

FORM OF PROPOSAL

Apex Public Safety Station #4 HVAC Renovation Contract: Single Prime
Town of Apex, North Carolina Bidder: Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC
Date: October 29, 2025

The undersigned, as bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in this proposal as principal or principals is or are named herein and that no other person than herein mentioned has any interest in this proposal or in the contract to be entered into; that this proposal is made without connection with any other person, company or parties making a bid or proposal; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud. The bidder further declares that he has examined the site of the work and the contract documents relative thereto, and has read all special provisions furnished prior to the opening of bids; that he has satisfied himself relative to the work to be performed. The bidder further declares that he and his subcontractors have fully complied with NCGS 64, Article 2 in regards to E-Verification as required by Section 2.(c) of Session Law 2013-418, codified as N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-129(j).

The Bidder proposes and agrees if this proposal is accepted to contract with the

Town of Apex

in the form of contract specified below, to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation and labor necessary to complete the construction of

Apex Public Safety Station #4 HVAC Renovation

in full in complete accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents, to the full and entire satisfaction of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and the

Town of Apex and IMEG

with a definite understanding that no money will be allowed for extra work except as set forth in the General Conditions and the contract documents, for the sum of:

CONTRACT:

Base Bid:

Five hundred twenty-one thousand, ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$) 521,000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

General Subcontractor:

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC Lic 45477

Mechanical Subcontractor:

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC Lic 35609

Plumbing Subcontractor:

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC Lic 35609

Electrical Subcontractor:

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC Lic 31285-U

GS143-128(d) requires all single prime bidders to identify their subcontractors for the above subdivisions of work. A contractor whose bid is accepted shall not substitute any person as subcontractor in the place of the subcontractor listed in the original bid, except (i) if the listed subcontractor's bid is later determined by the contractor to be non-responsible or non-responsive or the listed subcontractor refuses to enter into a contract for the complete performance of the bid work, or (ii) with the approval of the awarding authority for good cause shown by the contractor.

ALTERNATES:

Should any of the alternates as described in the contract documents be accepted, the amount written below shall be the amount to be "added to" the base bid.

GENERAL CONTRACT:

Alternate No. 1 Provide and Install New 150 KW Generator

1. Alternate 1: To include the total cost of all labor, materials, and equipment required to provide stand-by generator indicated on the drawings.

(Add) One hundred forty-four thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$) 144,000

The bidder further proposes and agrees hereby to commence work under this contract on a date to be specified in a written order of the designer and shall fully complete all work thereunder within the time specified in the Contract Documents. Applicable liquidated damages amount is also stated in the Contract Documents.

MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Provide with the bid - Under GS 143-128.2(c) the undersigned bidder shall identify on its bid (Identification of Minority Business Participation Form) the minority businesses that it will use on the project with the total dollar value of the bids that will be performed by the minority businesses. **Also** list the good faith efforts (Affidavit A) made to solicit minority participation in the bid effort.

NOTE: A contractor that performs all of the work with its own workforce may submit an Affidavit (B) to that effect in lieu of Affidavit (A) required above. The MB Participation Form must still be submitted even if there is zero participation.

After the bid opening - The Owner will consider all bids and alternates and determine the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Upon notification of being the apparent low bidder, the bidder shall then file within 72 hours of the notification of being the apparent lowest bidder, the following:

An Affidavit (C) that includes a description of the portion of work to be executed by minority businesses, expressed as a percentage of the total contract price, which is equal to or more than the 10% goal established. This affidavit shall give rise to the presumption that the bidder has made the required good faith effort and Affidavit D is not necessary;

*** OR ***

If less than the 10% goal, Affidavit (D) of its good faith effort to meet the goal shall be provided. The document must include evidence of all good faith efforts that were implemented, including any advertisements, solicitations and other specific actions demonstrating recruitment and selection of minority businesses for participation in the contract.

Note: Bidders must always submit with their bid the Identification of Minority Business Participation Form listing all MB contractors, vendors and suppliers that will be used. If there is no MB participation, then enter none or zero on the form. Affidavit A or Affidavit B, as applicable, also must be submitted with the bid. Failure to file a required affidavit or documentation with the bid or after being notified apparent low bidder is grounds for rejection of the bid.

Proposal Signature Page

The undersigned further agrees that in the case of failure on his part to execute the said contract and the bonds within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after being given written notice of the award of contract, the certified check, cash or bid bond accompanying this bid shall be paid into the funds of the owner's account set aside for the project, as liquidated damages for such failure; otherwise the certified check, cash or bid bond accompanying this proposal shall be returned to the undersigned.

