AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between Effingham County Board of Commissioners ("Owner") and

United Maintenance, Inc./United Boiler LLC ("Contractor").

Owner and Contractor hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - WORK

Contractor shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described as follows:

All tools, materials, labor, supervision and equipment for the replacement of two existing domestic water boilers and trim with two new domestic water boilers and two storage tanks, piping and trim at the Effingham County Jail. Work to include the removal and disposal of the existing equipment, the purchase and installation of the new equipment, Georgia Boiler certification and inspection, mobilization, clean up, insurance. Bonds and other miscellaneous items not specifically listed but necessary for a complete job.

The Project for which the Work under the Contract Documents may be the whole or only a part is generally described as follows: ITB 22-006 – Effingham County Jail - Boiler Replacement

ARTICLE 2 – ENGINEER

2.01 The Project has been designed by Effingham County Engineering Department's Consultant Chatham Engineering Co. of Savannah, Georgia, which is to act as Owner's representative, assume all duties and responsibilities, and have the rights and authority assigned to A/E in the Contract Documents in connection with the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3 – CONTRACT TIMES

3.01 Time of the Essence

All time limits for Milestones, if any, Substantial Completion, and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract.

3.02 Days to Achieve Completion and Final Payment

The Work will be completed within <u>190</u> calendar days from receipt of a Notice Proceed.

ARTICLE 4 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

4.01 Contractor and Owner recognize that time is of the essence as stated in Paragraph 3.01 above and that Owner will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in Paragraph 3.02 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed. The parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration preceding the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, Owner and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty),

Contractor shall pay Owner \$300 for each day that expires after the time specified in Paragraph 4.02 above for Completion until the Work is complete.

ARTICLE 5 - CONTRACT PRICE

Owner shall pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents an amount in current funds equal to the sum of the amounts determined pursuant to

Paragraphs 5.01.A, below:

Unit No.	Description	Estimated Quantity				Unit Price	Total Price
1	Domestic water boilers, including the removal and disposal of the existing equipment, and the purchase and installation of the two new boilers and two new storage tanks, piping and trim with the required state boiler inspections and certifications, insurance, bonds and other miscellaneous items not specifically listed but necessary for a complete job	1	LS	\$189,671.56	\$189,671.56		
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Total Bid	\$189,671.56		

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ARTICLE 6 – PAYMENT PROCEDURES

6.01 Submittal and Processing of Payments

A. Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Section 1.30 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by A/E as provided in the General Conditions.

6.02 Progress Payments; Retainage

- A. Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of Contractor's Applications for Payment on or about the <u>25th</u> day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in Paragraph 6.02.A.1 below as long as the pay request is received by the <u>1st</u> of the month. All such payments will be measured based on the number of units completed times the unit price of each completed unit.
 - Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the
 percentage indicated below but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously
 made and less such amounts as A/E may determine or Owner may withhold, including but
 not limited to liquidated damages, in accordance with Paragraph 4.01 above.
 - a. <u>90</u> percent of Work completed (with the balance being retainage). Until 50% of the value of the contract (including change orders and additions), or if the Contractor fails to maintain his construction schedule to the satisfaction of the A/E, the County will retain 10% of the gross value of the completed work as indicated by the current estimate approved by the A/E. After the contract (including change orders and additions) is 50% complete, there shall be no additional retainage withheld unless the work is determined to be unsatisfactory or has fallen behind schedule; and
 - b. <u>90</u> percent of cost of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (with the balance being retainage).
- B. Upon Substantial Completion, Owner shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to Contractor to 100 percent of the Work completed, less such amounts as Engineer shall determine and less 150 percent of A/E's estimate of the value of Work to be completed or corrected as shown on the tentative list of items to be completed or corrected.

6.03 Final Payment

A. Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work, Owner shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by A/E.

ARTICLE 7 – INTEREST

7.01 All moneys not paid when due as provided in Section 1.30 of The General Conditions and Paragraph 6.02 above, shall bear interest at the rate of <u>1</u> percent per annum.

ARTICLE 8 – CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

- 8.01 In order to induce Owner to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations:
 - A. Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other related data identified in the Bidding Documents.
 - B. Contractor has visited the Site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
 - C. Contractor is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
 - D. Contractor has considered the information known to Contractor; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; the Contract Documents; and the Site-related reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, including any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required by the Contract Documents; and (3) Contractor's safety precautions and programs. Based on the information and observations referred to in Paragraph 8.01.D above, Contractor does not consider that further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
 - E. Contractor is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
 - F. Contractor has given A/E written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by A/E is acceptable to Contractor.
 - G. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE 9 – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

9.01 Contents

- A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:
 - 1. This Agreement (pages 1 to 9, inclusive).

- 2. General Conditions (pages 1 to 7, inclusive).
- 3. Supplemental Conditions (pages 1 to 4, inclusive).
- 4. Specifications as listed in the table of contents of the Project Manual.
- 5. Addenda (numbers 1 to 1, inclusive).
- 6. Exhibits to this Agreement (enumerated as follows):
 - a. Contractor's Bid (pages 1 to 6, inclusive).
 - b. Documentation submitted by Contractor prior to Notice of Award (pages 1 to 41, inclusive).
- 7. The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto:
 - a. Notice of Award (pages _l_ to _l_, inclusive).
 - b. Notice to Proceed (pages 1 to 1, inclusive).
 - c. Work Change Directives.
 - d. Change Orders.
- B. The documents listed in Paragraph 9.01.A are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).
- C. There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 9.
- D. The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions, and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof by either a Change Order or a Work Change Directive.
- E. The requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, by one or more of the following ways:

A Field Order;

- 1. A/E's approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample; or
- 2. A/E's written interpretation or clarification.

ARTICLE 10 – COUNTY'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR TERMINATE WORK

A. Termination for Convenience. County may, for its own convenience and at its sole option, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of County, elect to terminate the Contract by delivering to the Contractor, at the address listed for giving notices in this Contract, a written notice of termination specifying the effective date of termination. Such notice shall be delivered to Contractor at least seven (7) days prior to the effective date of termination.

- B. Termination for Default. If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the Contractor or for any of his property, or if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act or to reorganize under the bankruptcy or applicable laws, or if he fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, make payments to Subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment, or if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction of the Work, or if he otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, then the County may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, and after giving the Contractor and his surety a maximum of seven (7) days from delivery of a written notice, declare the Contract in default and terminate this Contract. In that event, the County may take possession of the Project and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor. The County may cause the Work to be completed and corrected by whatever method it deems expedient. If called upon by the County to finish the Work, the Contractor's surety shall promptly do so. In any case, the Contractor and its surety shall be liable to the County for any and all damages and costs incurred by the County as a result of any default by the Contractor, including without limitation all costs of completion or correction of the Work, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, expert fees, and other costs of dispute resolution. Termination of this Contract pursuant to this paragraph may result in disqualification of the Contractor from bidding on future County contracts for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years.
- C. If Contractor's services are terminated by the County pursuant to paragraph A or B above, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the County then existing or which may thereafter accrue against Contractor or its surety. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by County will not release Contractor from liability. If it is determined that the Contractor was not in default or that the failure to perform is excusable, a termination for default will be considered to have been a termination for the convenience of the County, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed accordingly.
- D. In case of termination of this Contract before completion of the Work, Contractor will be paid only for materials and equipment accepted by the County and the portion of the Work satisfactorily performed through the effective date of termination as determined by the County.
- E. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, neither party shall be entitled to recover lost profits, special, consequential or punitive damages, attorney's fees or costs from the other party to this Contract for any reason whatsoever.
- F. The parties' obligations pursuant to this Contract shall survive any Acceptance of Work, or expiration or termination of this Contract.

ARTICLE 11 – INDEMNIFICATION

The CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Effingham County, Georgia, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONTRACTOR or other persons or entities employed or utilized by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of the contract. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth herein above shall include, but not be limited to, any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition, disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. CONTRACTOR further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Effingham County, Georgia, at his sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims, suits, etc., are groundless, false, or fraudulent, including any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the CONTRACTOR or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify Effingham County under this Section shall not be limited in any way by the agreed-upon contract price, or to the scope and amount of coverage provided by any insurance maintained by the CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE 12 – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor hereby covenants and declares that it is an independent business and agrees to perform the Work as an independent contractor and not as the agent or employee of the County. The Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for its own matters relating to the time and place the services are performed; the instrumentalities, tools, supplies, and/or materials necessary to complete the Work; hiring of consultants, agents, or employees to complete the Work; and the payment of employees, including compliance with Social Security, withholding, and all other regulations governing such matters. The Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for its own acts and those of its subordinates and subcontractors during the life of this Contract. Any provisions of this Contract that may appear to give the County the right to direct Contractor as to the details of the services to be performed by Contractor or to exercise control over such services will be deemed to mean that Contractor shall follow the directions of the County with regard to the results of such services.

ARTICLE 13 – MISCELLANEOUS

13.01 Terms

A. Terms used in this Agreement will have the meanings stated in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions.

13.02 Assignment of Contract

A. No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound;

B. and, specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

13.03 Successors and Assigns

A. County and Contractor each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

13.04 Severability

A. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon County and Contractor, who agree that the Contract Documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

13.05 Contractor's Certifications

- A. Contractor certifies that it has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for or in executing the Contract. For the purposes of this Paragraph 10.05:
 - 1. "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value likely to influence the action of a public official in the bidding process or in the Contract execution;
 - 2. "fraudulent practice" means an intentional misrepresentation of facts made (a) to influence the bidding process or the execution of the Contract to the detriment of County, (b) to establish Bid or Contract prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive County of the benefits of free and open competition;
 - "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of County, a purpose of which is to establish Bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
 - 4. "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the bidding process or affect the execution of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Contractor have signed this Agreement. Counterparts have been delivered to County and Contractor. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or have been identified by County and Contractor or on their behalf.

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NOTICE OF AWARD

TO: United Maintenance, Inc./United Boiler LLC

RE: NOTICE OF AWARD - CONSTRUCTION

ITB 22-006 - Effingham County Jail - Boiler Replacement

Please consider this your NOTICE OF AWARD (NOA) on the above referenced project. In accordance with the terms of the contract, the Contractor is to submit a fully executed Contract, Payment and Performance Bonds within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Award. Upon receipt of those documents, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued and work is to commence within fourteen (14) days of the executed NTP. Requests for time extensions shall be documented and made in writing as soon as possible.

NOA Dated this $\underline{Q^{th}}$ day of \underline{UU} , 2022
Effingham County Board of Commissioners Tin Callanan, County Manager

DATE OF AWARD BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Date of Contract Award:

NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO: United Maintenance, Inc./United Boiler LLC

RE: NOTICE TO PROCEED - CONSTRUCTION

ITB 22-006 - Effingham County Jail - Boiler Replacement

Please consider this your NOTICE TO PROCEED on the above referenced project. In accordance with the terms of the contract, work is to commence within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice to Proceed and to be completed within 190 calendar days. Failure to complete the work by this time/date will result in deductions from the monies due the contractor as "liquated" damages in an amount equal to \$300.00 per calendar day. Requests for time extensions shall be documented and made in writing within 7 calendar days after the delay.

Dated this 19th day of July . 2022

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

Wesley Corbitt, Chairman

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE:

Receipt of the above Notice to Proceed is acknowledged.

Contractor: United Maintenance, Inc/United Boiler, LLC

By:

Title:

Secretary

Date of Acceptance:

7/22/2022

STATE OF GEORGIA

Secretary of State

Corporations Division 313 West Tower 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

Electronically Filed Secretary of State

Filing Date: 1/27/2020 10:49:30 AM

BUSINESS INFORMATION

CONTROL NUMBER

H401376

BUSINESS NAME

UNITED MAINTENANCE, INC.

BUSINESS TYPE

Domestic Profit Corporation

EFFECTIVE DATE

01/27/2020

ANNUAL REGISTRATION PERIOD

2020, 2021, 2022

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

ADDRESS

3687 MCELROY RD, Atlanta, GA, 30340, USA

REGISTERED AGENT

NAME

ADDRESS

COUNTY

Mark Cobb, A

219 East Washington Street, Thomasville, GA, 31792, USA

Thomas

OFFICERS INFORMATION

NAME

TITLE

ADDRESS

Elizabeth Hardy

SECRETARY

3687 McElroy Road, Atlanta, GA, 30340, USA

Nancy M Harter

CEO

3687 McElroy Road, Atlanta, GA, 30340, USA

R Pat Rogers

CFO

3687 McElroy Road, Atlanta, GA, 30340, USA

AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

AUTHORIZER SIGNATURE

Nancy M Harter

AUTHORIZER TITLE

Officer

UNITE-6

OP ID: MP



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 06/17/2022

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	770-422-0456	CONTACT Owen & Associates LLC					
Owen & Associates, LLC P.O. Box 1056		PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 770-422-0456 (A/C, No	770-422.4049				
Marietta, GA 30061 W. Daniel Owen		E-MAIL ADDRESS: vanessa@oains.com					
vv. Daniei Owen		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC#				
		INSURER A : Phoenix Insurance Co.					
INSURED United Maintenance, Inc.		INSURER B: Travelers C&S America	31194				
United Maintenance, Inc. United Boiler. LLC		INSURER C: Travelers P&C America	25674				
United Boiler, LLC 3687 McElroy Rd. Doraville, GA 30340		INSURER D : Axis Insurance Co					
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		INSURER F:					

COVERAGES **REVISION NUMBER: CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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	OTHER:							\$
Α	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$ 1,000,00
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l	HIRED NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$
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E	Prof/Poll Liab			CM004729-01-2022	01/01/2022	01/01/2023	Claim/Agg	3,000,00
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schodule, may be attached if more space is required) ITB NO: 22-006 Effingham County Jail - Boiler Replacement

Effingham County, Georgia, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees are included as additional insured on the general liability, auto liability and umbrella policies referenced herein.

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CANCELLATION **EFFINGH**

Effingham County Board of Commissioners 804 S. Laurel St Springfield, GA 31329

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



PAYMENT BOND

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Hartford, Connecticut 06183

Bond No.: 10725452

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

United Maintenance, Inc 3687 McElroy Road Doraville, GA 30340

SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

One Tower Square

Hartford, CT 06101-5179

OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

Effingham County Baord of Commissioners

804 S. Laurel Street Springfield, GA 31329

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date: July 19, 2022 Amount: \$189,672 Description:

(Name and location)

ITB 22-006 - Effingham County Jail - Boiler Replacement

BOND

Date: July 21,2022

(Not earlier than Construction Contract Date)

Amount: \$189,672

Modifications to this Bond:

None

See Section 18

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company:

United Maintenance Inc

Company

SURETY

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of

Randall S. Owen Attorney-in-Fact

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America (Corporate Seal)

Signature: Name and

Title:

Nancy M. Harter, CEO

(Corporate Seal)

Signature: Name and

Title:

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

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Name, address and telephone)

AGENT or BROKER:

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

(Architect, Engineer or other party:)

Owen & Associates LLC 274 N Marietta Pkwy Marietta, GA 30060 770-422-0456

- § 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.
- § 16.4 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.

- § 16.5 Contract Documents. All the documents that comprise the agreement between the Owner and Contractor.
- § 17 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.
- § 18 Modifications to this bond are as follows:

(Space is provided below for additional signatures of added parties, other than those appearing on the cover page.)

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company:

United Maintenance Inc

(Corporate Seal)

Signature:

Name and Title: Address: Nancy M. Harter, CEO 3687 McElroy Road

Doraville, GA 30340

SURETY

Company:

Signature: Name and Title:

Randall S. Owen, Attorney-in-Pact

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of

Address:

274 N. Marietta Pkwy Marietta, GA 30060

America (Corporate Seal)



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Travelers Casualty and Surety Company St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint RANDALL S OWEN of MARIETTA .

Georgia , their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 17th day of January, 2019.







State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

On this the 17th day of January, 2019, before me personally appeared Robert L. Raney, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 21st day of July





Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

PERFORMANCE TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA Hartford, Connecticut 06183

SURETY:

One Tower Square

Hartford, CT 06101-5179

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Bond No.: 10725452

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)
United Maintenance Inc
3687 McElroy Road
Doraville, GA 30340

OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address) Effingham County Board of Commissioners 804 S. Laurel Street Springfield, GA 31329

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date: July 19, 2022 Amount: \$ 189,672 Description:

(Name and location)

ITB 22-006 - Effingham County Jail - Boiler Replacement

BOND

Title:

Date: July 21,2022

(Not earlier than Construction Contract Date)

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Amount:	DΙ	07	.012

Modifications to this Bond: X

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CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company: United Maintenace, Inc (Corporate Seal)

Company:

Signature: Name and Nanoy M. Harter, CEO

Signature: Name and

Title:

Randall S. Owen, Attorney-in-Fact

America (Corporate Seal)

Casualty and Surety Company of

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

None

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Name, address and telephone)

AGENT or BROKER:

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:

Travelers

(Architect, Engineer or other party:)

Owen & Associates LLC 274 N Marietta Pkwy Marietta, GA 30060

- § 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

- 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:
 - 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
 - the responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract;
 - 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.

§ 16 Modifications to this bond are as follows:

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CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

United Maintenance Inc

(Corporate Seal)

Company:

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company

America (Gorporate Seal)

Signature:

Address:

Company:

Name and Title:

Nancy M. Harter, CEO

3687 McElroy Drive

Doraville, GA 30340

Signature:

Name and Title: Address:

Randall S. Owen Attorney-in-Fac 274 N. Marietta Plwy

Marietta, GA 30060



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Travelers Casualty and Surety Company St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint RANDALL S OWEN of MARIETTA .

Georgia , their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 17th day of January, 2019.







State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

On this the 17th day of January, 2019, before me personally appeared Robert L. Raney, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

Senior Vice President

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I. Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 21st day of July

2022







Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary