

RFB 2023-099 Corrections Center Air Handling Unit Replacement Project

Award

| Item | Infinity Contractors International LTD. Fort Worth, TX HUB - No | Bernhard MCC, LLC Irving, TX HUB - No | Haynes-Humphrey, A Joint Venture Carrollton, TX HUB - Yes | DMI Corporation Cedar Hill, TX HUB - No |
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| | | | | |
| Materials | \$ 5,116,388.00 | \$ 5,902,125.00 | \$ 7,264,451.00 | \$ 6,259,080.00 |
| Services | \$ 4,733,080.00 | \$ 4,009,875.00 | \$ 3,911,627.00 | \$ 6,012,413.00 |
| Required Bonds | \$ 92,025.00 | \$ 102,986.00 | \$ 100,012.00 | \$ 101,714.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 9,941,493.00 | \$ 10,014,986.00 | \$ 11,276,090.00 | \$ 12,373,207.00 |
| Earliest Start Date | 10/2/2023 | 11/1/2023 | 30 wks from submittal approval | 30 days after NTP |
| Total Calendar Days to Complete | 450 | 540 | 550 | 540 |

APS Building Services and Calc Construction, Inc. submitted a "No Bid".



April 5, 2023

Elizabeth Pietzsch, MBA, CPCM
Senior Contracts Administrator - Construction
Tarrant County Purchasing
100 E Weatherford, Suite 303
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0104

**RE: BID 2023-099 CORRECTIONS CENTER
 AIR HANDLING UNIT REPLACEMENT
 BHB PROJECT NUMBER 2021.010.042**

Elizabeth,

Following the Bidding and then Scope Review meeting held with Infinity Contractors on April 5, 2023, with the discussion and confirmation of the project scope items during the meeting, I recommend that the County accept their bid, and proceed with Infinity Contractors International LTD to accomplish the Work as stated for the project in the contract documents.

Sincerely:

BAIRD, HAMPTON & BROWN

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Les Brown'.

Les Brown, PE, LEED AP
Senior Associate
Senior Mechanical Engineer

THE STATE OF TEXAS § **Agreement for Corrections Center Air Handling Unit
Replacement Project**
COUNTY OF TARRANT § **RFB 2023-099**

This Agreement is by and between Tarrant County, Texas (the "Owner"), and Infinity Contractors International LTD. (the "Contractor"). In consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, the Owner and Contractor agree as follows:

1. The Contractor will perform the work required by and described in the Contract Documents listed in Section 8 below of the Agreement, generally titled "Corrections Center Air Handling Unit Replacement Project" (the "Project"). The Contractor will complete the Project no later than four hundred fifty (450) calendar days after the agreed upon start date.
2. The work herein contemplated will consist of the Contractor furnishing, as an independent contractor, all labor, tools, appliances, equipment, and materials necessary for the completion of the Project in accordance with the drawings and specifications prepared by Baird, Hampton & Brown and are attached to this Agreement and made a part of this Agreement the same as if written herein.
3. The Contractor hereby agrees and binds itself to commence work within ten (10) days after "Notice to Proceed" issued by Tarrant County.
4. **Total Contract Price:** The Owner will pay the Contractor for the performance of the work required by the Contract Documents, subject to additions and deductions mutually agreed to by Change Order, the Total Contract Price of nine million nine hundred forty-one thousand four hundred ninety-three dollars and 0/100 dollars (\$9,941,493.00). The Total Contract Price consists of the following components:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Materials | \$ 5,116,388.00 |
| Services | \$ 4,733,080.00 |
| Required Bonds | \$ 92,025.00 |
| Total Contract Price | \$ 9,941,493.00 |

5. Based upon applications for payment submitted to Tarrant County Facilities Management by Contractor, the Owner will make progress payments on account of the Total Contract Price to the Contractor as follows:

There will be due and payable on Contract, approximately each thirty (30) days, an amount equal to 95% of the value of the work completed. The Owner reserves the right to withhold 5% of the Total Contract Price for thirty (30) days after final acceptance of the work.

6. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY TEXAS LAW, THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FULLY INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OWNER FROM ALL COSTS OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF ANY REAL OR ASSERTED CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST IT OF WHATSOEVER KIND OR CHARACTER AND IN ADDITION, FROM ANY AND ALL COSTS OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF ANY WRONGS, INJURIES, DEMANDS OR SUITS FOR DAMAGES, EITHER REAL OR ASSERTED, CLAIMED AGAINST IT THAT MAY BE OCCASIONED BY ANY ACT, OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT OF THE SAID CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES. ALL VENUE FOR LITIGATION REGARDING THIS PROJECT IS IN THE STATE OR FEDERAL DISTRICT COURTS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.**

7. **Compliance with Laws.** In providing the services required by this Agreement, Vendor must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.
8. The Contract Documents consist of the following:
- This Agreement
 - Request for Bid 2023-099 Volume I Bid Documents
 - Request for Bid 2023-099 Volume II Technical Specifications
 - Baird, Hampton & Brown Document Drawings
 - Infinity Contractors International LTD. response to RFB 2023-099
 - Any exhibits attached hereto, conditions of the contract (special, supplementary, and other conditions), all addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement and all modifications issued subsequent thereto.

To the extent of an ambiguity among the various documents, this signed Agreement prevails. These documents collectively form the Contract, and all are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein.

This Agreement is effective upon the date written by the last party to sign it.

COUNTY OF TARRANT
OWNER

INFINITY CONTRACTORS INTERNATIONAL LTD.
CONTRACTOR

(SIGNATURE)

BY: Tim O'Hare

TITLE: County Judge

Date: _____

(SIGNATURE)

BY: Jim Stagg

TITLE: President

Date: April 5, 2023

*Approved as to Form:

Certification of Funds Available
in the Amount of \$9,941,493.00

Kimberly Colliet Wesley
Criminal District Attorney's Office

S. Renee Tidwell
Tarrant County Auditor

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.

Bond No. SURU2210000705

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Performance Bond

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

Infinity Contractors International, Ltd.
1400 Everman Parkway, Ste 134
Fort Worth, TX 76140

SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

Ascot Surety & Casualty Company
55 W 46th Street
New York, NY 10036
Mailing Address for Notices

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

Tarrant County
100 East Weatherford, Ste. 303
Fort Worth, TX 75196

55 W 46th Street

New York, NY 10036

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date: April 5, 2023

Amount: \$ 9,941,493.00 Nine Million Nine Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three and 00/100

Description:

(Name and location)

RFB 2023-099 - Corrections Center Air Handling Unit Replacement Project

BOND

Date: April 7, 2023

(Not earlier than Construction Contract Date)

Amount: \$ 9,941,493.00 Nine Million Nine Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three and 00/100

Modifications to this Bond: ☒ None ☐ See Section 16

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company: (Corporate Seal)

Infinity Contractors International, Ltd.

SURETY

Company: (Corporate Seal)

Ascot Surety & Casualty Company

Signature: _____

Name Jim Stagg
and Title President

Signature: _____

Name Gentry Julia Stewart
and Title Attorney-in-Fact

(Any additional signatures appear on the last page of this Performance Bond.)

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY — Name, address and telephone)

AGENT or BROKER:

Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc.
26555 Evergreen Road, Suite 1600
Southfield, MI 48076
248-936-7552

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

(Architect, Engineer or other party:)

§ 1 The Contractor and Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

§ 2 If the Contractor performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond, except when applicable to participate in a conference as provided in Section 3.

§ 3 If there is no Owner Default under the Construction Contract, the Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise after

- .1 the Owner first provides notice to the Contractor and the Surety that the Owner is considering declaring a Contractor Default. Such notice shall indicate whether the Owner is requesting a conference among the Owner, Contractor and Surety to discuss the Contractor's performance. If the Owner does not request a conference, the Surety may, within five (5) business days after receipt of the Owner's notice, request such a conference. If the Surety timely requests a conference, the Owner shall attend. Unless the Owner agrees otherwise, any conference requested under this Section 3.1 shall be held within ten (10) business days of the Surety's receipt of the Owner's notice. If the Owner, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Owner's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default;
- .2 the Owner declares a Contractor Default, terminates the Construction Contract and notifies the Surety; and
- .3 the Owner has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract to the Surety or to a contractor selected to perform the Construction Contract.

