## REVISED MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR JOC: PROJECT NO. MJOC14

OWNER:	San Bernardino County	
BID OPENING:	August 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM	
BIDDER:	Los Angeles Air Conditioning, Inc.	
TRADE:	MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR MJOC14	
San Bernardino Cou Real Estate Service		

Real Estate Services Department – Project Management 385 North Arrowhead Avenue Third Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0184 http://wpcl.sbcounty.gov/res/

In compliance with your invitation for bids, the undersigned has carefully examined the project Bid Documents, for Job Order Contract in San Bernardino County, California, and fully understands the scope and meaning of the Bid Documents.

The undersigned hereby agrees to furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, and transportation necessary to complete Job Orders as described in the Bid Documents and to execute the contract to the satisfaction of the Real Estate Services Department – Project Management, at the following cost(s):

## BID

The two (2) responsible and responsive bidder who submitted the two lowest Award Criteria Figures shall be awarded the contract, if they are awarded. The two (2) lowest Award Criteria Figures will be considered the lowest bids. The Award Criteria Figure will be determined by utilizing the following award formula: Factor 1 will be multiplied by .75, Factor 2 will be multiplied by .05, Factor 3 will be multiplied by .025, Factor 4 will be multiplied by .025, Factor 5 will be multiplied by .05, Factor 6 will be multiplied by .05, Factor 7 will be multiplied by .025 and Factor 8 will be multiplied by .025. These numbers will be summed for an Award Criteria Figure, and the two (2) lowest composite bids will be considered the two low bids.

Any alteration or addition to the form of Bid Proposal will invalidate same. Fill out completely all blank spaces. An incomplete form will invalidate bid.

All Adjustment Factors include applicable California state sales, tax, bonds, insurance and all other costs required to perform the Job Orders as described in the Bid Documents.

## ADJUSTMENT FACTORS:

The Adjustment Factors will be used to price out fixed price Job Orders by multiplying the Adjustment Factor by the Unit Prices and quantities. The Contractor's eight (8) Adjustment Factors will be applied against the prices set forth in the Unit Price Book. The County has been divided into two (2) Zones, as depicted on the attachment to these bid documents. The Adjustment Factors are as follows:

- Zone 1: Factor 1 Normal Working Hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday).
- Zone 1: Factor 2 Other Than Normal Working Hours (5:01 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, as well as Saturday, Sunday and County holidays).
- Zone 1: Factor 3 Rapid Response Projects; for Normal Working Hours and Other Than Normal Working Hours.
- Zone 1: Factor 4 Restricted and/or California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities; for Normal Working Hours and Other Than Normal Working Hours.
- Zone 2: Factor 5 Normal Working Hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday).
- Zone 2: Factor 6 Other Than Normal Working Hours (5:01 p.m.to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, as well as Saturday, Sunday and County holidays).
- Zone 2: Factor 7 Rapid Response Projects; for Normal Working Hours and Other Than Normal Working Hours.
- Zone 2: Factor 8 Restricted and/or California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities; for Normal Working Hours and Other Than Normal Working Hours.

## ZONE 1

**FACTOR 1** - Unit work requirements to be performed during Normal Working Hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) as ordered by the County in individual Job Orders against the contract.



Utilize four decimal places

Nine thousand sixty ten thousandths

Bid for Normal Working Hours, Zone 1 (in words)

**FACTOR 2** - Unit work requirements to be performed during Other Than Normal Working Hours (5:01 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday, Sunday and County holidays) as ordered by the County in individual Job Orders against the contract. Factor 2 must be greater than Factor 1.



Utilize four decimal places

One and one thousand nine hundred twenty five ten thousandths

Bid for Other Than Normal Working Hours, Zone 1 (in words)

FACTOR 3 – Rapid Response Projects. Factor 3 must be greater than Factor 2.



Utilize four decimal places

One and two thousand ten thousandths

Bid for Rapid Response Projects, Zone 1 (in words)

**FACTOR 4** – Restricted and/or California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities Projects. Factor 4 must be greater than Factor 3.

Utilize four decimal places

One and two thousand fifty ten thousandths

Bid for Restricted and/or California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities Projects, Zone 1 (in words)

**FACTOR 5** - Unit work requirements to be performed during Normal Working Hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) as ordered by the County in individual Job Orders against the contract. Factor 5 must be greater than Factor 4. Factor 5 must be 30% higher than Factor 1.



Utilize four decimal places

One and three thousand ten thousandths

Bid for Normal Working Hours, Zone 2 (in words)

**FACTOR 6** - Unit work requirements to be performed during Other Than Normal Working Hours (5:01 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday, Sunday and County holidays) as ordered by the County in individual Job Orders against the contract. Factor 6 must be greater than Factor 5.

Utilize four decimal places

One and three thousand five hundred ten thousandths

Bid for Other Than Normal Working Hours, Zone 2 (in words)

FACTOR 7 - Rapid Response Projects. Factor 7 must be greater than Factor 6.



Utilize four decimal places

One and three thousand six hundred ten thousandths

Bid for Rapid Response Projects, Zone 2 (in words)

Project MJOC14

**Bid Proposal** 

The award formula below is an integral part of this Bid Proposal, and to be responsive, the bidder shall quote for the total works above, and also shall complete the award formula below to determine the Award Criteria Figure.

**FACTOR 8** – Restricted and/or California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities Projects. Factor 8 must be greater than Factor 7.

#### Utilize four decimal places

#### One and three thousand six hundred fifty ten thousandths

Bid for Restricted and/or California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities Projects, Zone 2 (in words)

The award formula below is an integral part of this Bid Proposal, and to be responsive, the bidder shall quote for the total works above, and also shall complete the award formula below to determine the Award Criteria Figure.

#### AWARD FORMULA

Line 1: Zone 1, Factor 1	0.9060
Line 2: Multiply Line 1 by (.75)	0.6795
Line 3: Zone 1, Factor 2	1.1925
Line 4: Multiply Line 3 by (.05)	0.0596
Line 5: Zone1, Factor 3	1.2000
Line 6: Multiply Line 5 by (.025)	0.0300
Line 7: Zone 1, Factor 4	1.2050
Line 8: Multiply Line 7 by (.025)	0.0301
Line 9: Zone 2, Factor 5	1.3000
Line 10: Multiply Line 9 by (.05)	0.0650
Line 11: Zone 2, Factor: 6	1.3500

Line 12: Multiply Line 11 by (.05)	0.0675
Line 13: Zone 2, Factor: 7	1.3600
	0.0340
Line 14: Multiply Line 13 by (.025)	
Line 15: Zone 2, Factor 8	1.3650
Line 16: Multiply Line 15 by (.025)	0.0341
Line 17: Add Lines 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	0.9998

The above Adjustment Factors are to be specified to four decimal places. Any alteration, erasure, or change must be clearly indicated and initialed by the bidder. All prices and information required on the bid form must be either typewritten or neatly printed in ink (use figures only). San Bernardino County reserves the right to revise all arithmetic errors in calculations for correctness. The Bid factor of each item on the Proposal must be stated in words and numerals; in case of a conflict, words will take precedence. In the case of a discrepancy between the written bid or numerical bid set forth on the Bid Proposal, and the numerical bid set forth in the ePro system, the information on the Bid Proposal shall prevail. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities.

All Unit Prices listed in the Construction Task Catalog<sup>®</sup> are priced at a net value of 1.0000. The Adjustment Factors shall be an increase or decrease to all the Unit Prices listed in the Construction Task Catalog<sup>®</sup>. For example, 1.1000 would be a 10% increase to the Unit Prices and 0.9500 would be a 5% decrease to the Unit Prices. Bidders who submit separate Adjustment Factors for separate Unit Prices will be considered non-responsive and their bid will be rejected.

The weighted multipliers above are for the purpose of calculating an Award Criteria Figure only. No assurances are made by the County that Work will be ordered under the Contract in a distribution consistent with the weighted percentages above. The Award Criteria Figure is only used for the purpose of determining the Bid.

When submitting Job Order Price Proposals related to specific Job Orders, the Bidder shall utilize one or more of the Adjustment Factors applicable to the Work being performed.

## TIME FOR COMPLETION:

Twelve (12) months from the contract start date or expenditure of the stated maximum value of the contract, whichever occurs first. This is a bid for a Contract for repair, remodel or other repetitive work specified in individual Job Orders, effective for a period of 12 months from the start date of the Contract approved by the Board of Supervisors. Job Orders issued prior to, but

not completed, by the expiration of the Contract period will be completed with all provisions of the Contract still in force. Supplemental Job Orders to an original Job Order issued prior to but not completed by the expiration of the contract prior, will be completed with all the provisions of this contract still in force.

## **BID DEPOSIT (BID BOND)**

There is enclosed herewith, a certified check or surety bond in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), made payable to San Bernardino County. The undersigned agrees that in the event of the failure by the undersigned to execute the necessary contract and furnish the required contract bonds and insurance, the certified check or surety bond and the money payable thereon shall be, and remain, the property of San Bernardino County. If the bid is accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, the check shall be deposited by the Real Estate Services Department – Project Management, and a County warrant for the full amount shall be issued to the undersigned approximately one month after Contract Award.

If the bid is submitted through San Bernardino County Electronic Procurement Network (ePro) then scan the bid security (bid bond) and submit the scanned copy with your bid submittal in ePro, additionally, mail or submit the original bid security, in a separate sealed envelope labeled "Bid Bond" with the title of the work and the name of the bidder clearly marked on the outside, to: Real Estate Services Department – Project Management, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Bernardino, California, 92415-0184. Any mailed or submitted bid security must be received on or before the time set for the opening of the bids.

## LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 53069.85 and in the event that all the Work called for in this Contract is not completed within the number of calendar days set forth within the individual Job Order, Contractor shall forfeit and pay to the County the sum of between \$200 to \$750 per calendar day, depending on the Job Order price and as described in the General Conditions, the work remains incomplete, to be deducted from any payments due or to become due to the Contractor. (Reference General Conditions and individual Job Orders)

## ESCROW ACCOUNT

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, at the request and expense of the Contractor, the Contractor may substitute qualified securities in lieu of retention withheld by the County and/or establish an escrow account for retention payments.

## REJECTION OF BIDS

The undersigned agrees that the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and reserves the right to waive informalities in a bid or bids, not affected by law, if to do so seems to best serve the public interest.

## VALIDITY OF BIDS

The undersigned agrees that this bid will remain valid for sixty (60) days after the scheduled bid opening.

## STATE LICENSES

The undersigned hereby certifies that he is currently the holder of a valid Class "C-4 and C-20" license as a contractor in the State of California and that the license is the correct class of license as listed in the instruction to bidders. The undersigned also certifies that all subcontractor(s) that will be utilized as per individual Job Orders will be the holder of valid contractor's license(s) in the State of California and the license is the correct class of license for the work to be performed by the subcontractor(s).

## INSURANCE

The undersigned agrees to furnish certified copies of all insurance policies and endorsements; all certificates of comprehensive, general and auto liability insurance; Workers' Compensation insurance; and such other insurance that will protect him from claims for damages and personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under the contract, whether such operation be by the undersigned or by any subcontractor of the undersigned, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the undersigned or any subcontractor of the undersigned in accordance with Section 77 of the General Conditions. The undersigned agrees to provide the Real Estate Services Department – Project Management with Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required insurance coverage at the time Contractor executes the contract with the County. All policies (excluding Workers' Compensation) shall name San Bernardino County as an additional insured. All coverages shall be subject to approval by the County for adequacy of protection.

## BONDS

If this Bid is successful, the undersigned agrees to execute the required Standard Contract and will furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the potential maximum contract price and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the potential maximum contract price. These bonds shall be secured from a surety company or companies satisfactory to the County within ten (10) calendar days of the contract award. Bonds shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year following the date of filing of Notice of Completion.

