

**SECTION 00520 – AGREEMENT (CONTRACT)**

THIS AGREEMENT, made on the <sup>6th</sup> day of December, 2016 by and between Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, acting herein called "OWNER" and Free Contracting, Inc. doing business as a corporation located in the City of Lexington, County of Fayette, State of Kentucky, hereinafter called "CONTRACTOR".

WITNESSETH: That the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER in consideration of One Million, Sixty One Thousand, two Hundred Thirty Seven dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$1,061,237.68) quoted in the BID by the CONTRACTOR, dated November 22, 2016, hereby agree to commence and complete the construction described as follows:

**1.01 SCOPE OF WORK**

The CONTRACTOR shall furnish all the materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, supervision, labor, insurance, and other accessories and services necessary to complete the said project in accordance with the BID, the Contract Documents, and the Specifications prepared by the Engineer for the Lower Griffin Gate Trunk Sewer LFUCG Bid No. 142-2016

**1.02 TIME OF COMPLETION**

The time period estimated and authorized by the OWNER for Substantial Completion of Work by the AGREEMENT, in full, is hereby fixed as 365 consecutive calendar days. The time shall begin ten (10) calendar days after CONTRACTOR is issued the Notice to Proceed.

**1.03 ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO PROCEED**

Notice to Proceed for Work will be issued in whole or in part of the Work as determined by the OWNER pending the availability of funds. The order of construction will be as determined by the Engineer after consultation with the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER.

**1.04 AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) AMOUNT**

The OWNER agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR in current funds for the performance of the AGREEMENT as quoted in the BID, subject to any additions and deductions, as provided therein.

**1.05 PROGRESS PAYMENTS**

The OWNER shall make payments on account of the AGREEMENT in accordance with the General Conditions, as recommended by the Engineer and authorized by the OWNER, less the aggregate of previous payments.

**1.06 ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT**

Final payment shall be due within ninety (90) days after Final Completion of the Work, provided the Work is deemed "Final Completion" and fully accepted by the OWNER.

Before issuance of final certificate, the CONTRACTOR shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Engineer that all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) has been paid.

If, after the Work has been substantially completed, full completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, and the ENGINEER so certifies, the OWNER shall upon certificate of the ENGINEER, and without terminating the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT), make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

#### 1.07 EXTRA WORK

The OWNER, without invalidating the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) may order extra work or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the Work, the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) amount being adjusted accordingly. All such work shall be executed and paid for in accordance with the General Conditions.

#### 1.08 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the CONTRACTOR shall fail or refuse to complete the Work within the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) Time, or extension of time granted by the OWNER, then the CONTRACTOR agrees as a partial consideration for the awarding of this AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) that the OWNER may retain the compensation otherwise to be paid to the CONTRACTOR the amount of **one thousand** dollars (\$ 1,000.00 ) per consecutive calendar day that the CONTRACTOR shall be in default after the Final Completion time stipulated in the Contract Documents. The said amount is fixed and agreed upon by and between the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER because of the impracticability and extreme difficulty of fixing and ascertaining the actual damages the OWNER would in such event sustain.

#### 1.09 CONSENT DECREE REQUIREMENTS

- A. The OWNER, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky have entered into a Consent Decree in a case styled *United States, et al. v. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Case No. 5:06-CV-00386 ("CONSENT DECREE"), that requires OWNER to complete numerous projects related to its sanitary sewer system and stormwater management program within specific periods of time.
- B. **Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement (CONTRACT).** CONTRACTOR is aware that the OWNER is subject to penalties for non-compliance with the CONSENT DECREE deadlines. The CONTRACTOR shall be specifically liable and responsible for payment of any and all penalties, fines, or fees assessed against or incurred by the OWNER as a result of any delay in, or non-performance of, any of the CONTRACTOR's obligations or responsibilities under this AGREEMENT (CONTRACT), or for any other damages suffered by OWNER as a result of such delay or non-performance. This shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to, any penalty, fine, fee, or assessment against the OWNER by the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and/or the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet related to the CONSENT DECREE.
- C. The provisions of the Contract Documents and the various rates of compensation for CONTRACTOR's services provided for elsewhere in this AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) have been agreed to in anticipation of the orderly and continuous progress of the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) through completion.

- D. If delays result by reason of acts of the OWNER or approving agencies, which are beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR, an extension of time for such delay will be considered. If delays occur, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the OWNER and within five (5) business days from the date of the delay apply in writing to the OWNER for an extension of time for such reasonable period as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties, and if approved, the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) schedule shall be revised to reflect the extension. Such extension of time to the completion date shall in no way be construed to operate as a waiver on the part of the OWNER of any of its rights in the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT). In the event the parties cannot agree upon an extension of time, the Dispute shall be addressed in the manner outlined hereinafter under this Article.

In the event that the overall delay resulting from the above-described causes is sufficient to prevent complete performance of the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) within six (6) months of the time specified herein, the fees to be paid to CONTRACTOR shall be subject to adjustment as agreed upon by the parties.

- E. If delays result solely by reason of acts of the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall be held liable for any financial penalties incurred by the OWNER as a result of the delay, including but not limited to those assessed pursuant to the CONSENT DECREE. Disputes as outlined hereinafter in this Article shall apply in the event the parties cannot mutually agree upon the cause(s) associated with delays in completing project deliverables. The CONTRACTOR must immediately notify the OWNER in the event of such delay, and provide the OWNER a written action plan within five (5) business days on how it will attempt to resolve the delay.

F. DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this AGREEMENT (CONTRACT), any dispute hereunder may be resolved by agreement of the OWNER's Agent (Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director of Water Quality) and the CONTRACTOR. In the absence of such an agreement, the dispute shall be submitted to the OWNER's Commissioner, Department of Public Works and Environmental Quality, whose decision shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith. Pending a final decision of a dispute hereunder the CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) in accordance with the direction of the OWNER.

**1.10 RIGHT TO REVIEW, AUDIT, AND INSPECT**

The CONTRACTOR shall provide to the OWNER or its duly authorized representative(s), at any time during the course of the contract and up to five (5) years thereafter, access to any books, documents, papers, emails, and/or other records or communications which are directly pertinent to this specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

**1.11 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

In general, the Advertisement for Bids, Information Available to Bidders, the Bid, the General Conditions, Performance, Payment, Erosion and Sediment Control and Warranty Bonds, AGREEMENT (CONTRACT), Supplementary Conditions, Supplemental General Conditions for SRF, Technical Specifications, any and all Addenda, and Plan Drawings form the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) and they are fully a part of the AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) as if hereto attached or herein repeated.

A full listing of the Contract Documents consist of the following:

Specifications:	Per Table of Contents
Drawings (Plans):	Per Table of Contents

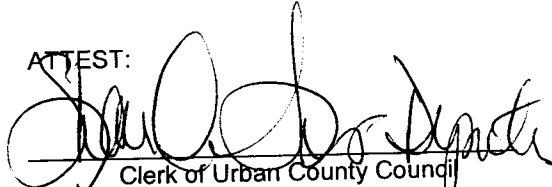
IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this AGREEMENT (CONTRACT) as of the date and year above written.

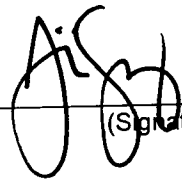
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Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
Lexington, Kentucky

(Owner)

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Urban County Council


By:   
(Signature of Mayor)

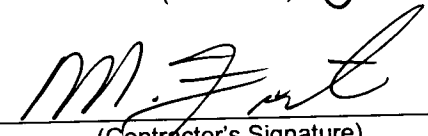
Mayor

(Name/Title)

Free Contracting, Inc  
(Contractor)

(Seal)

  
Rhonda Fister (Secretary)\*

By:   
(Contractor's Signature)

Amy Fiebis  
(Witness)

Gen Supr. / Martin Fister  
(Name/Title)

1620 Old Frankfort Pike  
(Address)

Lexington, KY 40504

\*IMPORTANT: Strike out any non-applicable terms:

Secretary of the OWNER should attest. If the CONTRACTOR is corporation, Secretary should attest. Give proper title of each person-executing AGREEMENT (CONTRACT).

