



**Jon Hutchings**

Director

**Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations  
Bid No. 21-09**

APPROVAL FOR CONTRACT AWARD

Approval is hereby granted to award the Contract as follows:

Project: Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations  
Bid No. 21-09

To: Granite Construction, Inc.

In the amount of their bid proposal \$438,649.00 including all taxes.

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Satpal Singh Sidhu  
Whatcom County Executive  
Approving Authority

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved Electronically by BW/jpk  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Quinn  
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Civil Division

4/6/2021  
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Date

**Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations** Bid 21-09 - Opening Date - March 23, 2021

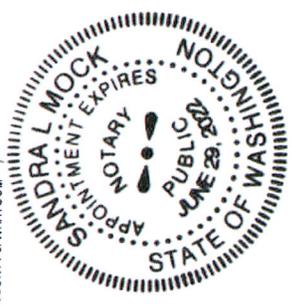
ITEM NO.		BID PROPOSAL		ENGINEER'S EST.		LAKESIDE INDUSTRIES		CENTRAL PAVING LLC	
ITEM DESCRIPTION		UNIT MEAS.	APPROX. QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Schedule A - Douglas Rd & Olson Rd									
A1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,665.00	\$ 3,665.00
A2	SPCC PLAN	LS	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
A3	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR	LS	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
A4	FLAGGERS & SPOTTERS	HR	170	\$ 55.00	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 11,050.00
A5	OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL LABOR	HR	40	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,600.00
A6	OTHER TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
A7	PAVEMENT REPAIR (Force Account)	EST	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
A8	HMA CL. 3/8 INCH PG 58H-22	TON	494	\$ 85.00	\$ 41,990.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 41,990.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 45,942.00
A9	UNANTICIPATED SITE WORK (Force Account)	EST	DOL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
A10	EROSION / WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (Force Account)	EST	DOL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Bid Schedule A (Bid Items A1-A10)</b>					<b>\$ 72,540.00</b>		<b>\$ 69,490.00</b>		<b>\$ 71,757.00</b>

Schedule B - Sandy Point Heights									
ITEM NO.		UNIT MEAS.	APPROX. QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
B1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$38,557.60	\$ 38,557.60	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 10,570.00	\$ 10,570.00
B2	SPCC PLAN	LS	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
B3	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR	LS	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00
B4	FLAGGERS & SPOTTERS	HR	730	\$ 55.00	\$ 40,150.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 43,800.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 47,450.00
B5	OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL LABOR	HR	160	\$ 55.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 10,400.00
B6	OTHER TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
B7	PAVEMENT REPAIR (Force Account)	EST	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
B8	ADJUST MANHOLES	EA	42	\$ 750.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 23,100.00
B9	HMA CL. 3/8 INCH PG 58H-22	TON	3026	\$ 85.00	\$ 257,210.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 242,080.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 269,314.00
B10	UNANTICIPATED SITE WORK (Force Account)	EST	DOL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
B11	EROSION / WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (Force Account)	EST	DOL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Subtotal Schedule B (Bid Items B1-B11)					<b>\$ 387,217.60</b>		<b>\$ 351,580.00</b>		<b>\$ 377,434.00</b>
B12	TERO (5% of the Subtotal)	5%	1		\$ 19,360.88		\$ 17,579.00		\$ 18,871.70
<b>Total Bid Schedule B (Bid Items B1-B12)</b>					<b>\$ 406,578.48</b>		<b>\$ 369,159.00</b>		<b>\$ 396,305.70</b>
<b>TOTAL BID AMOUNT SCHEDULES A &amp; B</b>					<b>\$ 479,118.48</b>		<b>\$ 438,649.00</b>		<b>\$ 468,062.70</b>

I hereby certify that the amounts tabulated herein are correct and accurately represent the amounts contained in the Engineer's estimate and the respective bid proposals opened at 2:30 P.M., March 23, 2021 for 2021 Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations Bid # 21-09.

*James P. Karcher* 3.27.2021  
 James P. Karcher, P.E. Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
 COUNTY OF WHATCOM



On this day personally appeared before me, James P. Karcher, P.E., known to me to be the County Engineer and the person described herein and who executed the within and foregoing instrument on this 29 day of MARCH, 2021.

*Sandra L. Mock*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC  
 Residing at 6/29/2022

**BID PROPOSAL  
FOR**

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**WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS  
ENGINEERING DIVISION  
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

**Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations**

DATE: March 16, 2021

TO: Whatcom County Executive and Council  
Whatcom County Courthouse  
311 Grand Avenue  
Bellingham, Washington 98225

Gentlepersons:

This certifies that the Undersigned: has examined the location of the project site and the conditions of work; and has carefully read and thoroughly understands the contract documents entitled: **"Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations"** Whatcom County, Washington, including the "Bid Procedures and Conditions," "Specifications and Conditions," "Contract Forms," "Construction Plans," and "Appendices," governing the work embraced in this project, and the method by which payment will be made for said work. The Undersigned hereby proposes to undertake and complete the work embraced in this project in accordance with said contract documents, and agrees to accept as payment for said work, the schedule of lump sum and unit prices as set forth in the "Bid" below.

The Undersigned acknowledges that payment will be based on the actual work performed and material used as measured or provided for in accordance with the said contract documents, and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any taxes not included in each lump sum or unit price, and that the basis for payment will be the actual work performed and measured or provided for in accordance with the said contract documents. The Undersigned certifies that it is not currently disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or RCW 39.12.065(3).

HOT MIX ASPHALT PRE-LEVEL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
 SCHEDULE A - DOUGLAS RD & OLSON RD

BID RESPONSE FORM  
 Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY	UNIT MEASURE	UNIT PRICE IN FIGURES	EXTENDED PRICE IN FIGURES
A1	MOBILIZATION	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 7,000. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 7,000. <sup>00</sup>
A2	SPCC PLAN	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 1,000. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 1,000. <sup>00</sup>
A3	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 500. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 500. <sup>00</sup>
A4	FLAGGERS AND SPOTTERS	170	HOUR	\$ 60. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 10,200. <sup>00</sup>
A5	OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL LABOR	40	HOUR	\$ 65. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 2,600. <sup>00</sup>
A6	OTHER TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 1,200. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 1,200. <sup>00</sup>
A7	PAVEMENT REPAIR (FORCE ACCOUNT)	EST	DOL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,500.00
A8	HMA CL 3/8 IN. PG 58H-22	494	TON	\$ 85. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 41,990. <sup>00</sup>
A9	UNANTICIPATED SITE WORK (FORCE ACCOUNT)	EST	DOL	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,000.00
A10	EROSION / WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (FORCE ACCOUNT)	EST	DOL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,500.00

SCHEDULE A TOTAL (Bid Items No. 1-10)					\$ 69,490. <sup>00</sup>
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HOT MIX ASPHALT PRE-LEVEL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
SCHEDULE B - SANDY POINT HEIGHTS

BID RESPONSE FORM  
Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY	UNIT MEASURE	UNIT PRICE IN FIGURES	EXTENDED PRICE IN FIGURES
B1	MOBILIZATION	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 17,000. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 17,000. <sup>00</sup>
B2	SPCC PLAN	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 1,000. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 1,000. <sup>00</sup>
B3	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 1,500. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 1,500. <sup>00</sup>
B4	FLAGGERS AND SPOTTERS	730	HOUR	\$ 60. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 43,800. <sup>00</sup>
B5	OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL LABOR	160	HOUR	\$ 65. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 10,400. <sup>00</sup>
B6	OTHER TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 2,500. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 2,500. <sup>00</sup>
B7	PAVEMENT REPAIR (FORCE ACCOUNT)	EST	DOL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,500.00
B8	ADJUST MANHOLES	42	EACH	\$ 650. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 27,300. <sup>00</sup>
B9	HMA CL 3/8 IN. PG 58H-22	3026	TON	\$ 80. <sup>00</sup>	\$ 242,080. <sup>00</sup>
B10	UNANTICIPATED SITE WORK (FORCE ACCOUNT)	EST	DOL	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,000.00
B11	EROSION / WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (FORCE ACCOUNT)	EST	DOL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,500.00
Subtotal (Bid Items 1-11)					\$ 351,580. <sup>00</sup>
B12	TERO (5.00% of the Subtotal excl. Sales Tax)	1	(@5.00%)	L.S.	\$ 17,579. <sup>00</sup>
<b>SCHEDULE B TOTAL (Bid Items No. 1-12)</b>					\$ 369,159. <sup>00</sup>
<b>TOTAL BID AMOUNT (SECHEDULE A and B)</b>					\$ 438,649. <sup>00</sup>

**BID CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
WAGE PAYMENT STATUTES**

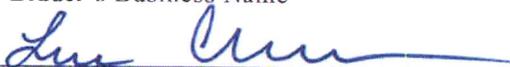
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The bidder hereby certifies that, within the three-year period immediately preceding the bid solicitation date (March 3, 2021), the bidder is not a "willful" violator, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, of any provision of chapters 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52 RCW, as determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Granite Construction Company

Bidder's Business Name



Signature of Authorized Official\*

Lance Chambers

Printed Name

Construction Manager

Title

3/16/21

Date

Bellingham

City

WA

State

Check One:

Sole Proprietorship  Partnership  Joint Venture  Corporation

State of Incorporation, or if not a corporation, State where business entity was formed:

California

If a co-partnership, give firm name under which business is transacted:

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*\* If a corporation, proposal must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice-president (or any other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign). If a co-partnership, proposal must be executed by a partner.*



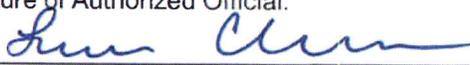
**Proposal for Incorporating Recycled Materials into the Project**

In compliance with a new law that went into effect January 1, 2016 (SHB1695), the Bidder shall propose below, the total percent of construction aggregate and concrete materials to be incorporated into the Project that are recycled materials. Calculated percentages must be within the amounts allowed in Section 9-03.21(1)E, Table on Maximum Allowable Percent (By Weight) of Recycled Material, of the Standard Specifications.

Proposed total percentage: 20 percent.

*Note: Use of recycled materials is highly encouraged within the limits shown above, but does not constitute a Bidder Preference, and will not affect the determination of award, unless two or more lowest responsive Bid totals are exactly equal, in which case proposed recycling percentages will be used as a tie-breaker, per the APWA GSP in Section 1-03.1 of the Special Provisions. Regardless, the Bidder's stated proposed percentages will become a goal the Contractor should do its best to accomplish. Bidders will be required to report on recycled materials actually incorporated into the Project, in accordance with the APWA GSP in Section 1-06.6 of the Special Provisions.*

Bidder: Granite Construction Company

Signature of Authorized Official: 

Lance Chambers, Construction manager

Date: 3/16/2021

## **NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION**

### **Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations**

**I, by signing the proposal, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the following statements are true and correct:**

1. That the undersigned person(s), firm, association or corporation has (have) not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the project for which this proposal is submitted.
2. That by signing the signature page of this proposal, I am deemed to have signed and have agreed to the provisions of this declaration.

### **NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS**

To report bid rigging activities call:

**1-800-424-9071**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) operates the above toll free "hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report such activities.

The "hotline" is part of USDOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse, and is operated under the direction of the USDOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

## BIDDER IDENTIFICATION

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The name of the Bidder submitting this proposal, the address and phone number to which all communications concerned with this proposal shall be made, and the number which has been assigned indicating the Bidder is licensed to do business in the State of Washington are as follows:

Firm Name: Granite Construction Company

Address: 7017 Everson Goshen Rd  
Everson, WA 98247

Telephone: 360-676-2450

Contractor's WA Registration Number: CC GRANICC916DL

Contractor's WA UBI Number: 409 023 062

Contractor's WA Employment Security Department Number: 232166009

Contractor's WA Excise Tax Registration Number: 409 023 062

The Firm submitting this proposal is a:     \_\_\_ Sole Proprietorship  
  \_\_\_ Partnership  
  X Corporation

The names and titles of the principal officers of the corporation submitting this proposal, or of the partnership, or of all persons interested in this proposal as principals are as follows:

<u>See Attached</u> Name (printed)	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

NOTE: Signatures of this proposal must be identified above. Failure to identify the Signatories will be cause for considering the proposal irregular and for subsequent rejection of the bid.

## BID PROPOSAL SIGNATURE AND ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The bidder is hereby advised that by signature of this proposal he/she is deemed to have acknowledged all requirements and signed all certificates contained herein. The undersigned hereby agrees to pay labor not less than the prevailing rates of wages or less than the hourly minimum rate of wages as specified in the Specifications and Conditions for this project.

<input type="checkbox"/> CASH	IN THE AMOUNT OF _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED CHECK	_____ DOLLARS
<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIER'S CHECK	(\$ _____) PAYABLE TO WHATCOM COUNTY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROPOSAL BOND	IN THE AMOUNT OF 5% OF THE BID.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged by addendum(s) No.(s) 1, 2, & \_\_\_\_\_

### SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)

(PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED) *Lance Chambers*  
 Lance Chambers, Construction manager  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRM NAME: Granite Construction Company



STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
 COUNTY OF WHATCOM )

On this 16th day of March, 2021, before me personally appeared Lance Chambers to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing thereof.



*Amy Borensen*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the State of  
 Washington, residing at: Everett, WA  
 My Commission Expires: 10/10/2024

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 This proposal form is not transferable and any alteration of the firm's name entered hereon without prior permission from the County will be cause for considering the proposal irregular and for subsequent rejection of the bid.

## TERO UNDERSTANDING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### LUMMI NATION'S TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE

#### UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE

Portions of the work included in this solicitation will be performed on lands subject to the Lummi Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO). TERO may impose certain requirements via taxes, fees, employment policies, or ordinance that may affect the Contractor and Subcontractors. The Contractor is required to comply with all lawful Tribal requirements in the performance of the work.

Contractor shall designate a responsible company official to coordinate all employment, training, and contracting related activities with the TERO department to ensure that the company is in compliance with TERO.

Designated TERO Liaison: Lance Chambers

On behalf of Granite Construction Company, I hereby certify that I have received and understand the requirements set forth in the attached Lummi Nation Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code and TERO Compliance Plan template, and I understand the responsibility of compliance with the described requirements.

Address: 7017 Everson Goshen Rd., Everson, WA 98247

Phone: 360-676-2450 Fax: NA

Printed Name: Lance Chambers Title: Construction Manager

Signature:  Date: 3/16/2021

# BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we Granite Construction Company, of California, as principal, and the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut and having its principal place of business at 1 Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183 in the State of Washington, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Whatcom County in the full and penal sum of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount appearing on the bid proposal of said principal for the work hereinafter described, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The condition of this bond is such that, whereas, the principal herein is herewith submitting his or its bid proposal for, **Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations** bid proposal, by reference thereto, being hereby made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said bid proposal submitted by the said PRINCIPAL be accepted, and the contract be awarded to said PRINCIPAL, and if said PRINCIPAL shall duly make and enter into and execute said contract and shall furnish the performance bond as required by the bidding and contract documents within a period of ten (10) days from and after said award, exclusive of the day of such award, then its obligation to pay the above-mentioned penal sum as liquidated damages shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain and be in full force and effect.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 17th day of March, 2021.

Granite Construction Company  
Principal  
By [Signature]  
Lance Chambers, Construction Manager



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
Surety  
By [Signature] /Isabel Barron, Attorney-In-Fact  
Attorney-In-Fact



The Attorney-in-fact who executes this bond on behalf of the surety company, must attach a copy of his power-of attorney as evidence of his authority.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

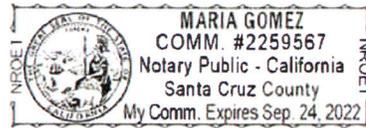
State of California  
County of Santa Cruz

On March 17, 2021 before me, Maria Gomez, Notary Public  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Isabel Barron,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in  
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the  
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature *Maria Gomez* (Seal)  
Maria Gomez, Notary Public



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

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Isabel Barron** of **WATSONVILLE California**, their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 3rd day of February, 2017.



State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss

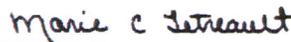
By   
Robert L. Raney Senior Vice President

On this the 3rd day of February, 2017, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer

**In Witness Whereof**, I hereunto set my hand and official seal

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



  
Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

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

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

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

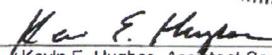
**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice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

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

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

Dated this March 17, 2021



  
Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

**To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.  
Please refer to the above-named Attorney-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.**