§ 4 Failure on the part of the Owner to comply with the notice requirement in Section 3.1 shall not constitute a failure to comply with a condition precedent to the Surety's obligations, or release the Surety from its obligations, except to the extent the Surety demonstrates actual prejudice.

§ 5 When the Owner has satisfied the conditions of Section 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take one of the following actions:

§ 5.1 Arrange for the Contractor, with the consent of the Owner, to perform and complete the Construction Contract;

§ 5.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or independent contractors;

§ 5.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors acceptable to the Owner for a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Owner and a contractor selected with the Owner's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the Owner the amount of damages as described in Section 7 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the Owner as a result of the Contractor Default; or

§ 5.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new contractor and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances:

- .1 After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Owner and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, make payment to the Owner; or
- .2 Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Owner, citing the reasons for denial.

§ 6 If the Surety does not proceed as provided in Section 5 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond seven days after receipt of an additional written notice from the Owner to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner. If the Surety proceeds as provided in Section 5.4, and the Owner refuses the payment or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner.

§ 7 If the Surety elects to act under Section 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Owner shall not be greater than those of the Contractor under the Construction Contract, and the responsibilities of the Owner to the Surety shall not be greater than those of the Owner under the Construction Contract. Subject to the commitment by the Owner to pay the Balance of the Contract Price, the Surety is obligated, without duplication, for

- .1 the responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract;
- .2 additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under Section 5; and
- .3 liquidated damages, or if no liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.

§ 8 If the Surety elects to act under Section 5.1, 5.3 or 5.4, the Surety's liability is limited to the amount of this Bond.

§ 9 The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Owner or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

§ 10 The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

§ 11 Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after a declaration of Contractor Default or within two years after the Contractor ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

§ 12 Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the page on which their signature appears.

§ 13 When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

§ 14 Definitions

§ 14.1 **Balance of the Contract Price.** The total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Contractor of any amounts received or to be received by the Owner in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the Contractor is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Construction Contract.

§ 14.2 **Construction Contract.** The agreement between the Owner and Contractor identified on the cover page, including all Contract Documents and changes made to the agreement and the Contract Documents.

§ 14.3 **Contractor Default.** Failure of the Contractor, which has not been remedied or waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with a material term of the Construction Contract.

§ 14.4 **Owner Default.** Failure of the Owner, which has not been remedied or waived, to pay the Contractor as required under the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other material terms of the Construction Contract.

§ 14.5 **Contract Documents.** All the documents that comprise the agreement between the Owner and Contractor.

§ 15 If this Bond is issued for an agreement between a Contractor and subcontractor, the term Contractor in this Bond shall be deemed to be Subcontractor and the term Owner shall be deemed to be Contractor.

Bond No. SURU2210000705

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Payment Bond

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

Infinity Contractors International, Ltd.
1400 Everman Parkway, Ste 134
Fort Worth, TX 76140

SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

Ascot Surety & Casualty Company
55 W 46th Street
New York, NY 10036
Mailing Address for Notices

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(Name, legal status and address)

Tarrant County
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Fort Worth, TX 75196

55 W 46th Street

New York, NY 10036

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Modifications to this Bond:

☒ None

☐ See Section 18

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company:

(Corporate Seal)

Infinity Contractors International, Ltd.

Signature: _____

Name: Jim Stagg

and Title: President

SURETY

Company:

(Corporate Seal)

Ascot Surety & Casualty Company

Signature: _____

Name: Gentry Julia Stewart

and Title: Attorney-in-Fact

(Any additional signatures appear on the last page of this Payment Bond.)

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY — Name, address and telephone)

AGENT or BROKER:

Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc.
26555 Evergreen Road, Suite 1600
Southfield, MI 48076
248-936-7552

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

(Architect, Engineer or other party:)

§ 1 The Contractor and Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner to pay for labor, materials and equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference, subject to the following terms.