END OF SECTION

**SECTION 00510 – NOTICE OF AWARD**

CONTRACTOR: Free Contracting, Inc.  
1620 Old Frankfort Pike  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504

OWNER: Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
Division of Water Quality  
Lexington, Kentucky

PROJECT: Lower Griffin Gate Trunk Sewer  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

LFUCG Bid No 142-2016

You are hereby notified that the Owner has considered the Bid submitted by you for the above-described project in response to its Advertisement for Bids dated **October 25, 2016**

It appears that it is to the best interest of said Owner to accept your Bid in the amount of One Million, Sixty One Thousand, two Hundred Thirty Seven dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$1,061,237.68), and you are hereby notified that your Bid has been accepted for

**LOWER GRIFFIN GATE TRUNK SEWER**

LFUCG Bid No. 142-2016

The Contractor is required by these Contract Documents to execute and deliver the formal Agreement (Contract) with the undersigned Owner and to furnish the required Contractor's Performance, Payment, Warranty, and Erosion and Sediment Control Bonds within fifteen (15) days from the date of the delivery of this Notice.

If you fail to execute said Agreement (Contract) and to furnish said Bonds within fifteen (15) days from the date of delivery of this Notice, said Owner will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the Owner's acceptance of your Bid as abandoned and to award the Work covered by your Bid to another, or to re-advertise the Work or otherwise dispose thereof as the Owner may deem appropriate.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2016.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

By: Mark W. Fischer

Title: Municipal Engr. Senior

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE**

Receipt of the above Notice of Award is hereby acknowledged this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 2016

By: Rhonda Fister

Title: President

END OF SECTION

**SECTION 00550 – NOTICE TO PROCEED**

CONTRACTOR: Free Contracting, Inc.  
1620 Old Frankfort Pike  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504

OWNER: Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
Lexington, Kentucky

PROJECT: Lower Griffin Gate Trunk Sewer  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
Lexington, Kentucky

LFUCG Bid No. 142-2016

Agreement (Contract) Amount:

One Million, Sixty One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Seven dollars and Sixty Eight Cents  
(\$1,061,237.68),

You are hereby notified to commence Work on the referenced project on or before December 5, 2016, and to substantially complete Work within 365 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS thereafter. Your Agreement (Contract) completion date is therefore December 5, 2017.

The Agreement (Contract) provides for assessment of the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$ 1,000.00 ) as liquidated damages for each consecutive calendar day after the above established Agreement (Contract) completion date that the Work remains incomplete.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

By: Roy Burgher

Title: Project Manager

Date: 1/12/17

END OF SECTION

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Performance Bond

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

CONTRACTOR (Name and Address):
Free Contracting, Inc.
1620 Old Frankfort Pike
Lexington KY 40504

SURETY (Name and Principal Place of Business):
Ohio Farmers Insurance Company
10300 Alliance Road Ste 260
Cincinnati OH 45242

OWNER (Name and Address):
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
Department of Finance and Administration
200 East Main Street
Lexington KY 40507

Bond No. 7874964

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date:
Amount: \$ 1,061,237.68
Description (Name and Location): Lower Griffin Gate Trunk Sewer

BOND

Date (Not earlier than Construction Contract Date):
Amount: \$ 1,061,237.68
Modifications to this Bond:

XX None See Page 3

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: (Corporate Seal)
Free Contracting, Inc.

SURETY
Company: (Corporate Seal)
Ohio Farmers Insurance Company

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Name and Title: Rhonda Fister, President

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Name and Title: Paula J. Hardin, Attorney-In-Fact

(Any additional signatures appear on page 3)

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Name, Address and Telephone)

AGENT or BROKER:
Powell-Walton-Milward a Division of
J Smith Lanier & Co
PO Box 2030, Lexington KY 40588
(859) 254-8023

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE (Architect, Engineer or
other party):

1 The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2 If the Contractor performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in Subparagraph 3.1.

