title

\*This bond must be accompanied by a fully executed Power of Attorney appointing the Attorney-in-Fact.

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**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (in California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Aliceon A Keltner; Alyssa J Lopez; Amelia G Burrill; Annelies M Richie; Brandon K Bush; Brent E Heilesen; Carley Espiritu; Christopher Kinyon; Cynthia L Jay; Eric A Zimmerman; Holli Albers; James B Binder; Jamie L Marques; Julie R Truitt; Justin Dean Price; Katharine J Snider; Lindsey Elaine Jorgensen; Lois F Weathers

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments 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.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 8th day of December, 2022.

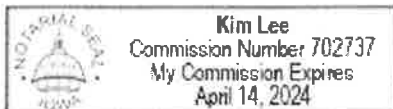


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 8th day of December, 2022, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

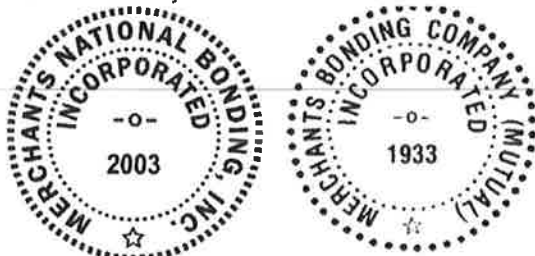


*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 10th day of January, 2023.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary