

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**  
**(IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing Project)**

**THIS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT** ("Contract") is dated on the 10/15/2024, by and between the **CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH**, a Florida municipal corporation ("City") and **Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC**, a Limited Liability Company located at 800 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444, which is authorized to do business in the State of Florida ("Contractor").

**WHEREAS**, the CITY is a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the Charter and the Constitution of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the CITY issued on an Invitation for Bid (IFB# 24-115) for IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing Project ("IFB"), which IFB is incorporated into this Contract by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received two (2) responsive bids to the IFB; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor was found to be the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and was recommended for the award; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to accept the Contractor's bid in order for Contractor to install a perimeter fence around the cemeteries with a decorative aluminum "rod-iron" looking fence and an entry feature included typical of cemeteries, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract and IFB; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor further warrants that it is experienced and capable of performing the tasks hereunder in a professional and competent manner; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement may be funded, in whole or in part, by the Federal agencies, in which case, the Contractor agrees that any services performed pursuant to the IFB and this Agreement will comply with all applicable Federal law, Federal regulations, executive orders, Federal policies, procedures, and directives and special clauses as provided for in **Exhibit "A"**;

**WHEREAS**, the City finds entering this Contract with the Contractor as described herein serves a valid public purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City hereby engages the services of the Contractor, and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by both parties, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. RECITALS AND WORK.**

1.1 The Recitals set forth above are incorporated into this Contract as true and correct statements and incorporated herein as if set forth in the body of this Contract.

1.2 Contractor shall complete all Work as specified and indicated in the Contract Documents, as defined below and as set forth and according to the specifications provided in IFB and Schedule of Unit Prices in **Exhibit "B"**. The Work is generally described as IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing ("Project").

## ARTICLE 2. CONTRACT TIME.

2.1 The Work will be substantially completed within **180 calendar days** from the date of the Notice to Proceed. Final completion of the Work that includes final improvements of the Project shall be within **210 calendar days** from the Notice to Proceed.

2.2 Time is of the essence under this Contract.

2.3 **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.** The City and Contractor recognize that time is of the essence of this Contract and that the City will suffer financial loss if the work described in the Contract Documents is not completed within the times specified in paragraph 2.1 above. The City and Contractor recognize, agree and acknowledge that it would be impractical and extremely difficult to ascertain and fix the actual damages that the City would suffer in the event Contractor neglects, refuses, or otherwise fails to complete the work within the time specified. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, the City and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty) Contractor shall pay the City Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each day that expires after the time specified in paragraph 2.1.

2.4 The Contractor shall not be considered in default by reason of a delay in timely performance if such delay and failure arise out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the Contractor or its subcontractors (if authorized) and without the Contractor's or subcontractor's fault or negligence. Upon the Contractor's written request, the City shall consider the facts and extent of any such delay and failure to timely perform the work for reason beyond the control of the Contractor and, if the Contractor's delay and failure to timely perform was without it or its subcontractors' fault or negligence, as reasonably determined by the City, the time of completion shall be extended for any reasonable time that the City may reasonably decide; subject to the City's rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time. If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by any act or neglect of the City or its employees, by an approved written change in the scope from the original Contract Documents, or by any other contractor employed by the City, or by changes ordered by the City or in an unusual delay in transportation, unavoidable casualties, or any causes beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, or by delay authorized by the City pending negotiation or by any cause which the City shall reasonably decide justifies the delay, then the time of completion shall be extended for any reasonable time the City may decide. The Contractor must provide the City with written notice of any delay claims and no extension of time shall be made for any delay occurring more than five (5) days before a claim is made in writing to the City. In the case of continuing cause of delay, only one (1) claim is necessary. With the exception of an approved written change in the scope from the original Contract Documents, the Contractor's sole remedy for a delay in completion of the work for any reason will be an extension of time to complete the Work and Contractor specifically waives any right to seek any monetary damages or losses for a delay in completion of the work, including, but not limited to, waiving any right to seek monetary amounts for lost profits, additional overhead, salaries, lost productivity, efficiency losses, or any other alleged monetary losses which may be allegedly suffered by Contractor due to a delay in completion of the work. Provided, however, and subject to sovereign immunity under section 768.28, Florida Statutes, that this provision shall not preclude recovery or damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith or active interference on the part of the City. Otherwise, the Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions of the Contract times as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delay, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided above. Further, in the City's sole discretion, a requested extension of time may be denied for delays resulting from normal weather conditions prevailing in the area as defined by the average of the last five (5) years of weather recorded or otherwise established by the City.

### ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT PRICE.

3.1 City shall pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents a lump sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and 99 cents (548,277.99), which shall be payable in accordance with Article 4 of this Contract..

### ARTICLE 4. PAYMENT PROCEDURES.

4.1 Generally. The Contractor shall submit invoices on a monthly basis detailing all Work accomplished in the prior month, which is installed and to be used in the Project. Contractor's invoices shall be submitted to:

City of Lake Worth Beach  
Attn: Financial Services Department/Procurement Division  
7 N. Dixie Highway  
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

The City's Contract Administrator will review each invoice submitted by the Contractor. If approved by the City's Contract Administrator and the Financial Services Department, the City will make payment in accordance with the Contract Documents. If not approved, the City will notify the Contractor within twenty (20) business days of the City's receipt and identify the action necessary to correct the invoice or a deficiency.