§ 2 If the Contractor promptly makes payment of all sums due to Claimants, and defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Owner from claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity seeking payment for labor, materials or equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, then the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond.

§ 3 If there is no Owner Default under the Construction Contract, the Surety's obligation to the Owner under this Bond shall arise after the Owner has promptly notified the Contractor and the Surety (at the address described in Section 13) of claims, demands, liens or suits against the Owner or the Owner's property by any person or entity seeking payment for labor, materials or equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract and tendered defense of such claims, demands, liens or suits to the Contractor and the Surety.

§ 4 When the Owner has satisfied the conditions in Section 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Owner against a duly tendered claim, demand, lien or suit.

§ 5 The Surety's obligations to a Claimant under this Bond shall arise after the following:

§ 5.1 Claimants, who do not have a direct contract with the Contractor,

- .1 have furnished a written notice of non-payment to the Contractor, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed and the name of the party to whom the materials were, or equipment was, furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was done or performed, within ninety (90) days after having last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment included in the Claim; and
- .2 have sent a Claim to the Surety (at the address described in Section 13).

§ 5.2 Claimants, who are employed by or have a direct contract with the Contractor, have sent a Claim to the Surety (at the address described in Section 13).

§ 6 If a notice of non-payment required by Section 5.1.1 is given by the Owner to the Contractor, that is sufficient to satisfy a Claimant's obligation to furnish a written notice of non-payment under Section 5.1.1.

§ 7 When a Claimant has satisfied the conditions of Sections 5.1 or 5.2, whichever is applicable, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:

§ 7.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the Owner, within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Claim, stating the amounts that are undisputed and the basis for challenging any amounts that are disputed; and

§ 7.2 Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.

§ 7.3 The Surety's failure to discharge its obligations under Section 7.1 or Section 7.2 shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of defenses the Surety or Contractor may have or acquire as to a Claim, except as to undisputed amounts for which the Surety and Claimant have reached agreement. If, however, the Surety fails to discharge its obligations under Section 7.1 or Section 7.2, the Surety shall indemnify the Claimant for the reasonable attorney's fees the Claimant incurs thereafter to recover any sums found to be due and owing to the Claimant.

§ 8 The Surety's total obligation shall not exceed the amount of this Bond, plus the amount of reasonable attorney's fees provided under Section 7.3, and the amount of this Bond shall be credited for any payments made in good faith by the Surety.

§ 9 Amounts owed by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract shall be used for the performance of the Construction Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any construction performance bond. By the Contractor furnishing and the Owner accepting this Bond, they agree that all funds earned by the Contractor in the performance of the Construction Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the Contractor and Surety under this Bond, subject to the Owner's priority to use the funds for the completion of the work.

§ 10 The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner, Claimants or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract. The Owner shall not be liable for the payment of any costs or expenses of any Claimant under this Bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligation to make payments to, or give notice on behalf of, Claimants or otherwise have any obligations to Claimants under this Bond.

§ 11 The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

§ 12 No suit or action shall be commenced by a Claimant under this Bond other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the state in which the project that is the subject of the Construction Contract is located or after the expiration of one year from the date (1) on which the Claimant sent a Claim to the Surety pursuant to Section 5.1.2 or 5.2, or (2) on which the last labor or service was performed by anyone or the last materials or equipment were furnished by anyone under the Construction Contract, whichever of (1) or (2) first occurs. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

§ 13 Notice and Claims to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the page on which their signature appears. Actual receipt of notice or Claims, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received.

§ 14 When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

§ 15 Upon request by any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this Bond, the Contractor and Owner shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.

§ 16 Definitions

§ 16.1 Claim. A written statement by the Claimant including at a minimum:

- .1 the name of the Claimant;
- .2 the name of the person for whom the labor was done, or materials or equipment furnished;
- .3 a copy of the agreement or purchase order pursuant to which labor, materials or equipment was furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract;
- .4 a brief description of the labor, materials or equipment furnished;
- .5 the date on which the Claimant last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Construction Contract;
- .6 the total amount earned by the Claimant for labor, materials or equipment furnished as of the date of the Claim;
- .7 the total amount of previous payments received by the Claimant; and
- .8 the total amount due and unpaid to the Claimant for labor, materials or equipment furnished as of the date of the Claim.

