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Date: Monday, December 20, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM

Note to Bidders: Questions concerning this solicitation may be emailed to JCIMORELLI@ric.edu no later than **January 3, 2022 @ 4:00 PM (EST)**. Please reference the Bid # on all correspondence. Questions received if any, will be posted on the internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download the information.

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED: Yes

BID BOND REQUIRED: Yes

FEIN: 47-1563314
VENDOR NAME: Sole Source Construction, LLC
ADDRESS: 7106 Pippin Orchard Rd, Cranston, RI 02921
TELEPHONE: 401-712-2700
FAX: _____
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Sepe
EMAIL: msepe@solesourceconstruction.com
TITLE: President/Owner

NOTICE TO VENDORS:
BIDDER CERTIFICATION COVER FORM

Each bid proposal for a *public works project* must include a “public copy” to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. **Bid proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.** For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see Procurement Regulations 5.11, and in addition, for highway and bridge projects, also see Procurement Regulations 5.13, accessible at www.ridop.ri.gov.

SECTION 2 —DISCLOSURES

Bidders must respond to every statement. Bid proposals submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive.

Indicate “Y” (Yes) or “N” (No) for Disclosures 1-4, and if “Yes,” provide details below

N 1. State whether the Bidder, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Bidder or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal governmental authority, or the subject of criminal prosecution, or convicted of a criminal offense within the previous 5 years. If “Yes,” provide details below.

N 2. State whether the Bidder, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Bidder or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has had any contracts with a federal, state, or municipal governmental authority terminated for any reason within the previous 5 years. If “Yes,” provide details below.

N 3. State whether the Bidder, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Bidder or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has been fined more than \$5000 for violation(s) of any Rhode Island environmental law(s) by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within the previous 5 years. If “Yes,” provide details below.

N 4. State whether any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Bidder is serving or has served within the past two calendar years as either an appointed or elected official of any state governmental authority or quasi-public corporation, including without limitation, any entity created as a legislative body or public or state agency by the general assembly or constitution of this state.

Disclosure details (continue on additional sheet if necessary):

SECTION 3 – OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

Bidders must provide all relevant information. Bid proposals submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive.

If the Bidder is publicly held, the Bidder may provide owner information about only those stockholders, members, partners, or other owners that hold at least 10% of the record or beneficial equity interests of the Bidder; otherwise, complete ownership disclosure is required.

List each officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principle of the Bidder, and each intermediate parent company and the ultimate parent company of the Bidder. For each individual, provide his or her name, business address, principal occupation, position with the Bidder, and the percentage of ownership, if any, he or she holds in the Bidder, and each intermediate parent company and the ultimate parent company of the bidder.

Michael Sape - 100% Owner, President, 766 Pippin Orchard Rd, Cranston, RI 02921
Jason Ward - 0% Owner, Project Manager, Same address
Allison Bloom - 0% Owner, Project Manager, Same address
Donald Discullo - 0% Owner, PM, Same address
Anthony Mako - 0% Owner, PM, Same address
James Safford - " " " "

SECTION 4 – CERTIFICATIONS

Bidders must respond to every statement. Bid proposals submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive. Indicate Yes (Y) or No (N) and if No, provide details below:

THE BIDDER CERTIFIES THAT:

- 1. The Bidder will immediately disclose, in writing, to the State Purchasing Agent any potential conflict of interest which may occur during the term of any contract awarded pursuant to the solicitation.
- 2. The Bidder possesses all licenses and anyone who will perform any work will possess all licenses required by applicable federal, state, and local law necessary to perform the requirements any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitations and will maintain all required licenses during the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. In the event that any required license shall lapse or be restricted or suspended, the Bidder shall immediately notify the State Purchasing Agent in writing.
- 3. The Bidder will maintain all required licenses during the term of any contract pursuant to this solicitation. In the event that any required insurance shall lapse or be canceled, the Bidder will immediately notify the State Purchasing Agent in writing.
- 4. The Bidder understands that falsification of any information in this bid proposal or failure to notify the State Purchasing Agent of any changes in any disclosures or certifications in the Bidder Certification may be grounds for suspension, debarment, and/or prosecution for fraud.
- 5. The Bidder has not paid and will not pay any bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration to any employee or Official of the State of Rhode Island or any subdivision of the State of Rhode Island or other governmental authority for the purpose of obtaining an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. The Bidder further certifies that no bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration has been or will be received from any third party or paid to any third party contingent on the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation.
- 6. This bid proposal is not a collusive bid proposal. Neither the Bidder, nor any of its owners, stockholders, members, partners, principles, directors, mangers, officers, employees, or agents has in any way colluded, conspired, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other bidder or person to submit a collusive bid proposal in response to the solicitation or to refrain from submitting a bid proposal in response to the solicitation, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or other communication with any other bidder or person to fix the price or prices in the bid proposal or the bid proposal of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost component of the bid price in the bid proposal or the bid proposal of any other bidder, or to secure through any collusion conspiracy, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the State of Rhode Island or any person with an interest in the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. The bid price in the bid proposal is fair and proper and is not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, or unlawful agreement on the part of the bidder, its owners, stockholders, members, partners, principals, directors, managers, officers, employees, or agents.

7. The Bidder: (i) is not identified on the General Treasurer's list created pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 37-2.5-3 as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in 37-2.5-2(b); and (ii) is not engaging in any such investment activities in Iran.
8. The Bidder will comply with all of the laws that are incorporated into and/or applicable to any contract with the State of Rhode Island.

Certification details (continue on additional sheet if necessary):

Submission by the Bidder of a bid proposal pursuant to this solicitation constitutes an offer to contract with the State of Rhode Island through the Division of Purchases on the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation and the bid proposal. The Bidder certifies that: (1) the Bidder has reviews this solicitation and agrees to comply with its terms and conditions; (2) the bid proposal is based on this solicitation; and (3) the information submitted in the bid proposal (including this Bidder Certification Form) is accurate and complete. The Bidder acknowledges that the terms and conditions of this solicitation and the bid proposal will be incorporated into any contract awarded to the Bidder pursuant to this solicitation and the bid proposal. The person signing below represents, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is fully informed regarding the preparation and contents of this bid proposal and has been duly authorized to execute and submit this bid proposal on behalf of the Bidder.

BIDDER

Date: 1/11/22

Sole Source Construction, LLC
Name of Bidder

Michael Sepe
Signature in ink

Michael Sepe
Printed name and title of person signing on behalf of Bidder

RETURN OF BID INVITATION - Bids must be mailed/delivered to RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, BUILDING #5 in a sealed envelope furnished, by the time and date specified for the opening of responses. Bids misdirected to other locations or which are not present at the time of opening for whatever cause will be considered to be late, and will be returned unopened. For the purposes of this requirement the official time and date shall be that of the date/time stamp in the reception area.

Solicitation #: 44643

Solicitation Title: Sweet Hall Interior Paint Renovations

BID FORM

To: Rhode Island College
Purchasing Office, Building #5 – East Campus
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908

Bidder: Sole Source Construction, LLC
Legal name of entity
766 Pippin Orchard Rd, Cranston, RI 02921
Address (street/city/state/zip)
Michael Sepe msepe@sdesourceconstruction.com
Contact name Contact email
401-864-1844
Contact telephone Contact fax

1. BASE BID PRICE

The Bidder submits this bid proposal to perform all of the work (including labor and materials) described in the solicitation for this Base Bid Price (*including the costs for all Allowances, Bonds, and Addenda*):

\$ 364,000.⁰⁰
(base bid price in figures printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

Three hundred sixty four thousand dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀
(base bid price in words printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

Allowances

The Base Bid Price includes the costs for the following Allowances:

1. Allowance 1: Unforeseen Conditions – **\$20,000 - Twenty Thousand Dollars**

Bonds

The Base Bid Price **includes** the costs for all Bid and Payment and Performance Bonds required by the solicitation.

Addenda

The Bidder has examined the entire solicitation (including the following Addenda), and the Base Bid Price **includes** the costs of any modifications required by the Addenda.

All Addenda must be acknowledged.

Addendum No. 1 dated: 12/23/21

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Addendum No. 2 dated: 12/23/21

Addendum No. 3 dated: 1/5/21

Addendum No. 4 dated: _____

2. ALTERNATES (Additions/Subtractions to Base Bid Price)

The Bidder offers to: (i) perform the work described in these Alternates as selected by the State in the order of priority specified below, based on the availability of funds and the best interest of the State; and (ii) increase or reduce the Base Bid Price by the amount set forth below for each Alternate selected.

1. **Alternate 1:** Amount added to the Base Bid Price to remove and dispose of all cove base on the entire 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors and to install new cove base in all locations where removed.

Add: X Subtract: _____

\$ 18,000.⁰⁰
(price in figures printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

Eighteen thousand dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀
(price in words printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

3. UNIT PRICES

The Bidder submits these predetermined Unit Prices as the basis for any change orders approved in advance by the State. These Unit Prices include all costs, including labor, materials, services, regulatory compliance, overhead, and profit. Unit Prices are to be used for work in excess of the work included in the base bid (or a deduction of base bid work).

Unit Price No. 1:

Prep and Paint concrete wall: \$ 75.25 /Square Yard

Unit Price No. 2:

Prep and Paint brick wall: \$ 75.25 /Square Yard

Unit Price No. 3:

Remove existing and install new cove base: \$ 6.⁰⁰ /Linear Foot

4. CONTRACT TIME

The Bidder offers to perform the work in accordance with the timeline specified below:

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Solicitation Title: Sweet Hall Interior Paint Renovations

- Start of construction: Within 14 days of issued PO.
- Substantial completion: April 15, 2022
- Final completion: April 29, 2022

5. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The successful bidder awarded a contract pursuant to this solicitation shall be liable for and pay the State, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the following amount for each calendar day of delay beyond the date for substantial completion, as determined in the sole discretion of the State: \$500/day.

Five Hundred dollars per calendar day.

This bid proposal is irrevocable for 60 days from the bid proposal submission deadline.

If the Bidder is determined to be the successful bidder pursuant to this solicitation, the Bidder will promptly: (i) comply with each of the requirements of the Tentative Letter of Award; and (ii) commence and diligently pursue the work upon issuance and receipt of the purchase order from the State and authorization from the user agency.

The person signing below certifies that he or she has been duly authorized to execute and submit this bid proposal on behalf of the Bidder.

BIDDER

Date: 1/11/22

Sole Source Construction, LLC
Name of Bidder

Michael Sepe
Signature in ink

Michael Sepe, President
Printed name and title of person signing on behalf of Bidder

GC-42492
Bidder's Contractor Registration Number

State of Rhode Island
PAYER'S REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION

THE IRS REQUIRES THAT YOU FURNISH YOUR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER TO US. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION CAN RESULT IN A \$50 PENALTY BY THE IRS. IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) IN THE SPACE INDICATED BELOW. IF YOU ARE A COMPANY OR A CORPORATION, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) WHERE INDICATED.

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.)

Enter your taxpayer identification number in the appropriate box. For most individuals, this is your social security number.

Social Security No. (SSN)

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Employer ID No. (EIN)

47	15633121
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NAME Sole Source Construction LLC

ADDRESS 766 Pippin Orchard Rd

(REMITTANCE ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT)

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Cranston, RI 02921

CERTIFICATION: Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- (1) The number shown on this form is my correct Taxpayer Identification Number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- (2) I am not subject to backup withholding because either: (A) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (B) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.

Certification Instructions -- You must cross out item (2) above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding because of under-reporting interest or dividends on your tax return. However, if after being notified by IRS that you were subject to backup withholding you received another notification from IRS that you are no longer subject to backup withholding, do not cross out item (2).

PLEASE SIGN HERE

SIGNATURE Michael Sepe TITLE President DATE 1/12/12 TEL NO. 401-712-2700

BUSINESS DESIGNATION:

Please Check One: Individual Medical Services Corporation Government/Nonprofit Corporation
Partnership Corporation Trust/Estate Legal Services Corporation

NAME: Be sure to enter your full and correct name as listed in the IRS file for you or your business.

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE: Enter your primary business address and remittance address if different from your primary address). If you operate a business at more than one location, adhere to the following:

- 1) Same T.I.N. with more than one location -- attach a list of location addresses with remittance address for each location and indicate to which location the year-end tax information return should be mailed.
- 2) Different T.I.N. for each different location -- submit a completed W-9 form for each T.I.N. and location. (One year-end tax information return will be reported for each T.I.N. and remittance address.)

CERTIFICATION -- Sign the certification, enter your title, date, and your telephone number (including area code and extension).

BUSINESS TYPE CHECK-OFF -- Check the appropriate box for the type of business ownership.

Mail to: Rhode Island College, Purchasing Department, Building #5
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908

STATE CONTRACT ADDENDUM
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING
PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS
(37-13-1 ET SEQ.)

The prevailing wage requirements are generally set forth in RIGL 37-13-1 et seq. These requirements refer to the prevailing rate of pay for regular, holiday, and overtime wages to be paid to each craftsmen, mechanic, teamster, laborer, or other type of worker performing work on public works projects when state or municipal funds exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

All Prevailing Wage Contractors and Subcontractors are required to:

1. Submit to the Awarding Authority a list of the contractor's subcontractors for any part or all of the prevailing wage work in accordance with RIGL § 37-13-4;
2. Pay all prevailing wage employees at least once per week and in accordance with RIGL §37-13-7;
3. Post the prevailing wage rate scale and the Department of Labor and Training's prevailing wage poster in a prominent and easily accessible place on the work site in accordance with RIGL §37-13-11; posters may be downloaded at <https://dlt.ri.gov/requiredposters/> or obtained from the Department of Labor and Training, Center General Complex, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island;
4. Access the Department of Labor and Training website, at <https://dlt.ri.gov> on or before July 1st of each year, until such time as the contract is completed, to ascertain the current prevailing wage rates and the amount of payment or contributions for each covered prevailing wage employee and make any necessary adjustments to the covered employee's prevailing wage rates effective July 1st of each year in compliance with RIGL §37-13-8;
5. Attach a copy of this CONTRACT ADDENDUM and its attachments as a binding obligation to any and all contracts between the contractor and any subcontractors and their assignees for prevailing wage work performed pursuant to this contract;
6. Provide for the payment of overtime for prevailing wage employees who work in excess of eight (8) hours in any one day or forty (40) hours in any one week as provided by RIGL §37-13-10;

7. Maintain accurate prevailing wage employee payroll records on a Rhode Island Certified Weekly Payroll form available for download at <https://dlt.ri.gov/wrs/prevailingwage/> as required by RIGL §37-13-13, and make those records available to the Department of Labor and Training upon request;
8. Furnish the fully executed RI Certified Weekly Payroll Form to the awarding authority on a monthly basis for all work completed in the preceding month.
9. For general or primary contracts one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more, shall maintain on the work site a fully executed RI Certified Prevailing Wage Daily Log listing the contractor's employees employed each day on the public works site; the RI Certified Prevailing Wage Daily Log shall be available for inspection on the public works site at all times; this rule shall not apply to road, highway, or bridge public works projects. Where applicable, furnish both the Rhode Island Certified Prevailing Wage Daily Log together with the Rhode Island Weekly Certified Payroll to the awarding authority.
10. Any violation of RIGL 37-13-13 of Certified Weekly Payroll Forms and Daily Logs will result in the department imposing a penalty on the contractor of a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each calendar day of noncompliance.
11. Assure that all covered prevailing wage employees on construction projects with a total project cost of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more has a OSHA ten (10) hour construction safety certification in compliance with RIGL § 37-23-1;
12. Employ apprentices for the performance of the awarded contract when the contract is valued at one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more, and comply with the apprentice to journey-person ratio for each trade approved by the apprenticeship council of the Department of Labor and Training in compliance with RIGL §37-13-3.1;
13. Assure that all prevailing wage employees who perform work which requires a Rhode Island trade license possess the appropriate Rhode Island trade license in compliance with Rhode Island law; and
14. Comply with all applicable provisions of RIGL §37-13-1, et. seq;

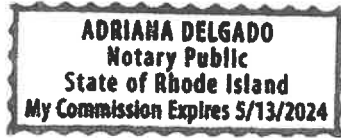
Any questions or concerns regarding this CONTRACT ADDENDUM should be addressed to the contractor or subcontractor's attorney. Additional Prevailing Wage information may be obtained from the Department of Labor and Training at <https://dlt.ri.gov/wrs/prevailingwage/>.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this CONTRACT ADDENDUM and understand my obligations as stated above.

By: Michael Sepe
Title: President

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11th day of January 2022



[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires: 5/13/2024



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING
BOARD**

560 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02886



BE IT KNOWN THAT

**Michael Sepe
of SOLE SOURCE CONSTRUCTION**

has met the requirements of the law and has been granted this certificate of registration as a

Residential/Commercial Contractor

IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Registration Number

GC-42492

Issue Date

October 23, 2020

Expiration Date

November 1, 2022

James Cambio
State Building Officer

Julianna T. Georgakis
Deputy Director
Department of Business Regulation

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



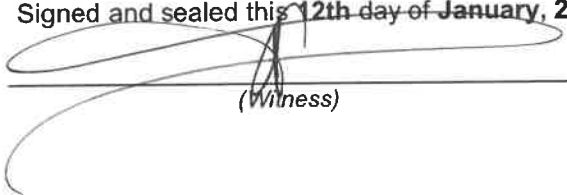
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Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we **Sole Source Construction, LLC** as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and **Endurance Assurance Corporation** a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of **Delaware** as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **State of Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education** as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of **Five Percent of the Amount of the Attached Bid Dollars (\$ 5% of Bid)**, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for **Sweet Hall Interior Paint Renovations, Rhode Island College, Providence Campus Project Number: 44643**

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

Signed and sealed this 12th day of January, 2022



(Witness)

Sole Source Construction, LLC
(Principal) (Seal)

By: Michael Sepe
Michael Sepe (Title) President

Endurance Assurance Corporation (Surety)



Jessica R. Mendonca

(Witness)

By: Charles A. Byrne
Charles A. Byrne, (Title) Attorney-in-Fact





POWER OF ATTORNEY

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that **Endurance Assurance Corporation**, a Delaware corporation, **Endurance American Insurance Company**, a Delaware corporation, **Lexon Insurance Company**, a Texas corporation, and/or **Bond Safeguard Insurance Company**, a South Dakota corporation, each, a "Company" and collectively, "**Sompo International**," do hereby constitute and appoint: **David J. Byrne III, Charles A. Byrne, Russell C. Comer II, Denise A. Chianese** as true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to make, execute, seal, and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety or co-surety; bonds and undertakings given for any and all purposes, also to execute and deliver on its behalf as aforesaid renewals, extensions, agreements, waivers, consents or stipulations relating to such bonds or undertakings provided, however, that no single bond or undertaking so made, executed and delivered shall obligate the Company for any portion of the penal sum thereof in excess of the sum of **ONE HUNDRED MILLION Dollars (\$100,000,000.00)**.

Such bonds and undertakings for said purposes, when duly executed by said attorney(s)-in-fact, shall be binding upon the Company as fully and to the same extent as if signed by the President of the Company under its corporate seal attested by its Corporate Secretary.

This appointment is made under and by authority of certain resolutions adopted by the sole shareholder of each Company by unanimous written consent effective the 15th day of June, 2019, a copy of which appears below under the heading entitled "Certificate".

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the sole shareholder of each Company by unanimous written consent effective the 15th day of June, 2019 and said resolution has not since been revoked, amended or repealed:

RESOLVED, that the signature of an individual named above and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Company has caused this instrument to be signed by the following officers, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 15th day of June, 2019.

Endurance Assurance Corporation
By: *Richard Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel

Endurance American Insurance Company
By: *Richard Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel

Lexon Insurance Company
By: *Richard Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel

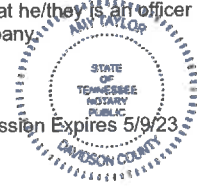
Bond Safeguard Insurance Company
By: *Richard Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this 15th day of June, 2019, before me, personally came the above signatories known to me, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he/they is an officer of each of the Companies; and that he executed said instrument on behalf of each Company by authority of his office under the by-laws of each Company.

By: *Amy Taylor*
Amy Taylor, Notary Public - My Commission Expires 5/9/23



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Officer of each Company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that:

1. That the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a copy was duly executed on behalf of each Company and has not since been revoked, amended or modified; that the undersigned has compared the foregoing copy thereof with the original power of attorney, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original power of attorney and of the whole thereof;
2. The following are resolutions which were adopted by the sole shareholder of each Company by unanimous written consent effective June 15, 2019 and said resolutions have not since been revoked, amended or modified:

"RESOLVED, that each of the individuals named below is authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, undertakings or obligations in surety or co-surety with others: RICHARD M. APPEL, BRIAN J. BEGGS, CHRISTOPHER DONELAN, SHARON L. SIMS, CHRISTOPHER L. SPARRO, MARIANNE L. WILBERT
; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the individuals named above is authorized to appoint attorneys-in-fact for the purpose of making, executing, sealing and delivering bonds, undertakings or obligations in surety or co-surety for and on behalf of the Company."

3. The undersigned further certifies that the above resolutions are true and correct copies of the resolutions as so recorded and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal this 12th day of January, 2022.

By: *Daniel S. Lurie*
Daniel S. Lurie, Secretary

NOTICE: U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL (OFAC)

No coverage is provided by this Notice nor can it be construed to replace any provisions of any surety bond or other surety coverage provided. This Notice provides information concerning possible impact on your surety coverage due to directives issued by OFAC. **Please read this Notice carefully.**

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) administers and enforces sanctions policy, based on Presidential declarations of "national emergency". OFAC has identified and listed numerous foreign agents, front organizations, terrorists, terrorist organizations, and narcotics traffickers as "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons". This list can be located on the United States Treasury's website - <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List>.

In accordance with OFAC regulations, if it is determined that you or any other person or entity claiming the benefits of any coverage has violated U.S. sanctions law or is a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person, as identified by OFAC, any coverage will be considered a blocked or frozen contract and all provisions of any coverage provided are immediately subject to OFAC. When a surety bond or other form of surety coverage is considered to be such a blocked or frozen contract, no payments nor premium refunds may be made without authorization from OFAC. Other limitations on the premiums and payments may also apply.

Any reproductions are void.

Surety Claims Submission: LexonClaimAdministration@sompo-intl.com

Telephone: 615-553-9500 Mailing Address: Sompo International; 12890 Lebanon Road; Mount Juliet, TN 37122-2870