4.2 Payment to the Contractor shall be made pursuant Florida's Local Government Prompt Payment Act (for construction services), section 218.735, Florida Statutes (2023), except as provided herein. Specifically, the City will withhold five percent (5%) of each payment to the Contractor as retainage until fifty percent (50%) of the Work is completed by the Contractor. After fifty percent (50%) of the Work is completed, upon written request from the Contractor, the City's Contract Administrator may agree in writing with the Contractor to release a portion of the retainage not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total retainage amount. Within twenty (20) business days of the finalization of the punch-list described below and upon receipt of a payment request from the Contractor, the City will pay the Contractor all retainage held less an amount equal to 150% of the estimated cost to complete the items on the punch-list. Upon completion of all items on the finalized punch-list, the Contractor may submit a request for release of all retainage.

4.3 In accordance with section 218.735(7), Florida Statutes (2023), as soon as possible, **but no later than ten (10) business days prior to reaching substantial completion**, the Contractor shall create a proposed punch-list of items that must be completed by the Contractor prior to the Contractor submitting its final payment request. The Contractor's proposed punch-list must include all items of Work which remain to be completed and the estimated cost to complete each Work item on the list. Upon receipt of the Contractor's proposed punch-list, the City will have five (5) business days to review, make modifications, or agree to the proposed punch-list and estimated cost. If the City does not make any modifications to the Contractor's proposed punch-list within five (5) business days of receipt, the proposed punch-list will be deemed accepted by the City. The City's Contract Administrator or designee will resolve any disputes in the punch-list and determine the final punch-list for the parties **no later than five (5) days after the City's review and deliver the same to the Contractor**. Once the punch-list is finalized and delivered to the Contractor, the Contractor shall have thirty (30) days to complete all Work on the punch-list or until the time set for final completion

of the Work (if the final completion date provides for more time). The failure of either party to include any corrective work or pending items on the finalized punch-list does not alter the responsibility of the Contractor to complete all Work and the Project. The Contractor's proposed punch-list and modifications by the City may be by informal written notice (e.g., email, fax, or hand-delivery); however, proof of delivery shall be kept by the party providing the informal written notice to the other party.

4.4 Final Payment. Upon final completion and acceptance of the work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including all punch-list items) and final inspection by the appropriate agency with jurisdiction over the project (if other than the City), the Contractor shall submit a "final invoice" to the City. In order for both parties to close their books and records, the Contractor will clearly state "FINAL" on the Contractor's final invoice. This certifies that all work under the applicable work order has been properly completed and all charges have been invoiced to the City. Since this account will thereupon be closed, any and other further charges if not properly included in this final invoice are waived by the Contractor. If the Contractor's Final Invoice is approved as set forth above, the City shall pay the remainder of the work order price including any amount held as retainage.

4.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall not be required to pay or release any amount of retainage that is subject of a good faith dispute made in writing, the subject of a claim brought pursuant to section 255.05, Florida Statutes, or otherwise the subject of a written claim or demand by the City.

4.6 Final payment shall not become due until the Contractor and all of its subcontractors submit to the City releases and waivers of liens, and data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts, claims, security interests or encumbrances arising out of the Contract Documents or otherwise related to the Program.

**4.7 Acceptance of final payment by the Contractor or a subcontractor shall constitute a waiver of claims by that payee except those previously made in writing and identified by that payee as unsettled at the time of final invoice.**

#### **ARTICLE 5. INDEMNITY, INSURANCE AND BOND**

5.1 The parties recognize that the Contractor is an independent contractor. The Contractor agrees to assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, its commissioners, mayor, officers, employees, agents, and attorneys of, from, and against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, and suits in equity of whatever kind or nature, including claims for personal injury, property damage, equitable relief, or loss of use, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor, its agents, officers, subcontractors, employees, or anyone else utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor's liability hereunder shall include all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the City in the enforcement of this indemnification provision. This includes claims made by the employees of the Contractor against the City and the Contractor hereby waives its entitlement, if any, to immunity under Section 440.11, Florida Statutes. The obligations contained in this provision shall survive termination of this Contract and shall not be limited by the amount of any insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this Contract.

Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, Contractor shall assume control of the defense of any claim asserted by a third party against the City and, in connection with such defense, shall appoint lead counsel, in each case at the Contractor's expense. The City shall have the right, at its option, to

participate in the defense of any third-party claim, without relieving Contractor of any of its obligations hereunder. If the Contractor assumes control of the defense of any third party claim in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the City before entering into any settlement of such claim. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Contractor shall not assume or maintain control of the defense of any third party claim, but shall pay the fees of counsel retained by the City and all expenses, including experts' fees, if (i) an adverse determination with respect to the third party claim would, in the good faith judgment of the City, be detrimental in any material respect to the City's reputation; (ii) the third party claim seeks an injunction or equitable relief against the City; or (iii) the Contractor has failed or is failing to prosecute or defend vigorously the third party claim. Each party shall cooperate, and cause its agents to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any third party claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records and information, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials, or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

It is the specific intent of the parties hereto that the foregoing indemnification complies with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, as amended. Contractor expressly agrees that it will not claim, and waives any claim, that this indemnification violates Section 725.06, Florida Statutes. Nothing contained in the foregoing indemnification shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the City may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

5.2 Prior to commencing any services, Contractor shall provide proof of insurance coverage as required hereunder. Such insurance policy(s) shall be issued by the United States Treasury or insurance carriers approved and authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and who must have a rating of no less than "excellent" by A.M. Best or as mutually agreed upon by the City and Contractor. All such insurance policies may not be modified or terminated without the express written authorization of the City.

