

CALTRANS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BID FOR

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AT 94200 CLARKE MOUNTAIN ROAD ON ROUTE 15 ABOUT 33  
MILES EAST OF BAKER AT THE MOUNTAIN PASS MAINTENANCE STATION MOUNTAIN  
PASS, CALIFORNIA 92366  
In District 08 on Route 15

UNDER

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Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions dated April 18, 2016  
Project plans approved January 19, 2016  
Standard Specifications dated 2010  
Standard Plans dated 2010

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Identified by

Contract No. 08-0R8504

08-SBd-15-L5718

Project ID 0812000200

Bids open Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Dated April 18, 2016

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Contract No.: 08-OR8504 Project ID: 0812000200  
Bidder Name: GEMS Environmental Management Services, Bidder ID: VC0000009383  
BID TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DES-OE-0102.1

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Name of Bidder GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc.  
Bidder ID VC0000009383  
Business Street Address 1120 Willow Pass Ct.  
(Include even if P.O. Box is used)  
Business P.O. Box  
City, State, Zip Concord, CA, 94520  
Telephone No. 9256716822  
Fax No. 9256717120  
Contractor License No.864458  
California Department of Industrial Relations Registration number\*\* 1000001924  
Checksum A64A642A

1. Bidder agrees, if this bid is accepted, to enter into a contract with the Department, in the form included in the Standard Specifications, to perform the work provided in the Contract under the terms of the Contract for the price or prices bid.

For a lump sum or unit price based bid, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the work within the number of working days shown on the Notice to Bidders.

For a cost plus time based bid on a contract without a plant establishment period, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the work within the number of working days bid.

For a cost plus time based bid on a contract with a plant establishment period, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the non-plant establishment work within the number of working days bid for non-plant establishment work.

2. Bidder has and acknowledges the following addenda:0
3. Bidder submits this bid with one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least 10 percent of the bid: Bidder's Bond
4. Bidder's signature is an affirmation of the included certifications. Bidder is cautioned that making a false certification may result in one or more of the following:
  - 4.1 Criminal prosecution
  - 4.2 Rejection of the bid
  - 4.3 Rescission of the award
  - 4.4 Termination of the Contract

PRINTED NAME:Richard Camacho AND  
TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING:President

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BY (Authorized signature)

DATE SIGNED( Do not type)

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Item No.	Item Code	Item Description	Estimated Quantity Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Item Total
1	130100	JOB SITE MANAGEMENT	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	65,889.53
2	130200	PREPARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	13,246.80
3	130560	TEMPORARY SOIL BINDER	6,920.0 SQYD	3.81	26,365.20
4	130640	TEMPORARY FIBER ROLL	330.0 LF	44.42	14,658.60
5	130900	TEMPORARY CONCRETE WASHOUT	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	7,102.20
6	141120	TREATED WOOD WASTE	580.0 LB	16.26	9,430.80
7	150608	REMOVE CHAIN LINK FENCE	260.0 LF	39.32	10,223.20
8	150661	REMOVE GUARDRAIL	63.0 LF	116.43	7,335.09
9	190101	ROADWAY EXCAVATION	560.0 CY	90.48	50,668.80
10	390132	HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A)	910.0 TON	176.94	161,015.40
11	731521	MINOR CONCRETE (SIDEWALK)	58.0 CY	769.68	44,641.44
12	800363	CHAIN LINK FENCE (TYPE CL-6, EXTENSION ARM)	1,040.0 LF	58.73	61,079.20

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Item No.	Item Code	Item Description	Estimated Quantity Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Item Total
13	031008	12' CHAIN LINK GATE (TYPE CL-6, EXTENSION ARM)	1.0 EA	11,191.95	11,191.95
14	860090	MAINTAINING EXISTING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ELEMENTS DURING CONSTRUCTION	LUMP SUM LS LS LS	LUMP SUM	23,893.45
15	869050	GUARD POST	30.0 EA	1,120.97	33,629.10
16	994650	BUILDING WORK	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	431,184.67
Total Bid					\$971,555.43

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DES-OE-0102.2C (REV 03/2015)

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Bidding Firm: GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc.

List this sub? Yes

- 1) Business Name Onyx Paving  
Location City Anaheim State CA  
California Contractor License Number 630360  
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000004798  
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item %	Description
10 54 Paving	

List this sub? Yes

- 2) Business Name McAlister Electric  
Location City Canyon Country State CA  
California Contractor License Number 807277  
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000012621  
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item %	Description
16 8.4 Electrical	



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REQUEST FOR SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE OR NON-SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

DES-OE-0102.7 (REV 02/2010)

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COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

\*Small Business Preference

The undersigned requests small business preference and certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the firm meets the requirements of 2 CA Code of Regs ♦ 1896 et seq. and is certified as a small business at the time and day of bid opening or has submitted a complete application to the Department of General Services (DGS) and is subsequently certified. The complete application and any required substantiating documentation must be received by DGS by 5:00 p.m. on bid opening date.

Small Business Certification (Reference) Number: 41702

Date: 05/10/16 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Non-Small Business Preference

The undersigned non-small business preference and notifies the Department on the Certified Small Business Listing for the Non-Small Business Preference form that it commits to subcontract at least 25 percent of its bid amount with one or more firms that meets the requirements of 2 CA Code of Regs ♦ 1896 et seq. and the firms are certified as small businesses at the time and day of bid opening or have submitted a complete application and are subsequently certified by the Department of General Services (DGS). The complete application and any required substantiating documentation must be received by DGS by 5:00 p.m. on bid opening date. List these firms on the Certified Small Business Listing for the Non-Small Business Preference form.

Date: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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CALIFORNIA COMPANY PREFERENCE

DES-OE-102.9 (REV 11/2008)

This form must be completed by all bidders. Failure of a non-California company to fill out and sign this form may be cause for rejection of its bid. Eligibility for a reciprocal preference for a California company is waived if the California company fails to complete and sign this form under penalty of perjury.

The undersigned certifies that it is a "California company" as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 6107 and meets one of the following (enter requested information):

1. I am a California company which has its principal place of business in California.

or

2. I a California company which has its principal place of business in a state in which there is no local contractor preference on construction contracts.

Name of State:

or

3. I a California company which has its principal place of business in a state in which there is a local contractor preference and my company has paid not less than \$5,000 in sales or use taxes to California for construction related activity for each of the 5 years immediately preceding the submission of the bid.

Name of State:

California Sales or Use Tax No.:

or

The undersigned certifies that it is not a "California company."

4. I a California company.

My principal place of business is in:

(Enter state or country)

Describe any and all bid preferences provided to your company by the state or country in which your company has its principal place of business. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe:

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

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

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OPT OUT OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FOR PRICE INDEX FLUCTUATIONS

DES-OE-0102.12A (REV. 8/2012)

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To opt out of payment adjustments for price index fluctuations as specified, complete this form.

I opt out of the payment adjustments for price index fluctuations.

Enter Date and Name to opt out of payment adjustments for price index fluctuations.

Date: 05/10/16 Bidder's Name: Richard Camacho

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS EMPLOYMENT

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 6101, the Bidder certifies compliance with state and federal law respecting the employment of undocumented aliens.

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NONCOLLUSION

NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED BY BIDDER AND SUBMITTED WITH BID

Under PCC 7106 and 23 USC 112, the bidder declares as follows:

State of CA County of Contra Costa

Name: Richard Camacho,

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is

President of

GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc.

the party making the foregoing bid that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

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CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 7110, the contractor acknowledges that:

1. The contractor recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
2. The contractor to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the Employment Development Department.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 10232, the contractor, swears under penalty of perjury, that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the contractor within the immediately preceding two year period because of the contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court which orders the contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

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VIOLATION OF LAW OR A SAFETY REGULATION

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 10162, the Bidder must complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

Has the Bidder, any officer of the Bidder, or any employee of the Bidder who has a proprietary interest in the Bidder, ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation? No

If the answer is yes, explain the circumstances in the following space.

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ANTITRUST LAW

Under Pub Con Code ♦ 10285.1, the Bidder declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the Bidder Has Not been convicted within the preceding three years of any offenses referred to in that section, including any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or any other act in violation of any state or federal antitrust law in connection with the bidding upon, award of, or performance of, any public works contract, as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 1101, with any public entity, as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 1100, including the Regents of the University of California or the Trustees of the California State University. The term "Bidder" includes any partner, member, officer, director, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee thereof, as referred to in Section 10285.1.

If the Bidder has been convicted of an offense within the past 3 years, provide the conviction details including the date and ultimate resolution of each conviction in the space below.

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PERMITS, LICENSES, AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND RAILROAD  
RELATIONS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bidder acknowledges that permits, licenses, agreements, certifications, and the requirements in the document titled "Railroad Relations and Insurance Requirements" are components of the Contract under section 5-1.02 of the Standard Specifications.

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BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Failure to truthfully answer the following questions will result in a finding that the bid is nonresponsive. The Bidder must complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

1. Within the past 10 years, has the Bidder been found to be a nonresponsible bidder by any public entity, including federal, State, local, or regional entities?

No

2. Within the past 10 years, have any of the Bidder's officers or employees with a proprietary interest in the Bidder been determined to be a nonresponsible bidder by a public entity, including federal, State, local or regional entities?

No

3. Is there any officer or employee of the Bidder who now has or has had any proprietary interest in another company that bid or bids on public works projects whose company has been determined to be a nonresponsible bidder by any public entity, including federal, State, local, or regional entities?

No

4. If the answer to any of the 3 preceding questions is yes, disclose all pertinent details of the determination of nonresponsibility, including:

4.1. Date of each nonresponsibility determination

4.2. Name of each public agency issuing the nonresponsibility determination and a contact person at that agency who would have information about the determination

4.3. Contract number for each nonresponsibility determination

END CERTIFICATIONS

Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as Principal, and

\_\_\_\_\_ as Surety are bound unto the State of California, Department of Transportation, hereafter referred to as "Obligee", in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid of the Principal submitted to the Obligee for the work described below, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, jointly and severally,

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Principal is submitting a bid to the Obligee, for BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AT 94200 CLARKE MOUNTAIN ROAD ON ROUTE 15 ABOUT 33 MILES EAST OF BAKER AT THE MOUNTAIN PASS MAINTENANCE STATION MOUNTAIN PASS, CALIFORNIA 92366 In District 08 on Route 15 for which bids are to be opened at 1727 30th Street, Sacramento CA 95816 on 05-10-16.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal is awarded the contract and, within the time and manner required under the specifications, after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enters into a written contract, in the prescribed form, in accordance with the bid, and files two bonds with the Obligee, one to guarantee faithful performance (if specified in the contract) of the contract and the other to guarantee payment for labor and materials as provided by law, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force.

In the event a suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligee and judgement is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Obligee in such suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Surety \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney-in-Fact

Correspondence or claims relating to this bond should be sent to the surety at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of California

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_

Date Here insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Signer(s)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA • DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**BIDDER'S BOND**  
DES-OE-0102.3 (REV 3/2008)

Contract No. 08-OR8504

Bond No. Bid Bond

We GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc.

1120 Willow Pass Court, Concord, CA 94520

as Principal, and

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

as Surety are bound unto the State of California, Department of Transportation, hereafter referred to as "Obligee", in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid of the Principal submitted to the Obligee for the work described below, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, jointly and severally,

**THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, THAT:**

WHEREAS, the Principal is submitting a bid to the Obligee, for Building Construction San Bernardino County at 94200 Clarke  
*(Copy here the exact description of work, including location, as it appears on the proposal)*  
Mtn Road on Rte. 15 about 33 Miles East of Baker at the Mtn Pass Maintenance Station, Mtn Pass, California 92366  
for which bids are to be opened at Sacramento

*(Insert place where bids will be opened)*

on May 10, 2016

*(Insert date of bid opening)*

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal is awarded the contract and, within the time and manner required under the specifications, after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enters into a written contract, in the prescribed form, in accordance with the bid, and files two bonds with the Obligee, one to guarantee faithful performance (if specified in the contract) of the contract and the other to guarantee payment for labor and materials as provided by law, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force.

In the event a suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligee and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Obligee in such suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

Dated: May 2, 2016

Correspondence or claims relating to this bond should be sent to the surety at the following address: Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)  
2430 Camino Ramon, Ste. 335  
San Ramon, CA 94583

GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc.

By: [Signature]  
Principal

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature] Surety  
Steven N. Passerine Attorney-in-Fact



**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of California

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE ATTACHED SURETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer*

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name(s) of Signer(s)*

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.

(SEAL)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Notary Public*

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Civil Code § 1189

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.

State of California

County of Contra Costa

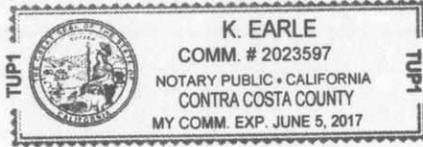
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On before me, K. Earle, Notary Public

personally appeared Steven N. Passerine

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 K. Earle Notary Public Signature

Place Notary Public Seal Above

OPTIONAL

Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to the persons relying on the document and could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this form to another document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document

Document Date Number of Pages:

Signer's Name:

- Individual
Corporate Officer - Title(s):
Partner - Limited General
Guardian or Conservator
Attorney-in-Fact
Trustee
Other:
Signer is representing



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Guardian or Conservator
Attorney-in-Fact
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Other:
Signer is representing



# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY, INC. 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,

**Steven N. Passerine**

their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, the following surety bond:

Surety Bond #: Bid Bond  
Principal: GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc.  
Obligee: State of California, Department of Transportation

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 1st day of August, 2015.



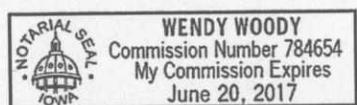
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st 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 Wamer, 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 2nd day of May, 2016.



*William Wamer Jr.*  
Secretary