§ 16.2 Claimant. An individual or entity having a direct contract with the Contractor or with a subcontractor of the Contractor to furnish labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Construction Contract. The term Claimant also includes any individual or entity that has rightfully asserted a claim under an applicable mechanic's lien or similar statute against the real property upon which the Project is located. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials or equipment" that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used in the Construction Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the work of the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien may be asserted in the jurisdiction where the labor, materials or equipment were furnished.

§ 16.3 Construction Contract. The agreement between the Owner and Contractor identified on the cover page, including all Contract Documents and all changes made to the agreement and the Contract Documents.



Ascot Surety & Casualty Company
Ascot Insurance Company
55 W 46th Street, 26th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Ascot Surety & Casualty Company, and Ascot Insurance Company, each a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado (the "Companies"), do hereby constitute and appoint

Joshua Sanford, Jacqueline Rose Susco, Kathryn Pryor, Amanda Pierina D'Angelo, Gentry Julia Stewart, Donna M. Planeta, Jennifer Gail Godere and Jonathan Raymond Gleason

of Hartford, CT and each its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full authority to sign, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver for, and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any place within the United States, or, if the following line is filled in, only within the area and up to the amount therein designated, any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and other contracts of indemnity or writings obligatory in the nature thereof, issued in the course of its surety business, and to bind the Companies as follows:

Any such obligations in the United States not to exceed \$50,000,000.00

The Companies hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever said Attorney(s)-in-fact may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents. These appointments are made under and by authority of the following Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies, which resolutions are still in effect:

RESOLVED, that any of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or the Chief Underwriting Officer, acting in conjunction with the head of the surety business line for the Corporation (each an "Authorized Individual" and, collectively, the "Authorized Individuals"), are authorized to jointly appoint one or more attorneys-in-fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation in the transaction of the Corporation's surety business to execute (under the common seal of the Corporation if appropriate) bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other contracts of indemnity and writings obligatory in the nature thereof;

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business the signatures and attestations of the Authorized Individuals and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto (electronic or otherwise) by facsimile and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal (electronic or otherwise) shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof;

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business, the facsimile electronic or mechanically reproduced signature of any Authorized Individual, whether made heretofore or hereafter, whenever appearing upon a copy of any Power of Attorney of the Corporation, with signatures affixed as next above noted, shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation with the same force and effect as though manually affixed

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be sealed with the respective corporate seals and to be executed by the individuals named below who are duly authorized and empowered to execute this Power of Attorney on the Companies' behalf, this 23rd day of August, 2022.



ASCOT SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY
ASCOT INSURANCE COMPANY



Matthew Kramer (Chief Executive Officer)

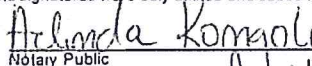


Tara Quigley (Executive Vice President, Surety)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX) ss.

On this 23rd day of August 2022, before me came the above named Chief Executive Officer of each of Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company and the head of the surety business line for each of Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individuals described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the corporate seals of Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, and that the said corporate seals and signatures were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Companies.

ARLINDA KONGOLI


Notary Public

My commission expires on April 3, 2027


I, the undersigned Secretary of the Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing excerpts of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies, and the Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and further certify that both the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies.

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business the signatures and attestations of the Authorized Individuals and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto (electronic or otherwise) by facsimile and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal (electronic or otherwise) shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies, this 7th day of April, 2023

ASCOT SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY
ASCOT INSURANCE COMPANY


Jeff Sipos, Secretary

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

Ascot Surety & Casualty Company

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company:

Call: Senior Regulatory & Compliance Counsel

Toll-free: 1-833-454-3022

Online: www.ascotgroup.com

Email: uscompliance@ascotgroup.com

Mail: Ascot Surety & Casualty Company, 55 West 46th Street, 26th floor, New York, NY 10036

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

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