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>
Commercial general liability (Products/completed operations Contractual, insurance broad form property, Independent Contractor, personal injury)	\$1, 000,000 per occurrence  \$2,000,000 annual aggregate
Automobile (owned, non-owned, & hired)	\$ 1,000,000 single limits
Worker's Compensation	\$ statutory limits

The commercial general liability and automobile liability policies will name the City as an additional insured on a primary, non-contributing basis. All policies will include a waiver of subrogation. Proof of all insurance coverage shall be furnished to the City by way of an endorsement to same or certificate of insurance prior to the provision of services. The certificates shall clearly indicate that Contractor has obtained insurance of the type, amount, and classification as required for strict compliance with this section. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve Contractor of its liability and obligations under this Agreement.

5.3 The Contractor shall provide a public construction bond in accordance with the provisions of section 255.05, Florida Statutes. The bond shall conform with the bond form attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** or be in such substantially similar form as approved by the City. The bond shall be in an amount not less than the total Contract Price by a Surety Company acceptable to the City. The Contractor must provide the City with a fully executed and recorded copy (in the Official Records of

Palm Beach County) of the bond prior to commencing any Work. To be acceptable to the City as the Owner, a Surety Company shall comply with the following provisions:

1. The Surety Company shall have a currently valid Certificate of Authority, issued by the State of Florida Department of Insurance, authorizing it to write surety bonds in the State of Florida.
2. The Surety Company shall have currently valid Certificate of Authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under Sections 9304 to 9308 of Title 31 of the United States Code.
3. The Surety Company shall be in full compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code.
4. The Surety Company shall have at least twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the invitation to Proposal is issued.
5. The Surety Company shall have at least the ratings of A-/Class V in the latest issue of Best's Key Rating Guide.
6. The Surety Company shall not expose itself to any loss on any one risk in an amount exceeding ten (10) percent of its surplus to policyholders, provided:
  - a. Any risk or portion of any risk being reinsured shall be deducted in determining the limitation of the risk as prescribed in this section. These minimum requirements shall apply to the reinsuring carrier providing authorization or approval by the State of Florida, Department of Insurance to do business in this state have been met.
  - b. In the case of the surety insurance company, in addition to the deduction for reinsurance, the amount assumed by any co-surety, the value of any security deposited, pledged or held subject to the consent of the surety and for the protection of the surety shall be deducted.

#### **ARTICLE 6. TERMINATION.**

6.1 **TERMINATION BY CITY:** The City (through its City Manager or designee) may terminate the Contract Documents if the Contractor:

1. refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
2. fails to prosecute the Work in a timely manner;
3. fails to make payment to subcontractors for materials or labor in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the subcontractors;
4. disregards or takes action contrary to any laws, ordinances, or rules, regulations orders of a public authority having jurisdiction;
5. takes action, short of declaring bankruptcy, evidencing insolvency;
6. fails or refuses to provide and/or maintain insurance or proof of insurance or the public construction bond as required by the Contract Documents; or,
7. otherwise is in breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.

When any of the above reasons exist, the City, may without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the City and after giving the Contractor written notice and five (5) days to cure, terminate the Contract and Contract Documents and may:

1. take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by or paid for by the City; and,
2. finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the City may deem expedient.

The Contractor shall be liable for any damage to the City, including additional attorney and engineering/architectural fees, resulting from the Contractor's termination under this provision by the City, including but not limited to, and any increased costs incurred by the City in completing the Work.

When the City terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated above, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment, if any, until the Work is finished.

Should it be determined by a mediator or a court of competent jurisdiction that the City wrongfully terminated the Contract, then the Contractor agrees to treat such termination as a termination for convenience.

6.2 **TERMINATION BY THE CITY FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City may, at any time, terminate the Contract Documents for the City's convenience and without cause. Upon receipt of written notice from the City of such termination for the City's convenience, the Contractor shall:

1. cease operations as directed by the City in the notice;
2. take actions necessary, or that the City may direct, for the protection and preservation of the Work; and
3. except for Work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.

In case of such termination for the City's convenience, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for Work executed and reasonable costs incurred by reason of such termination including termination payments to subcontractors and demobilization costs.

## **ARTICLE 7. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.**

7.1 **Contract Documents.** The Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference as if originally set forth in this Contract, and comprise the entire agreement between the City and Contractor. The Contract Documents consist of the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, the IFB including all Project plans/drawings and issued addenda; the bid submitted by the Contractor; and any duly executed and City issued Change Orders, Work Directive Changes, Field Orders and amendments relating thereto, and the Contractor's bid clarifications. If, during the performance of the Work, the Contractor finds an ambiguity, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall so notify the City, in writing, within five (5) business days and before proceeding shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification. Failure to obtain a written interpretation or clarification will be deemed a waiver of the ambiguity, error or discrepancy by the Contractor. The City will not be responsible for any oral instructions, clarifications, or other communications except those provided in writing in response to Contractor's request for clarification of an ambiguity, discrepancy or error.

