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# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

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By BECKY LANDRUM  
County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.

### TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hunt } ss.

Bond No. TX 823927

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Cheryl Lowry, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto Hunt County, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 24th day of August, 2021, duly Appointed to the office of Purchasing Agent in and for Hunt County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 16th day of September, 2021 and ending the 16th day of September, 2023.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall "faithfully perform the duties of office"

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2021

Cheryl Lowry

Principal

Cheryl Lowry  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)

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

Attorney-in-Fact

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hunt } ss.

Before me, Jessica Sims, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

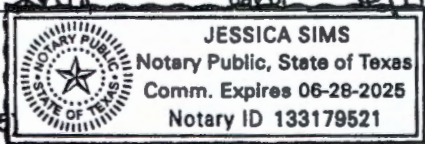
Cheryl Lowry known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing

instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Hunt County

this 2nd day of September, 2021

SEAL



Jessica Sims  
Hunt

County, Texas.

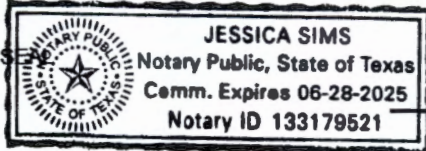
OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Cheryl Lowry, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Purchasing Agent of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed Cheryl Lowry

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Hunt County, Texas, this 2nd day of September, 2021

Jessica Sims  
Hunt County, Texas



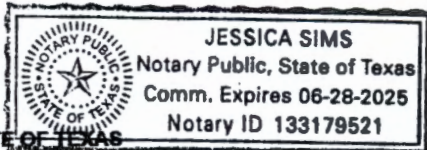
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

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Signed Cheryl Lowry

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Hunt County, Texas, this 2nd day of September, 2021

Jessica Sims  
Hunt County, Texas



SEAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hunt } ss

The foregoing bond of Cheryl Lowry as Purchasing Agent in and for Hunt County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST

Decky Lane Clerk  
County Court Hunt County

Date September 14, 2021  
[Signature] County Judge,  
County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

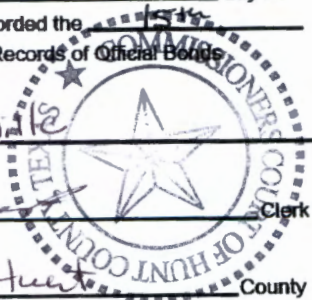
County of Hunt } ss

I, Becky Landrum, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 24th day of August, 2021 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 15th day of September, 2021, at 11:27 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 15th day of September, 2021, at 11:27 o'clock A M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2021-0127, on page       

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Hunt County, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Decky Lane Clerk  
Hunt County

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County



**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, Maci Mattison; Matthew Mattison

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments 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.

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 amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

"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 16th day of September, 2021.



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

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss:

On this 16th day of September, 2021, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of 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.



**POLLY MASON**  
Commission Number 750576  
My Commission Expires  
January 07, 2023

*Polly Mason*  
Notary Public

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

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of 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 30th day of August, 2021.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HUNT

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the  
date and the time stamped hereon by me and was duly  
RECORDED in the Records of HUNT County, Texas.

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*Becky Landrum*

Becky Landrum, County Clerk  
Hunt County, Texas