

# INVITATION FOR BID

25-ITB-099

## TSPLOST AND LMIG 2026 - CONSTRUCTION



Effingham County  
804 S Laurel Street  
Springfield, GA 31329

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I. AGREEMENT .....

Attachments:

A - 14-GeneralContractor&UtilityLicense-CWM-Final (1)

B - 12-BidGuaranteeSuretyBidBond-CWM-Final

## 1. AGREEMENT

### 1.1. AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

25-ITB-099TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 - Construction

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between Effingham County Board of Commissioners (“Owner”) and TBD (“Contractor”).

Owner and Contractor hereby agree as follows:

### 1.2. Article 1 - WORK

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

The TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 – Construction project includes roadway improvements consisting of patching, leveling, milling, and resurfacing approximately 30.2 miles of roadway across 54 roads throughout Effingham County, Georgia. The project scope also includes grading, minor drainage improvements, concrete valley gutter, storm pipe installation, signage, pavement markings, and other associated work required for a complete and finished roadway system. This project is funded through Effingham County’s Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) and Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) programs and is intended to enhance roadway safety, extend pavement life, and improve connectivity across multiple local corridors in accordance with GDOT and County standards.

The Project for which the Work under the Contract Documents may be the whole or only a part is generally described as follows: 25-ITB-099, TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 - Construction

### 1.3. Article 2 - ENGINEER

2.01. The Project has been designed by Effingham County Engineering Department’s Consultant, Thomas & Hutton, 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.

### 1.4. 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 270 days from receipt of a Notice Proceed.

### **1.5. Article 4 - LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

4.01. Contractor and Owner recognize that time is of the essence as stated in preceding Paragraph and that Owner will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in Paragraph above, plus any extensions thereof allowed. The parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration proceeding 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 \$1,169.00 for each day that expires after the time specified in Paragraph above entitled "Contract Times" for Completion until the Work is complete.

### **1.6. 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 \$6,254,815.00, an amount determined pursuant to the fee proposal submitted by the Contractor for 25-ITB-099.

### **1.7. Article 6 - PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

#### ***6.01. Submittal and Processing of Payments***

Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with 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 **25th** day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in the following section 6.02.A.1 immediately following as long as the pay request is received by the **1st** of the month. All such payments will be measured based on the number of units completed times the unit price of each completed unit.

1. 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, titled Liquidated Damages.

a. **95** percent of Work completed (with the balance being retainage). The County will retain 5% of the gross value of the completed work as indicated by the current estimate approved by the A/E; and

b. **95** 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.

### 1.8. Article 7 - INTEREST

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

### 1.9. 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 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.

### 1.10. Article 9 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

#### *9.01. Contents*

A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:

1. This Agreement, all pages inclusive
2. General Conditions, as listed in 25-ITB-099 document
3. Supplemental Conditions, as listed in 25-ITB-099 document
4. Specifications as listed in the table of contents of the Project Manual.
5. Addenda numbers 1 to 8, inclusive
6. Exhibits to this Agreement (enumerated as follows):

a. Contractor's Bid.

b. Documentation submitted by Contractor prior to Notice of Award.

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 .

b. Notice to Proceed.

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 CONTRACTS DOCUMENTS section.

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.

#### 1.11. 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.

#### 1.12. 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.

### 1.13. 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.

### 1.14. 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 13.05:

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;

3. "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.

This Agreement will be effective on \_\_\_\_\_ (which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

**COUNTY:**

**Effingham County Board of Commissioners**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: County Clerk

Address for giving notices:  
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Springfield, GA 31329

**CONTRACTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(If Contractor is a corporation, a partnership, or a joint venture, attach evidence of authority to sign.)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for giving notices:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibits List

A - 14-GeneralContractor&UtilityLicense-CWM-Final (1)

B - 12-BidGuaranteeSuretyBidBond-CWM-Final

**Exhibit A**

14-GeneralContractor&UtilityLicense-CWM-Final  
(1)



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**BRAD RAFFENSPERGER, Secretary of State**

State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors

LICENSE NO. **GCCO007346**

C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc.

**Daniel P. Garcia**

1600 Kenview Drive

Marietta GA 30060

Qualifying Agent: Kevin Thomas Eubanks

Qualifying Agent License NO: GCQA007342

**General Contractor Company**

EXP DATE - 06/30/2026 Status: Active

Issue Date: 08/05/2021

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Utility Manager

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**Exhibit B**

12-BidGuaranteeSuretyBidBond-CWM-Final

## BID BOND

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE** C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. *[Insert contractor's name]*, as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and (Surety) Federal Insurance Company a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, and held and firmly bound unto

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as Obligee, hereinafter called Obligee, in the sum of Five Percent (5%) of the Amount Bid Dollars (\$ 5% of the bid ), or percent ( 5 % ) of the amount bid, whichever is less, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS**, the Principal has submitted a bid for:

**Project Name and Number:** 25-ITB-099 TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 - Construction

**NOW, THEREFORE**, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid and give such bonds or bond as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and Sealed this 10th day of November, 2025.

C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. Federal Insurance Company  
(Principal) Michael Kleuckling (Surety)

By: Michael Kleuckling, Vice President

By: Holli Orr, Attorney-in-Fact

(Witness) (Title) Katherine Mitchell, Admin Asst.

(Witness) (Title) Maggie Duffer, Witness as to Surety



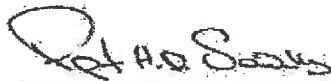
## Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company  
Westchester Fire Insurance Company | ACE American Insurance Company

Know All by These Presents, that **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, a New York corporation, **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, a Wisconsin corporation, **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** corporations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do each hereby constitute and appoint **Holli Orr, Jennifer Westmoreland and Wesley P. Williams** of Atlanta, Georgia

each as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in their names and to affix their corporate seals to and deliver for and on their behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (other than bail bonds) given or executed in the course of business, and any instruments amending or altering the same, and consents to the modification or alteration of any instrument referred to in said bonds or obligations.

In Witness Whereof, said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary



Warren Eichhorn, Vice President



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
County of Hunterdon

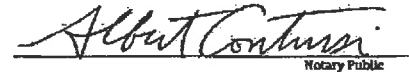
SS.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, to me known to be Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself did depose and say that they are Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** and know the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed by like authority.

Notarial Seal



Albert Contursi  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
No 50202569  
Commission Expires August 22, 2027

  
Notary Public

### CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY** on August 30, 2016; **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** on December 11, 2006; and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** on March 20, 2009:

"RESOLVED, that the following authorizations relate to the execution, for and on behalf of the Company, of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other written commitments of the Company entered into in the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

- (1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.
- (2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.
- (3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

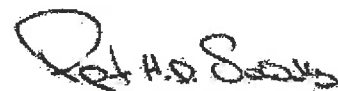
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power or authority otherwise validly granted or vested."

I, Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

- (i) the foregoing Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies are true, correct and in full force and effect,
- (ii) the foregoing Power of Attorney is true, correct and in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this November 10, 2025



  
Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

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