In resolving conflicts in any of the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

- First Priority: Change Orders, Work Directive Changes, Field Orders and Amendments approved and executed by the parties
- Second Priority: Terms and conditions of this Contract
- Third Priority: The IFB, addenda issued with the IFB
- Fourth Priority: Contractor's bid

7.2 Contract Administrator. Whenever the term "Contract Administrator" is used herein, it is intended to mean the City Manager or designee, for the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida. In the administration of this Contract, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator except that all determinations that result in an increase in Contract Time and/or an increase in the Contract Price, shall require a formal Change Order executed by the City Manager or the City Commission (depending on the authority set forth in the City's Procurement Code).

## **ARTICLE 8. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK.**

8.1 In order to induce City to enter into this Contract, Contractor makes the following representations:

1. Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and any data and reference items identified in the Contract Documents.
2. Contractor has visited the Project site ("Site"), conducted a thorough, alert visual examination of the Site and adjacent areas, 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.
3. Contractor is familiar with and is satisfied as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress and performance of the Work.
4. Contractor has studied carefully all: (1) reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site and drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site that have been identified in the Contract Documents, especially with respect to any technical data in such reports and drawings, and (2) reports and drawings related to Hazardous Environmental Conditions, if any, at or adjacent to the Site that have been identified in the Contract Documents, especially with respect to technical data in such reports and drawings. Contractor accepts the determination set forth in the Contract Documents of the extent of the technical data contained in such reports and drawings upon which Contractor is entitled to rely, if any.
5. Contractor has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying) all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies, if any, which pertain to the subsurface or physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site or otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents; and no additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests,



reports, studies or similar information or data are or will be required by Contractor for such purposes.

6. Contractor has reviewed and checked all information and data shown or indicated on the Contract Documents, if any, with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or adjacent to the Site and assumes responsibility for the accurate location of said Underground Facilities. No additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies or similar information or data in respect of said Underground Facilities are or will be required by Contractor in order to perform and furnish the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

7. Contractor has considered the information known to Contractor itself; 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; and (3) Contractor's safety precautions and programs.

8. Contractor has correlated the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and based on the information and observations referred to above, the Contractor agrees that no 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.

9. Contractor has given the Contract Administrator written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by the Contract Administrator is acceptable to Contractor.

10. Contractor acknowledges that the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey an adequate understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

11. Contractor's entry into this Contract constitutes an incontrovertible representation by Contractor that without exception all prices in the Contract are premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Contract Documents.

12. Contractor is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by City and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.

13. Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for compliance with all applicable environmental and safety laws and regulations, for any liability arising from non-compliance with the laws and regulations and to reimburse the City for any loss incurred in connection therewith. This compliance provision specifically includes the Contractor's compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387).

8.2 The Project and Work includes all materials and services and other things necessary for the Contractor to complete the Project as described the Contract Documents.

8.3 The Contractor represents to the City that the Work provided under the Contract Documents shall be in accordance with accepted and established trade practices and procedures recognized in the Contractor's trade in general and that the materials shall conform to the highest standards and in accordance with the Contract Documents.

8.4 The Contractor represents that it is licensed to do business in the State of Florida and holds and will maintain all applicable licenses required for the work to be completed under the Contract Documents. The Contractor further warrants its capability and experience to perform the work provided for herein in a professional and competent manner.

8.5 The Work shall be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in performing the work shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under the state and local law to perform such Work. All of the Contractor's personnel (and all subcontractors), shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing safety and security.

8.6 Should the City require additional materials or services not included in the Contract Documents, fees and payment for such work will be set forth in a separate written amendment or change order prior to any such additional materials or services being provided by the Contractor. The Contractor has no authority to approve any changes to the Contract Documents without prior written authorization from the City's Contract Administrator.

8.7 The City's Fiscal Year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. The City cannot authorize the purchase of goods or services beyond September 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year, prior to the annual budget being approved by the City Commission or funds otherwise being available to pay the Contractor. Additionally, the City must have budgeted appropriate funds for the goods and services in any subsequent Fiscal Year. If the budget is approved for said goods and services, the City will issue a new purchase order for the remaining approved goods and/or services but the terms of such purchase order shall not apply; the Contract Documents shall control.

#### **ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS.**

9.1 *Assignment.* Unless expressly agreed to elsewhere in the Contract Documents, no assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; 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.

9.2 *Successors and assigns.* City 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 of all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

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

9.4 *Public entity crimes.* As provided in Sections 287.132-133, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, by entering into this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not be awarded or perform Work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Contractor will advise the City immediately if it becomes aware of any violation of this statute.

9.5 *Inspector General.* In accordance with Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009, the Contract Documents may be subject to investigation and/or audit by the Palm Beach County Inspector General. Contractor should review such ordinance in order to be aware of its rights and/or obligations under such ordinance and as applicable.

9.6 *Waiver.* Failure of either party to enforce or exercise any right(s) under the Contract Documents shall not be deemed a waiver of either party's right to enforce said right(s) at any time thereafter.

9.7 *Waiver of jury trial.* TO ENCOURAGE PROMPT AND EQUITABLE RESOLUTION OF ANY LITIGATION, EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ITS RIGHTS TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION RELATED TO THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

9.8 *Independent Contractor.* The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all Work under the Contract Documents, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the City. All persons engaged in any of the Work performed pursuant to the Contract Documents shall at all times and in all places be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision and control.

9.9 *Access and audits.* The Contractor shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the Work for at least five (5) years after final payment is made. The City shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours at the Contractor's place of business. Under no circumstances will Contractor be required to disclose any confidential or proprietary information regarding its products and service costs.

9.10 *Preparation.* The Contract Documents shall not be construed more strongly against either party regardless of who was more responsible for its preparation.

9.11 *Public Records Law.* As applicable, the Contractor shall comply with Florida's Public Records Laws, and specifically agrees to:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.

4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS OR DESIGNEE AT: ATTENTION CITY CLERK, (561) 586-1660 OR CITYCLERK@LAKEWORTHBEACHFL.GOV OR 7 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, LAKE WORTH BEACH, FL 33460.**

9.12 *Enforcement costs.* If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of the Contract Documents, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of the Contract Documents, the parties agree that each party shall be responsible for its own attorney's fees.

9.13 *Binding authority.* Contractor's representative below has full power, authority and legal right to execute and deliver these Contract Documents and perform all of its obligations under the Contract Documents. By signing the Contract Documents, the representative hereby represents to the City that he/she has the authority and full legal power to execute the Contract Documents and any and all documents necessary to effectuate and implement the terms of the Contract Documents on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in the Contract Documents.

9.14 *Assignment of warranties.* Contractor shall assign to City all warranties extended to Contractor by material suppliers. If an assignment of warranty requires the material supplier to consent to same, then Contractor shall secure the material supplier's consent to assign said warranties to City.

9.15 *Contractor's certifications.* Contractor certifies that it has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for or in executing the Contract Documents. For the purposes of this paragraph:

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 Documents to the detriment of City, (b) to establish Bid or Contract prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive City 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 City, 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 Documents.

9.16 *Construction defects.* PURSUANT TO SECTION 558.005, FLORIDA STATUTES, ANY CLAIMS FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE AND CURE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 558, FLORIDA STATUTES.

9.17 *Delays; Contractor's remedies.* NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION ELSEWHERE IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES OR ANY CLAIM OTHER THAN FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME SHALL BE MADE OR ASSERTED AGAINST CITY BY REASON OF ANY DELAYS. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or payment or compensation of any kind from City for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including, but not limited to, costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance, be it reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or avoidable or unavoidable. Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions of the Contract Time as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delays, in accordance with and the extent specifically provided herein.

9.18 *Termination for failure to provide Public Construction Bond.* If a Public Construction Bond is required under the Construction Documents and the Contractor fails to provide the fully executed Public Construction Bond, including a certified copy of the Public Construction Bond as recorded in the Official Records for Palm Beach County, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Contractor's and City's execution of this Contract, the City may immediately terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor and the City shall have no further obligation to the Contractor under the Contract Documents. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall also forfeit its bid security to the City.

9.19 *Scrutinized Companies.*

1. CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List and are not engaged in the boycott of Israel. Pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the CITY may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors, are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of this Agreement.

2. If this Agreement is for one million dollars or more, the CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 287.135, the CITY may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR, or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or are or have been engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of this Agreement.

3. The CONTRACTOR agrees to observe the above requirements for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of work under this Agreement.

4. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the certifications in this section shall be effective and relied upon by the CITY for the term of this Agreement, including any and all renewals.

5. The CONTRACTOR agrees that if it or any of its subcontractors' status changes in regards to any certification herein, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the CITY of the same.

6. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), Florida Statutes, if federal law ceases to authorize the above-stated contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

*9.20 Counterparts:* This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall be deemed to be an original, but each of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Further, this Contract may be executed by electronic signature as authorized by the City.

*9.21 Entire Contract and Amendment:* This Contract (together with the other Contract Documents) supersedes any and all prior negotiations and oral or written agreements heretofore made relating to the subject matter hereof and, except for written agreements, if any, executed and delivered simultaneously with or subsequent to the date of this Contract, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

*9.22 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction:* This Contract (together with the other Contract Documents) shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably submit itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida for state actions and jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Palm Beach Division, for the purposes of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this Contract; waives and agrees not to assert against any party hereto, by way of motion, as a defense of otherwise, in any suit, action or other proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts for any reason whatsoever; and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, any claim that such suit, action or proceeding by any part hereto is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper or that this Contract or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such courts.

*9.23 Third Party Beneficiary rights:* This Contract shall create no rights or claims whatsoever in any person other than a party herein.

*9.24 Severability:* If any one or more of the provisions of the Contract shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

*9.25 Effective date:* The effective date of this Contract is the date the Contract is approved by the City Commission or City Manager as appropriate.

*9.26 Compliance:* Each of the parties agrees to perform its obligations under the Contract Documents in conformance with all laws, regulations and administrative instructions that relate to the parties' performance of the work and under the Contract Documents.

*9.27 Work for Hire:* All documents, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, plans, reports, other items and data or programs stored in hard-copy, electronically or otherwise (collectively referred to as "Documents" hereafter), prepared by the Contractor or its subcontractors under this

Contract shall be considered a "Work for Hire" and the exclusive property of the City. To the extent such Documents may not be deemed a "Work for Hire" under applicable law, Contractor and Contractor's Subcontractors will assign to the City all right, title and interest in and to Contractor and/or Contractor's Subcontractors' copyright(s) for such Documents. Contractor shall execute and deliver to City such instruments of transfer and take such other action that City may reasonable request, including, without limitation, executing and filing, at City's expense, copyright applications, assignments and other documents required for the protection of City's right to such Documents. The Contractor shall retain copies of the Documents for a period of three (3) years from the date of completion of the Project. The City grants to the Contractor and Contractor's Subcontractors the right and/or limited license to use a portion of the Documents prepared by the Contractor or the Contractor's Subcontractors in future projects of the Contractor or Contractor's Subcontractors with said right and/or limited license to use a portion at Contractor's or Contractor's Subcontractor's own risk and without any liability to City. Any modifications made by the City to any of the Contractor's Documents, or any use, partial use or reuse of the Documents without written authorization or adaptation by the Contractor will be at the City's sole risk and without liability to the Contractor.

9.28 *Continuing Obligations:* Any provision of this Contract which is of a continuing nature or imposes an obligation which extends beyond the term of this Contract shall survive its expiration or earlier termination.

9.29 *Notice:* Any notice required to be given under the Contract Documents shall be sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) or by nationally recognized overnight courier or by hand-delivery as follows to the City:

City of Lake Worth Beach  
Attn: City Manager/Financial Department/Procurement Division  
7 N. Dixie Highway  
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

and to the Contractor as follows:

Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC  
Attn: Mary Shea  
800 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

Either party may amend this provision by written notice to the other party. Notice shall be deemed provided upon receipt of certified mail (signed receipt) or overnight courier (signed receipt) or hand-delivery (signed receipt).

9.30 *Warranty/Guaranty:* All Work, materials, labor, and equipment to be furnished and/or installed by the Contractor under the Contract Documents shall be guaranteed by the Contractor or manufacturer, if any, for a period of one year from the date of final approval of the Project against defective materials, design and workmanship. Upon receipt of notice from the City of failure of any part covered under such warranty/guaranty period, the affected Work, labor, materials, or equipment shall be repaired and/or replaced promptly by the Contractor or the manufacturer at no expense to the City. In the event the Contractor fails to make the necessary repairs or replacements within thirty (30) days after notification by the City, the City may accomplish the repairs and/or replacements at the expense of the Contractor.

9.31 *Protection of Work and Property:* The Contractor shall continuously maintain adequate protection of all Work from damage, and shall protect such Work and the City's property from injury or loss arising during the term of the Contract. Except for any such damage, injury, or loss which may be directly caused by the City or its employees, the Contractor shall adequately protect adjacent property, as provided by the law, and shall provide guard fences, lights, and any other necessary materials to carry out such protection.

Until final acceptance of the Project by the City, the Contractor shall take every necessary precaution against injury or damage to the Work by the action of the elements or from any other cause whatsoever, and the Contractor shall repair, restore and make good, without additional charge any work occasioned by any of the above causes before its completion and acceptance by the City.

9.32 *Subcontractors:* The total Work to be accomplished by subcontractors is listed in the Contractor's bid (if any) and may not be changed unless approved in writing by the Contract Administrator. The balance of Work must be accomplished by the Contractor's own forces. The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of its subcontractors. The subcontractors shall have insurance consistent with the insurance required of the Contractor as set forth in the Contract Documents unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Contract Administrator.

10. *E-Verify:* Pursuant to Section 448.095(2), Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall:

1. Register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and require all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) to register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all the subcontractors' newly hired employees;
2. Secure an affidavit from all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) stating that the subcontractor does not employ, Agreement with, or subcontract with an "unauthorized alien" as defined in Section 448.095(1)(k), Florida Statutes;
3. Maintain copies of all subcontractor affidavits for the duration of this Agreement and provide the same to the City upon request;
4. Comply fully, and ensure all of its subcontractors comply fully, with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes;
5. Be aware that a violation of Section 448.09, Florida Statutes (Unauthorized aliens; employment prohibited) shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement; and,
6. Be aware that if the City terminates this Agreement under Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes, Contractor may not be awarded a Agreement for at least 1 year after the date on which the Agreement is terminated and will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of the Agreement.

11. *Compliance With Section 787.06, Florida Statutes (2024).* By signing this Amendment before a notary public and taking an oath under the penalty of perjury, the Contractor attests and warrants that the Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes (2024).



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and Contractor have caused this Contract for IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing Project to be executed the day and year shown below.

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Resch, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

APPROVED FOR FINANCIAL  
SUFFICIENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yannick Ngendahayo, Financial Services Director

CONTRACTOR:

**BULLDOG FENCE OF FLORIDA, LLC**

By: Mary Shea

[Corporate Seal]

Print Name: MARY SHEA

Title: President

STATE OF Florida )  
COUNTY OF Palm Beach )

THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization on this 15 day of October 2024, by Mary Shea, as the president [title] of **Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC**, a company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, who is  personally known to me or  who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who did take an oath under penalty of perjury that the facts stated with regard to section 787.06, Florida Statutes, are true and correct, and that he or she is duly authorized to execute the foregoing instrument and bind **Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC** to the same.

Tatiana Quiroz-Diez  
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal:

My Commission expires: 10/5/27



**TATIANA QUIROZ-DIEZ**  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
Comm# HH451453  
Expires 10/5/2027

## Exhibit "A"

### **Federal Contract Provisions**

The Contractor hereby agrees that the following terms, at a minimum, will be incorporated into any subsequent contract resulting from this IFB, which is funded in whole or in part with any federal or other funding where the following terms are applicable:

Equal Employment Opportunity. During the performance of the resulting contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- (4) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (6) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (7) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government

contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract. The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a Contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

#### Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(1) Overtime requirements. No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards,

employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. DOJ, the State of Florida, or the CITY shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

#### Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

#### Clean Air Act

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the City, and understands and agrees that the City will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by DOJ.

#### Federal Water Pollution Control Act

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the CITY and understands and agrees that the CITY will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by DOJ.

#### Suspension and Debarment.

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification, as laid out in Exhibit I, is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of Florida or the City, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification as laid out in Exhibit J. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

#### Procurement of Recovered materials.

(i) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- At a reasonable price.

(ii) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

(iii) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

#### Access to Records.

(1) The Contractor agrees to provide the State of Florida, the CITY, the DOJ Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The Contractor agrees to provide the Federal Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

(4) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the City and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the DOJ Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags.

The Contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific DOJ pre-approval.

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

By signing this agreement, the Contractor acknowledges that federal financial assistance may be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The Contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, federal policies, procedures, and directives.

No Obligation by Federal Government.

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts. The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

Affirmative Steps. Required Affirmative Steps

If the Contractor intends to subcontract any portion of the work covered by this Contract, the Contractor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms are solicited and used when possible.

Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

Domestic preferences for procurements.

- (1) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Contractor should purchase, acquire, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).
- (2) For purposes of this section:
  - (a) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
  - (b) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

- (1) The Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:
  - (a) Procure or obtain;
  - (b) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(c) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(2) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), the City shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER  
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS - LOWER-TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

This document is a covered transaction for purposes of the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension (1986) and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Non- procurement Debarment and Suspension). As such, Contractor is required to confirm that none of the Contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

- 1) By signing this Certification, the Contractor, also sometimes referred to herein as a prospective primary participant, is providing the certification set out below.
- 2) The inability of a Contractor to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in the covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the City's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the City determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the City, the City may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 4) The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the City if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5) The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal and voluntarily excluded, as used in this certification, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549.
- 6) The prospective primary participant agrees by signing the Addendum that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transactions with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly entered into such a transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the City, the City may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 7) The prospective primary participant further agrees by signing this Addendum that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," as available through the United States Department of Homeland Security, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part



9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

9) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

Mary Hea  
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

MARY HEA President  
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

10/15/2024  
Date

**Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor Bulldog Fence of Fla LLC certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Mary Shea  
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

MARY SHEA President  
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

10/15/2024  
Date

**Exhibit "B"**  
**(Schedule of Unit Prices)**

**(B4)**

**IFB #24-115 IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing Project**

**SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES**

In order to evaluate the total bid amount, each Bidder must identify the unit price(s) for the materials set forth in the Specifications. Price(s) shall include all goods and services required to complete the full project as specified in this solicitation.

**Unit Pricing**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Offer</b>
1.	Furnish and Install Fencing at IA Banks Cemetery	\$ <u>109,445.44</u>
	<b>Total Base bid:</b>	\$ <u>109,445.44</u>
	<b>Additive Alternate 1</b>	
	Furnish and Install Fencing at Pinecrest Cemetery	\$ <u>438,832.55</u>
	<b>Total Base bid + Additive Alternate 1:</b>	\$ <u>548,277.99</u>

Completion IA Banks Cemetery: 10 working (M-F) calendar days (must be less than 210 days).


Completion Pinecrest Cemetery: 40 working (M-F) calendar days (must be less than 210 days).

Name of Bidder: Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC

Address: 800 SW 15th Ave City: Delray Beach ST FL Zip 33444

Phone: (561) 278-1717 Email: maryk@bulldogfencecompany.com

Print Name: Mary Shea Title: President

SIGNATURE:  Date: 8/23/2024

**Exhibit "C"**

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH  
PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND  
(Pursuant to secs. 255.05 and 337.18, Fla. Stat.)**

Surety Bond No. 445345C

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

**CONTRACTOR:**

**Name:** Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC

**Principal Business Address:**  
800 SW 15th Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444

**Telephone Number:** (561) 278-1717

**SURETY:**

**Name:** Westfield Insurance Company

**Principal Business Address:**  
P. O. Box 5001, Westfield Center, OH 44251 - 5001

**Telephone Number:** (330) 887-0101

**OWNER:**

**City of Lake Worth Beach**  
7 North Dixie Highway  
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460  
(561) 586-1600

**CONTRACT:**

**Date:** 10/15/2024

**Amount:** Five Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven and 99/100 Dollars ( \$548,277.99)

**Description (Name and Location):**

IFB #24-115 IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing Project

Locations: IA Banks Cemetery, 1515 Wingfield St., Lake Worth, FL 33460; Pinecrest Cemetery, 1724 12th Ave S., Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

**BOND**

**Date (Not earlier than Contract Date):** 10/15/2024

**Amount:** Five Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven and 99/100 Dollars ( \$548,277.99)

**Modifications to this Bond Form:** None

This Bond is issued in favor of the City of Lake Worth Beach/Owner conditioned on the full and faithful performance of the Contract.

1. Contractor has entered into Project No. IFB #24-115 with the City for the project titled "IA Banks and Pinecrest Cemeteries Fencing Project" (the "Contract"), with conditions and provisions as are further described in the aforementioned Contract, which Contract, including all of its attachments, exhibits and incorporated documents (hereinafter, collectively, the "Contract Documents") is by reference made a part hereof for the purposes of explaining this bond.
2. Principal and Surety are bound to the Owner in the sum of the Contract Amount set forth above for payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.
3. THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is that if Principal:
  - a. Performs the Work required of and in accordance with the Contract Documents at the times and in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents, which are made a part of this bond by reference; and
  - b. In accordance with sec. 255.05 and sec. 337.18, Florida Statutes, promptly makes payments to all persons, defined in sec. 713.01, Florida Statutes, who furnish labor, services or materials for prosecution of the work set forth in the Contract Documents described above; and
  - c. Pays Owner all losses, damages (including liquidated damages), expenses, costs, and professional fees, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, including appellate proceedings, that Owner sustains because of a default by Principal under the Contract Documents; and

d. Performs the warranty and guarantee of all work and materials furnished under the Contract Documents for the time specified in the Contract Documents, then this bond is void; otherwise it remains in full force.

4. Section 255.05, Fla. Stat., as amended, together with all notice and time provisions contained therein, is incorporated herein by reference.

5. Any action instituted by a claimant under this bond for payment must be in accordance with the notice and time limitation provisions in secs. 255.05(2) and (10), Fla. Stat., and those of sec. 337.18, Fla. Stat.

6. Any changes in or under the Contract Documents and compliance or noncompliance with any formalities connected with the Contract Documents or the changes does not affect Surety's obligation under this bond, and Surety waives notice of such changes.

7. Principal and Surety expressly acknowledge that any and all provisions relating to consequential, delay and liquidated damages contained in the contract are expressly covered by and made a part of this Performance, Labor and Material Payment Bond. Principal and Surety acknowledge that any such provisions lie within their obligations and within the policy coverages and limitations of this instrument.

8. Any action brought under this instrument shall be brought in the state court of competent jurisdiction in Palm Beach County, Florida, and not elsewhere.


Surety and Contractor, intending to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms included herein and as required under Florida Statutes, do each cause this Performance and Payment Bond to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer, agent, or representative.

Signed and sealed this 16th day of October, 2024.

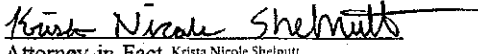
  
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Bulldog Fence of Florida, LLC  
Principal

  
Title

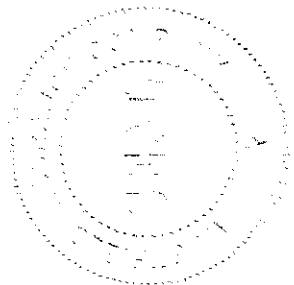
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Witness Grace Holderfield

Westfield Insurance Company  
Surety

  
Attorney-in-Fact, Krista Nicole Shelnett  
(Attach Power of Attorney)

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Print Name Krista Nicole Shelnett  
(Corporate Seal)



THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY SUPERCEDES ANY PREVIOUS POWER BEARING THIS SAME POWER # AND ISSUED PRIOR TO 08/23/24, FOR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS NAMED BELOW.

POWER NO. 3211242 17

General Power of Attorney

Westfield Insurance Co. Westfield National Insurance Co. Ohio Farmers Insurance Co. Westfield Center, Ohio

CERTIFIED COPY

Know All Men by These Presents, That WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTFIELD NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY and OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY, corporations, hereinafter referred to individually as a "Company" and collectively as "Companies," duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, and having its principal office in Westfield Center, Medina County, Ohio, do by these presents make, constitute and appoint MYESHA R. CARMON, FRANKIE H. MURRAY, KERRY M. GERMANOSKI, MEREDITH MCMILLEN, LISA MURRAY, KIMBERLY ROCHESTER, GABRIELLA BOZZANO, KRISTA NICOLE SHELNUTT, JOINTLY OR SEVERALLY

of GREENSBORO and State of NC its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings, or other instruments or contracts of suretyship in any penal limit, and to bind any of the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the applicable Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of each of the WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTFIELD NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY and OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY:

"Be it Resolved, that the President, any Senior Executive, any Secretary or any Fidelity & Surety Operations Executive or other Executive shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

The Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and attested by the Corporate Secretary."

"Be it Further Resolved, that the signature of any such designated person and the seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached." (Each adopted at a meeting held on February 8, 2000).

In Witness Whereof, WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTFIELD NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY and OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY have caused these presents to be signed by their National Surety Leader and Senior Executive and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 23rd day of AUGUST A.D., 2024 .

Corporate Seals Affixed



WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY WESTFIELD NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Gary W. Stumper, National Surety Leader and Senior Executive

State of Ohio County of Medina ss.:

On this 23rd day of AUGUST A.D., 2024 , before me personally came Gary W. Stumper to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in Medina, OH; that he is National Surety Leader and Senior Executive of WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTFIELD NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY and OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY, the companies described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said Companies; that the seals affixed to said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by order of the Boards of Directors of said Companies; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

Notarial Seal Affixed



David A. Kotnik, Attorney at Law, Notary Public My Commission Does Not Expire (Sec. 147.03 Ohio Revised Code)

State of Ohio County of Medina ss.:

I, Frank A. Carrino, Secretary of WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTFIELD NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY and OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect; and furthermore, the resolutions of the Boards of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies at Westfield Center, Ohio, this 16th day of October A.D., 2024



Frank A. Carrino Secretary