#### FORMER COUNTY OFFICIALS

Contractor agrees to provide or has already provided information on former San Bernardino County administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Contractor. The information provided includes a list of former county administrative officials who terminated county employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of contractor. For purposes of this provision, "county administrative official" is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or such officer's staff, Chief Executive Officer or member of such officer's staff, county department or group head, assistant department or group head, or any employee in the Exempt Group, Management Unit or Safety Management Unit.

## INACCURACIES OR MISREPRESENTATIONS

If during the course of the bid proposal process or in the administration of a resulting Contract, the County determines that the contractor has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the County, the contractor may be terminated from the bid proposal process, or in the event a Contract has been awarded, the Contract may be immediately terminated. If a Contract is terminated according to this provision, the County is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

#### IRAN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2010

(Public Contract Code sections 2200 et seq.)

(Applicable for all Bids of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more)

(The Certification below is part of the Proposal/Bid and signing the Proposal/Bid shall constitute signature of this Certification)

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the proposer/bidder certifies that at the time the Proposal/Bid is submitted, the proposer/bidder signing the Proposal/Bid is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 (<u>http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx</u>) as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, as applicable.

Proposers/bidders are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the proposer/bidder to civil penalties, termination of existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205.

#### DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS

In compliance with the provisions of Sections 4100-4108 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, and any amendments thereof, the undersigned shall provide after award of contract the name, location of the place of business and the California contractor license number of each subcontractor who will perform work for individual Job Orders (meaning the total amount of the subcontractor's contract amount including all labor, materials, supplies and services) in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the total bid; and, the general category or the portion of the work to be performed by each subcontractor. The subcontractor information will be provided as part of a complete Job Order Proposal.

Where a hearing is required for a decision on the substitution of subcontractors, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Part 1, Division 2, of the Public Contract Code, (commencing with Section

4100) by the awarding authority, or a duly appointed hearing officer, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall prepare and certify a statement of costs incurred by the County for investigation, and to conduct the hearing, including the costs of any hearing officer and shorthand reporter appointed. For the purposes of a hearing for the substitution of subcontractors (pursuant to the Public Contract Code commencing with Section 4100) the awarding authority shall be the Director of the Real Estate Services Department, or his/her designee. The statement of costs shall be sent to the undersigned, who shall reimburse the County for all costs. If not paid separately, such reimbursement shall be deducted from monies due and owing to the undersigned prior to acceptance of the project.

The undersigned certifies that it <u>and</u> all subcontractor(s) it will use to perform Work will be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. The undersigned agrees that no contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work or perform work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. The undersigned acknowledges that the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

As required by Labor Code 1771.1(a) "A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded."

## ADDENDA

This bid includes:	Addendum No	1	dated	7/28/2021	_
	Addendum No	2	dated	8/17/2021	
	Addendum No.	NIA	dated	NA	

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned has submitted with the Bid Proposal a non-collusion declaration, signed under penalty of perjury, for the principal contractor. The undersigned agrees to furnish the County non-collusion declarations for subcontractors, signed under penalty of perjury, and states that this is a genuine Proposal and is neither collusive nor made in the interest of any other person, and has not induced anyone to submit a sham bid or refrain from bidding.

The undersigned acknowledges it has registered with the ePro system prior to the date and time to receive sealed bids or it will be disqualified.

The undersigned declares: that the only person or parties interested in this Proposal as principals are those named herein; that this bid is made without any connection with any other person or persons making a bid for the same work, except for another division of the undersigned which may submit an independent bid; that the bid is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that the undersigned has read the Advertisement for Bids and the Instructions to Bidders and agrees to all the stipulations contained therein; that the undersigned has examined the form of contract (including the specifications, drawings, and other documents incorporated therein by reference); that in the event this bid as submitted, including the incorporated bidding documents, be accepted by the County, the undersigned shall execute a contract to perform the work as outlined herein.

If undersigned is a corporation, the Proposal must be signed by an authorized officer of the corporation.

If the Bid Proposal is submitted through ePro the undersigned acknowledges that its electronic signature(s) is legally binding.

Check One: ( ) Sole Proprietor; ( ) Partnership; ( $\chi$ ) Co	rporation; () Other
Name of Bidder: Los Angeles Air Conditioning, Inc.	
Address: 1714 Lindbergh Court La Verne, Ca. 91750	
	Phone: 909596-7077
Email: kentcooper@laair.net	
Contractor's License No.: 208872	Primary Class: <u>C-20</u>
Expiration Date of Contractor's License 12/31/2021	
Contractor's DIR Registration #1000000594	
I declare under penalty of perjury the above is true and correct	ct.
Authorized Signature:	Title: President
Print Name: Kent D. Cooper	Date: <u>Aug.18, 2021</u>

## NONCOLLUSION DECLARATION

## TO BE EXECUTED BY BIDDER AND SUBMITTED WITH BID

The undersigned declares:

I am the <u>President</u> Of <u>Los Angeles Air Conditioning. Inc.</u> the party making the foregoing bid.

The bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization or corporation. The bid is genuine and not collusive or sham. The bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid. The bidder has not directly or indirectly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or to refrain from bidding. The bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder. All statements contained in the bid are true. The bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof, to effectuate a collusion or sham bid, and has not paid, and will not pay, any person or entity for such purpose.

Any person executing this declaration on behalf of a bidder that is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity, hereby represents that he or she has full power to execute, and does execute, this declaration on behalf of the bidder.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on <u>Aug. 18, 2021</u> [date], at <u>La Verne</u> [city], <u>California</u> [state].

## Western Surety Company

## Bid Bond

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Los Angeles Air Conditioning, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the Principal, and Western Surety Company as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the <u>San Bernardino County</u> hereinafter referred to as the Obligee, in the sum not to exceed <u>Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100</u>, (\$25,000.00), for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our legal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, Principal has submitted or is about to submit a proposal to Obligee for \_\_\_\_\_ San Bernardino MJOC - Project NO. MJOC14

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, if the said contract be awarded to Principal and Principal shall, within such time as may be specified; enter into the contract in writing and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or contract documents with surety acceptable to Obligee; or if Principal shall fail to do so, pay to Obligee the damages which Obligee may suffer by reason of such failure not exceeding the penalty of this bond, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 23rd day of August

, 2021

Los Angeles Air Conditioning, Inc. (Seal) (Principal) Βv Western Surety Company (Seal) (Suretv

By: Rebecca Dag

Rebecca Haas-Bates, Attorney-in-Fact

**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT** 

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State of California		)
County of Orange		)
On 08/23/2021	before me,	Liliana Gomez, Notary Public
Date		Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
personally appeared	Rebecca Haas-Bates	
		Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Kiliana Signature of Notary Public Signature

Place Notary Seal Above

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Though this section is optional, completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

Description of Attached Document				
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Number of Pages: One (1) Signer(s) Other				
Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)				
Signer's Name: Rebecca Haas-Bates		Signe	r's Name	:
Corporate Officer - Title(s):	[	Cor	porate C	Officer - Title(s):
				Limited General
Individual Attorney in Fact	[	] Indi	vidual	Attorney in Fact
Trustee Guardian or Conservato	or (	Tru	stee	Guardian or Conservator
Other:				
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Western Surety Company		9	F	

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# Western Surety Company

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

## Owen Brown, Richard Adair, William Syrkin, Sergio D Bechara, Rebecca Haas-Bates, Individually

of Irvine, CA, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

#### - In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation.

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 20th day of June, 2021.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

F. Bruflat, Vice President

State of South Dakota County of Minnehaha SS

On this 20th day of June, 2021, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires

March 2, 2026



M Bent

#### Bent, Notary Public

#### CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 23rd day of August 2021 .



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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Form F4280-7-2012

Go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner / Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage, if you want to verify bond authenticity.

#### **Authorizing By-Law**

## ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the shareholders of the Company.

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.