3 If there is no Owner Default, the Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise after:

3.1 The Owner has notified the Contractor and the Surety at its address described in Paragraph 10 below that the Owner is considering declaring a Contractor Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the Contractor and the Surety to be held not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Construction Contract. If the Owner, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Owner's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default; and

3.2 The Owner has declared a Contractor Default and formally terminated the Contractor's right to complete the contract. Such Contractor Default shall not be declared earlier than twenty days after the Contractor and the Surety have received notice as provided in Subparagraph 3.1; and

3.3 The Owner has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price to the Surety in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract or to a contractor selected to perform the Construction Contract in accordance with the terms of the contract with the Owner.

4 When the Owner has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take one of the following actions:

4.1 Arrange for the Contractor, with consent of the Owner, to perform and complete the Construction Contract; or

4.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or through independent contractors; or

4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors acceptable to the Owner for a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Owner and the contractor selected with the Owner's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the Owner the amount of damages as described in Paragraph 6 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the Owner resulting from the Contractor's default; or

4.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new contractor and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances:

.1 After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Owner and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, tender payment therefor to the Owner; or

.2 Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Owner citing reasons therefor.

5 If the Surety does not proceed as provided in Paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond fifteen days after receipt of an additional written notice from the Owner to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner. If the surety proceeds as provided in Subparagraph 4.4, and the Owner refuses the payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner.

6 After the Owner has terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Construction Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under Subparagraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Owner shall not be greater than those of the Contractor under the Construction Contract, and the responsibilities of the Owner to the Surety shall not be greater than those of the Owner under the Construction Contract. To the limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the Owner of the Balance of the Contract Price to mitigation of costs and damages on the Construction Contract, the Surety is obligated without duplication for:

6.1 The responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract;

6.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under Paragraph 4; and

6.3 Liquidated damages, or if not liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.

7 The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Owner or its heirs, executors, administrators or successors.

8 The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

9 Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after Contractor Default or within two years after the Contractor ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.



10 Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.

11 When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

## 12 DEFINITIONS

12.1 Balance of the Contract Price: The total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Contractor of any amounts received or to be received

by the Owner in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the Contractor is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Construction Contract.

12.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

12.3 Contractor Default: Failure of the Contractor, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Construction Contract.

12.4 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

## MODIFICATIONS TO THIS BOND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_ (Corporate Seal)

SURETY  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_ (Corporate Seal)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title:  
Address:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title:  
Address:

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Payment Bond

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CONTRACTOR (Name and Address):
Free Contracting, Inc.
1620 Old Frankfort Pike
Lexington KY 40504

SURETY (Name and Principal Place of Business):
Ohio Farmers Insurance Company
10300 Alliance Road Ste 260
Cincinnati OH 45242

OWNER (Name and Address):
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
Department of Finance and Administration
200 East Main Street
Lexington KY 40507

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
Date:
Amount: \$ 1,061,237.68
Description (Name and Location): Lower Griffin Gate Trunk Sewer

BOND
Date (Not earlier than Construction Contract Date):
Amount: \$ 1,061,237.68
Modifications to this Bond:

XX None See Page 6

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: (Corporate Seal)
Free Contracting, Inc.

SURETY
Company: (Corporate Seal)
Ohio Farmers Insurance Company

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Name and Title: Rhonda Fisher, President

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Name and Title: Paula J. Hardin, Attorney-In-Fact

(Any additional signatures appear on page 6)

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Name, Address and Telephone)
AGENT or BROKER:

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE (Architect, Engineer or other party):

Powell-Walton-Milward a Division of
J Smith Lanier & Co
PO Box 2030, Lexington KY 40588
(859) 254-8023

1 The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner to pay for labor, materials and equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2 With respect to the Owner, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor:

2.1 Promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due Claimants, and

2.2 Defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Owner from claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity whose claim, demand, lien or suit is for the payment for labor, materials or equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, provided the Owner has promptly notified the Contractor and the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) of any claims, demands, liens or suits and tendered defense of such claims, demands, liens or suits to the Contractor and the Surety, and provided there is no Owner Default.