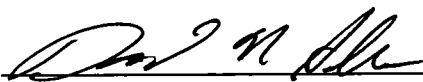
Respectfully submitted this day of October 29, 2025

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC

(Name of firm or corporation making bid)

WITNESS:

(Proprietorship or Partnership)

By: 
Signature

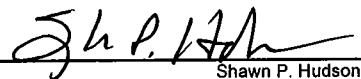
Name: David N. Allen
Print or type

Title President
(Owner/Partner/Pres./V.Pres)

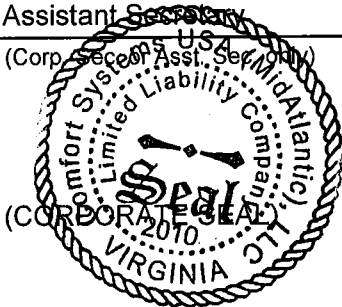
Address 1057 Bill Tuck Hwy

South Boston, VA 24592

ATTEST:

By: 
Shawn P. Hudson

Title: Assistant Secretary
(Corp. Sec. or Asst. Sec. only)



License No. 35609 - Plumbing & Heating
45477 - General Contracting

Federal I.D. No. 74 2897582

Email Address: neil.allen@comfortsystemsusa.com

Addendum received and used in computing bid:

Addendum No. 1 X Addendum No. 3 _____ Addendum No. 5 _____ Addendum No. 7 _____
Addendum No. 2 X Addendum No. 4 _____ Addendum No. 6 _____ Addendum No. 8 _____

AFFIDAVIT A – Listing of Good Faith Efforts

(Name of Bidder)

Affidavit of Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC

I have made a good faith effort to comply under the following areas checked:

Bidders must earn at least 50 points from the good faith efforts listed for their bid to be considered responsive.

- ☒ **1 – (10 pts)** Contacted minority businesses that reasonably could have been expected to submit a quote and that were known to the contractor, or available on State or local government maintained lists, at least 10 days before the bid date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed.
- ☒ **2 – (10 pts)** Made the construction plans, specifications and requirements available for review by prospective minority businesses, or providing these documents to them at least 10 days before the bids are due.
- ☒ **3 – (15 pts)** Broken down or combined elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation.
- ☐ **4 – (10 pts)** Worked with minority trade, community, or contractor organizations identified by the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses and included in the bid documents that provide assistance in recruitment of minority businesses.
- ☐ **5 – (10 pts)** Attended prebid meetings scheduled by the public owner.
- ☒ **6 – (20 pts)** Provided assistance in getting required bonding or insurance or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance for subcontractors.
- ☐ **7 – (15 pts)** Negotiated in good faith with interested minority businesses and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. Any rejection of a minority business based on lack of qualification should have the reasons documented in writing.
- ☒ **8 – (25 pts)** Provided assistance to an otherwise qualified minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted minority businesses in obtaining the same unit pricing with the bidder's suppliers in order to help minority businesses in establishing credit.
- ☐ **9 – (20 pts)** Negotiated joint venture and partnership arrangements with minority businesses in order to increase opportunities for minority business participation on a public construction or repair project when possible.
- ☒ **10 – (20 pts)** Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cash-flow demands.

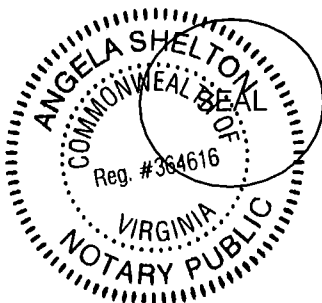
The undersigned, if apparent low bidder, will enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in the Identification of Minority Business Participation schedule conditional upon scope of contract to be executed with the Owner. Substitution of contractors must be in accordance with GS143-128.2(d) Failure to abide by this statutory provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of the minority business commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: 10/29/2025 Name of Authorized Officer: David N. Allen

Signature: _____

Title: President



State of Virginia, County of Halifax

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 20 25

Notary Public _____

My commission expires 03/31/2029

Identification of HUB Certified/ Minority Business Participation

I, Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC
(Name of Bidder)

do hereby certify that on this project, we will use the following HUB Certified/ minority business as construction subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or providers of professional services.

Firm Name, Address and Phone #	Work Type	*Minority Category	**HUB Certified (Y/N)
Davis Technical Staffing	Temporary Labor	B	Y
Durham, NC 919-651-8115			
<i>Triangle Insulation Service</i>	<i>Insulation</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Durham, NC 919-682-4300</i>			
<i>Airflow Experts</i>	<i>Air Balance</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Durham, NC 336-224-1470</i>			

*Minority categories: Black, African American (B), Hispanic (H), Asian American (A) American Indian (I), Female (F) Socially and Economically Disadvantaged (D)

** HUB Certification with the state HUB Office required to be counted toward participation goals.

The total value of minority business contracting will be (\$) 29,000.



MidAtlantic

**1057 Bill Tuck Highway
South Boston, VA 24592
Telephone (434) 572-6986
Fax (434) 572-8935**

Request for Bids from HUB / MBE / WBE / DBE / SDBE Certified Business Enterprises

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC, is soliciting pricing from HUB Certified Vendors and Subcontractors (including MBE, WBE, DBE, and SDBE) for any portion of the HVAC/Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Contracts for the following project:

**Town of Apex
Apex Public Safety Station #4 HVAC Renovation
Apex, North Carolina**

Plans are available in the regional plan rooms.

Our bid is due on October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

We need your scope of work and prices at least 2 hours prior to bid time.

If you are a HUB enterprise, we are very interested in helping you participate in this project. We realize that some aspects of the process may prove difficult for you. We are willing to review any responsible quote and will negotiate terms, if appropriate. We will notify your firm if your bid is accepted for this project.

Please contact us if you need help with any of the following:

- Access to plans and specifications. If you do not have access to the regional plan rooms, we can arrange access or provide plans for your use.
- Breaking the work down into smaller more economically feasible portions of work that are sized more to your comfort level.
- Assistance with obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, joint-pay agreements, quick pay arrangements, and/or better unit pricing from suppliers.
- Assistance with equipment needs, materials, and/or supplies.

**Contact: Mark Glasscock Phone (434) 572-6986 Fax (434) 572-8935
mark.glasscock@comfortsystemsusa.com**

Barts, Susan

From: Barts, Susan
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 8:36 AM
To: 'A+ Tree & Crane Services'; 'Airflow Experts, Inc.'; 'Anne-Marie Hyatt'; 'BJ's Cleaning Service'; 'Bryant Industrial Contractors'; 'Davis Technical Staffing'; 'Eakins Plumbing Company'; 'Electrical Technologies'; 'Energy Automation Technologies'; 'FJP Insulators'; 'FM Supplies'; 'GP Supply Company'; 'HVAC Concepts, LLC'; 'JC Electric'; 'KAD Construction'; 'KH Electrical LLC'; 'Parham, Cindy'; 'Plumbing & Pipe Technology'; 'Premier Fire Protection'; 'Ray Group Consulting'; 'RC Insulation Company'; 'Sparkle & Shine Cleaning Service'; 'Triangle Insulation Services, Inc.'; 'Tyler FJP'; 'FRANCO MASONRY CONCRETE INC'; 'JAMES L. HINES DBA HINES CONCRETE'; 'NEHEMIAH BUILDERS INC'; 'NORTH STAR UTILITY LLC'; 'PREMIER CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION LLC'; 'SURE POWER ELECTRIC INC'; 'TROPICAL PAINTING & GENERAL CONSTRUCTION'; 'WASPCO CORPORATION'; 'Hoggard Electric Co LLC'
Subject: Bid Request for Apex Safety Station #4 HVAC Renovation
Attachments: MBE Request for Bids - All Trades.pdf

Please see the attached Request for Apex Safety Station #4 HVAC Renovation which bids on October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

We welcome your participation and look forward to receiving your quotes. Please send to Mark Glasscock at mark.glasscock@comfortsystemsusa.com or fax to 434-572-8935.

Please review all plans, specifications and addenda provided by the architect, engineer and or owner to ensure that the product you are quoting will meet the specifications..

Use the following link to access our Dropbox where you can download plans and specifications. This information is being provided as a courtesy for CSUSA-MA vendors only. Any unauthorized use is strictly prohibited. These are documents that you may use at your discretion. It is your responsibility to review all plans, specifications and all addenda provided by the architect, engineer and / or owner to ensure that your quote is complete.

Plans can be viewed via our Dropbox, click the link below to access.

Jobs Bidding

For help using or questions about our **Dropbox**, please contact me.

Thank you,

Susan Barts

Estimating Administrative Coordinator

**COMFORT
SYSTEMS USA.**

MidAtlantic

1057 Bill Tuck Highway

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HUB / MBE / WBE / DBE / SDBE Contact List
Apex Public Safety Station #4 HVAC Renovation
Apex, NC

SDBE & MBE Contact	PHONE	DATE CONTACTED BY PHONE	EMAIL	DATE CONTACTED BY EMAIL
A+ Tree & Crane Services	919-854-0020		knellis@bellsouth.net	10/13/25
Airflow Experts, Inc.	336-229-1470		sales@airflowexperts.com	10/13/25
BJ's Cleaning Service	919-261-8090		biscleaningser@aol.com	10/13/25
Bryant Industrial Contractors	919-467-2492		bryant@bryantindustrialcrane.com	10/13/25
Davis Technical Staffing	919-651-8115		arniller@discsolutions.com	10/13/25
Eakins Plumbing Company	919-682-4075		eakinsplumbingco@aol.com	10/13/25
Electrical Technologies	336-578-7274		estimates@etteam.com	10/13/25
Energy Automation Technologies	919-390-4943		lori@energyautomationtech.com	10/13/25
FJP Insulators	919-772-5012		tphillips_fjp@gmail.com	10/13/25
FM Supplies	336-788-7455		FMITIKU@Tnad.rr.com	10/13/25
Gajjar Engineering Systems	770-966-8090		info@gajjar.com	10/13/25
GP Supply Company	336-274-7615		awallace@gpsupplycompany.com	10/13/25
HVAC Concepts, LLC	336-782-0795		heating@bellsouth.net	10/13/25
JC Electric, Inc.	919-309-9000		chrismc@icenc.com	10/13/25
KAD Construction, Inc.	919-790-2323		estimating @kadinc.us	10/13/25
KH Electrical LLC	919-437-4956		kevin_hillelectrical@gmail.com	10/13/25
Plumbing & Pipe Technology	919-293-1221		pptplumbing@yahoo.com	10/13/25
Premier Fire Protection			premierfire@gmail.com	10/13/25
RC Insulation Company	919-667-5092		rcinsulationcompany@gmail.com	10/13/25
Ray Group Consulting	770-953-1443		ashimr@raygroup.net	10/13/25
Sparkle & Shine Cleaning Service	919-466-9001		steve@sparkle-shinecleaning.com	10/13/25
Triangle Insulation Services, Inc.	919-682-4300		insulationman71@yahoo.com	10/13/25
Hogard Electric Co LLC	919-423-8231		thoggard07@gmail.com	10/13/25
North Star Utility LLC	919-599-1973		JE@NORTHSTARUTILITYLLC.COM	10/13/25
Premier Concrete Construction LLC	984-227-3039		GCSPAINTE@YAHOO.COM	10/13/25
Savai Smith Enterprises GCS Paint Contractore LLC	919-672-9819		JUSTINEJENKINS2003@YAHOO.COM	10/13/25
Sure Power Electric Inc	919-452-2370		TROPICALPAINTIN@GMAIL.COM	10/13/25
Tropical Painting & General Construction	919-247-9228		SUSANHARMON@WASPCO.COM	10/13/25
WASPCO Corporation	919-489-6891		FRANCOMASONRYCON@GMAIL.COM	10/13/25
Franco Masonary Concrete Inc	919-255-0331		HINESCAROLYN@BELLSOUTH.NET	10/13/25
Hines Concrete - James L. Hines	919-798-8830		DONALDEVANSNB@AOL.COM	10/13/25
Nehemiah Builders Inc	919-877-0505			10/13/25

FORM OF BID BOND

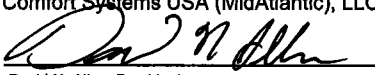
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT _____
Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC _____ as
principal, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland _____, as surety, who
is duly licensed to act as surety in North Carolina, are held and firmly bound unto the Town
of Apex in the penal sum of FIVE PERCENT OF AMOUNT BID --5%-- DOLLARS, lawful money of
the United States of America, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind
ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and
severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed and dated this 14TH day of OCTOBER 2025

WHEREAS, the said principal is herewith submitting proposal for
and the principal desires to file this bid bond in lieu of making **APEX PUBLIC SAFETY STATION #4**
the cash deposit as required by G.S. 143-129. **HVAC RENOVATIONS**

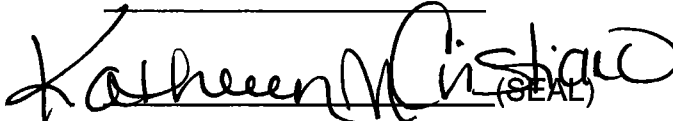
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that
if the principal shall be awarded the contract for which the bid is submitted and shall
execute the contract and give bond for the faithful performance thereof within ten days
after the award of same to the principal, then this obligation shall be null and void; but if the
principal fails to so execute such contract and give performance bond as required by G.S.
143-129, the surety shall, upon demand, forthwith pay to the obligee the amount set forth
in the first paragraph hereof. Provided further, that the bid may be withdrawn as provided
by G.S. 143-129.1

Must be signed by Contractor and Surety to be valid
Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC

 (SEAL)
David N. Allen, President



FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

 (SEAL)

KATHLEEN M. CRISTIANO, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

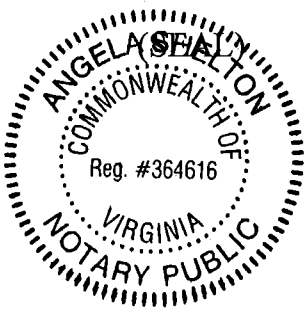
State of Virginia

County of Halifax

On this 21st day October 2025, before me personally came David N. Allen to
me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and who, being
duly sworn by me, did depose and say that he is President of
(Member/Manager)

Comfort Systems USA (MidAtlantic), LLC, a Limited Liability Company, and that
(Limited Liability Company)

he has authority to sign the same, and acknowledge that he executed the
same as the act and deed of said Limited Liability Company.





Notary Public

My commission expires: 03/31/2029

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of NJ
County of Monmouth

On this 14th day of October, 2025 before me
personally came Kathleen M. Cristiano, to me known,
who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides in
Westfield, NJ

that he/she is the _____ Attorney-In-Fact _____ of the

Beauty and Deposit Company of Maryland
the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument;
that he/she knows that seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to
said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of
the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he/she signed
his/her name thereto by like order.

(SEAL)

Adrianne Scalera

ADRIANNE SCALERA
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires 02/03/2026

THE FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY

OF MARYLAND
1299 Zurich Way Schaumburg, IL 60196

Statement of Financial Condition As Of December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Bonds.....	\$ 181,162,758
Stocks	18,212,825
Cash and Short-Term Investments	2,411,982
Reinsurance Recoverable	20,361,515
Federal Income Tax Recoverable.....	10,150
Other Accounts Receivable	26,284,837
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS.....	<u>\$ 248,444,067</u>

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Taxes and Expenses	\$ 103,295
Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable	45,005,200
Remittances and Items Unallocated	0
Payable to parents, subs and affiliates	0
Securities Lending Collateral Liability.....	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 45,108,495</u>
Capital Stock, Paid Up	\$ 5,000,000
Surplus.....	<u>198,335,572</u>
Surplus as regards Policyholders.....	<u>203,335,572</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 248,444,067</u>

Securities carried at \$78,636,217 in the above statement are deposited with various states as required by law.

Securities carried on the basis prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. On the basis of market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, the Company's total admitted assets at December 31, 2024 would be \$236,552,538 and surplus as regards policyholders \$191,444,043.

I, LAURA J. LAZARCZYK, Corporate Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is a correct exhibit of the assets and liabilities of the said Company on the 31st day of December, 2024.

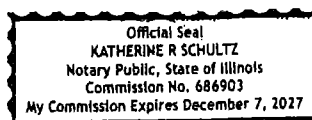
Signed by
Laura J. Lazarczyk
1709426117177160L

Corporate Secretary

State of Illinois }
City of Schaumburg } SS:

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Illinois, in the City of Schaumburg, this 25th day of February, 2025.


Notary Public



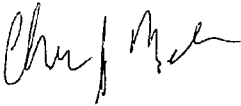
**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Illinois, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Illinois (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by Christopher Nolan, Vice President, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint **Kathleen M. CRISTIANO, Adrienne SCALERA and John Dougherty HUNTER, all of Westfield, New Jersey**, its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

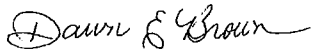
The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**, this 3rd day of January A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:
**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**



By: **Christopher Nolan**
Vice President



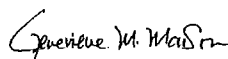
By: **Dawn E. Brown**
Secretary



**State of Maryland
County of Baltimore**

On this 3rd day of January A.D. 2025, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **Christopher Nolan, Vice President and Dawn E. Brown, Secretary** of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Genevieve M. Malson
Notary Public
My Commission Expires January 27, 2029



EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this 14th day of October, 2025



MJ Pethick

Mary Jean Pethick
Vice President

TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE CLAIM INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL ON THE BOND, THE BOND NUMBER, AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO:

Zurich Surety Claims
1299 Zurich Way
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056
reportsfclaims@zurichna.com
800-626-4577

Authenticity of this bond can be confirmed at bondvalidator.zurichna.com or 410-559-8790