3 With respect to Claimants, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due.

4. The Surety shall have no obligation to Claimants under this Bond until:

4.1 Claimants who are employed by or have a direct contract with the Contractor have given notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating that a claim is being made under this Bond and, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim.

4.2 Claimants who do not have a direct contract with the Contractor:

- .1 Have furnished written notice to the Contractor and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, within 90 days after having last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment included in the claim stating, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was done or performed; and
- .2 Have either received a rejection in whole or in part from the Contractor, or not received within 30 days of furnishing the above notice any communication from the Contractor by which the Contractor has indicated the claim will be paid directly or indirectly; and
- .3 Not having been paid within the above 30 days, have sent a written notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating that a claim is being made under this Bond and enclosing a copy of the previous written notice furnished to the Contractor.

5 If a notice required by Paragraph 4 is given by the Owner to the Contractor or to the Surety, that is sufficient compliance.

6 When the Claimant has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 4, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:

6.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the Owner, within 45 days after receipt of the claim, stating the amounts that are undisputed and the basis for challenging any amounts that are disputed.

6.2 Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.

7 The Surety's total obligation shall not exceed the amount of this Bond, and the amount of this Bond shall be credited for any payments made in good faith by the Surety.

8 Amounts owed by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract shall be used for the performance of the Construction Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any Construction Performance Bond. By the Contractor furnishing and the Owner accepting this Bond, they agree that all funds earned by the Contractor in the performance of the Construction Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the Contractor and the Surety under this Bond, subject to the Owner's priority to use the funds for the completion of the work.

9 The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner, Claimants or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract. The Owner shall not be liable for payment of any costs or expenses of any Claimant under this Bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligations to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to Claimants under this Bond.

10 The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

11 No suit or action shall be commenced by a Claimant under this Bond other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located or after the expiration of one year from the date (1) on which the Claimant gave the notice required by Subparagraph 4.1 or Clause 4.2.3, or (2) on which the last labor or service was performed by anyone or the last materials or equipment were furnished by anyone under the Construction Contract, whichever of (1) or (2) first occurs. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

12 Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page. Actual receipt of notice by Surety, the Owner or the Contractor, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received at the address shown on the signature page.

13 When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirements shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this

Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

14 Upon request by any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this Bond, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.

**15 DEFINITIONS**

15.1 Claimant: An individual or entity having a direct contract with the Contractor or with a subcontractor of the Contractor to furnish labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials or equipment" that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used

in the Construction Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the work of the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien may be asserted in the jurisdiction where the labor, materials or equipment were furnished.

15.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

15.3 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THIS BOND ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_ (Corporate Seal)

SURETY  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_ (Corporate Seal)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title:  
Address:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title:  
Address:

MERCHANTS  
BONDING COMPANY  
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Christopher P Barnett; Paula J Hardin; Sandy Q Black; Teresa Lynne Johns; William F Cowgill Jr

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of the Companies, as Surety, bonds, undertakings and other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

FOUR MILLION (\$4,000,000.00) DOLLARS

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

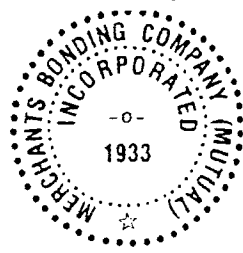
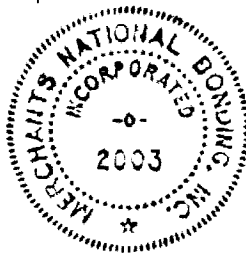
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 15th day of August, 2015



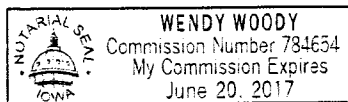
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF Dallas ss.

On this 15th day of August, 2015, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate seals of the Companies, and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

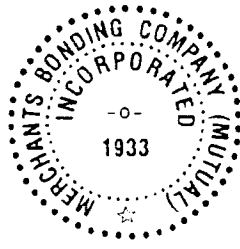


*Wendy Woody*  
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 1st day of December 2016



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary