

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:

Superior Excavating Co

Contractor's Name

101 Colina Calle Ct

Street

Minooka,

City

IL

State

P.O. Box

60447

Zip Code



CITY OF AURORA  
KANE COUNTY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

PROPOSAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR

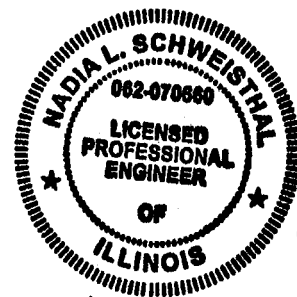
**410 Hill Av Water Main Lining**

**AURORA, ILLINOIS**

March 2023

Bid 23-27

PREPARED BY  
CITY OF AURORA  
Engineering Division  
77 S. Broadway Avenue  
AURORA, ILLINOIS 60507



EXP. 11/30/23

N. Schweisthal 3/8/23

## PROPOSAL

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF AURORA  
44 EAST DOWNER PLACE  
AURORA, ILLINOIS 60507

1. Proposal of Superior Excavating Co  
for the improvement known as the **410 Hill Av Water Main Lining, Bid 23-27.**
2. The plans and specifications for the proposed improvements are those prepared by the City of Aurora Engineering Division and approved by the City Council of Aurora, Illinois.
3. In submitting this proposal, the undersigned declares that the only persons or parties interested in the proposal as principals are those named herein, and that the proposal is made without collusion with any person, firm, or corporation.
4. The undersigned further declares that he has carefully examined the proposals, plans, specifications, form of contract and contract bond, and special provisions, if any, and that he has inspected in detail the site of the proposed work and that he has familiarized himself with all of the local conditions affecting the contract and detailed requirements of construction, and understands that in making this proposal he waives all right to plead any misunderstanding regarding the same.
5. The undersigned further understands and agrees that if the proposal is accepted, he is to furnish and provide all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus and other means of construction and to do all of the work and to furnish all of the materials and labor required.
6. The undersigned declares that he understands that the quantities mentioned are approximate only, and that they are subject to increase or decrease; that he will take in full payment therefore the amount of the summation of the actual quantities, as finally determined, and multiplied by the unit prices shown in the schedule of prices contained herein.
7. The undersigned agrees that the unit prices submitted herewith are for the purpose of obtaining a gross sum and for use in computing the value of extras and deductions; that if there is a discrepancy between the gross sum bid and that resulting from the summation of the quantities multiplied by their respective unit prices, the latter shall apply.
8. The undersigned agrees that if the City decides to extend or shorten the improvement, or otherwise alter it by extras or deductions, including the elimination of any one or more of the items, as provided in the specifications, he will perform the work as altered, increased or decreased, at the contract unit prices without claim for profits lost as a result of any work or items eliminated by the City of Aurora.
9. The undersigned agrees that the Engineer may, at any time during the progress of the work covered by this contract, order other work or materials incidental thereto, and that all such work and materials as do not appear in the proposal or contract as a specific item accompanied by a unit price, and which are not included under the bid price for other items in this contract, shall be performed as extra work, and that he will accept as full compensation therefore the actual cost plus ten percent (10%), the actual cost to be determined as provided for in the specifications.
10. The undersigned further agrees to execute a contract, a contract bond satisfactory to and in the form prescribed by the City in the penal sum of the full amount of the contract, guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the terms of the contract within **fifteen (15)** days after receiving the notice of award of the contract.

11. The undersigned further agrees to begin work not later than **ten (10)** calendar days after the execution or by the date stated within the contract documents and approval of the contract and contract bond, unless otherwise provided, and to prosecute the work in such a manner and with sufficient materials, equipment, and labor as will ensure its completion within the time limit specified herein, it being understood and agreed that the completion within the time limit is an essential part of the contract.
12. The undersigned agrees to complete the work within the time stipulated in the Special Provisions.
13. All work shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer by the above dates unless the Engineer in accordance with the specifications grants additional time. In case of failure to complete the work within the time named herein, or within such extra time as may have been allowed by extensions, the undersigned agrees that the City shall withhold from such sums as may be due him under the terms of the contract the liquidated damages as set forth in the Standard Specifications, which costs shall be considered and treated not as a penalty, but as damages due the Municipality from the undersigned by reason of inconvenience to the public, added cost of engineering and supervision, and other items which have caused an expenditure of public funds resulting from the failure of the undersigned to complete the work within the time specified in the contract.
14. If this proposal is accepted and the undersigned shall fail to execute a contract and contract bond as required herein, it is hereby agreed that the amount of the check or draft or bidder's bond substituted in lieu thereof shall become the property of the City and shall be considered not as a penalty but as payment of liquidated damages due to delay and other causes suffered by the City because of the failure to execute said contract and contract bond, otherwise said check or draft or bidder's bond substituted in lieu thereof shall be returned to the undersigned.
15. Accompanying this proposal is either a **5% Bid Bond** or a proposal guaranty check, complying with the specifications, made payable to the City Treasurer of the City of Aurora. The amount of the check is \$  
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16. The undersigned submits herewith his schedule of prices covering the work to be performed under this contract, he understands that he must show in the schedule the unit prices for which he proposes to perform each item of work, that the extensions must be made by him, and that if not so done, his proposal may be rejected as irregular or non-responsive.
17. The undersigned agrees to conform to Section 100 of the Standard Specifications and to Article 107.27 of that section indemnifying and saving harmless the City of Aurora and its officers, agents, and employees. The Contractor shall provide insurance with limits as stated in the Article 6.7 of the *City of Aurora - General Specifications*.
18. The City of Aurora reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids and to waive any and all irregularities and technicalities. The City of Aurora shall either award the project or reject the bids within Sixty (60) calendar days after the bid opening. This time frame may be extended upon mutual agreement of the City and the Bidder.
19. The undersigned of this proposal agrees that he or she has examined all sections of this Proposal, Specifications, and Bidding Documents and hereby understands and accepts the provisions for access, or the lack of access, to the construction site and shall claim no compensation other than the prices as bid for this condition of accessibility.
20. The undersigned further agrees that the unit prices submitted herewith are for the complete item constructed, including all labor, equipment, material and other necessary incidental work.
21. The undersigned agrees to indemnifying and saving harmless the City of Aurora, its officers, agents, employees, and servants by filing with the City, prior to the execution of the contract, copies of completed Certificates of Insurance satisfactory to the City, with the City of Aurora named as co-insured; automobile

liability insurance covering owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with limits of liability as stated in the City of Aurora - General Specifications Article 6.7.

22. No bid shall be considered unless the party offering it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the City of Aurora that he has been previously engaged in the quality construction of improvements of the same character as the one herein specified, and that he has the necessary facilities, equipment, experience, and ability and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the contract
23. No contract will be awarded to any bidder where that bidder or any principal or supervisory personnel of the bidder has been personally involved with another business that has been delinquent or unfaithful in any former contract with the City or where that bidder or any supervisory personnel of the bidder has been personally involved with another business that is a defaulter as surety or otherwise upon obligation to the City.
24. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) has been amended and effective January 1, 2010, adds a new provision to Section 7 of the Act which applies to public records in the possession of a party with whom the City of Aurora has contracted. The City of Aurora will have only a very short period of time from receipt of a FOIA request to comply with the request, and there is a significant amount of work required to process a request including collating and reviewing the information. The undersigned acknowledges the requirements of FOIA and agrees to comply with all requests made by the City of Aurora for public records (as that term is defined by Section 2(c) of FOIA) in the undersigned's possession and to provide the requested public records to the City of Aurora within two (2) business days of the request being made by the City of Aurora. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Aurora from all claims, costs, penalty, losses and injuries (including but not limited to, attorney's fees, other professional fees, court costs and/or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to its failure to provide the public records to the City of Aurora under this agreement.
25. The undersigned submits herewith this **Schedule of Prices** covering the work to be performed under this contract:



**Schedule of Prices**  
**410 Hill Av Water Main Lining**

**Bid 23-27**

Route	410 Hill Av
County	Kane
Local Agency	City of Aurora

**RETURN WITH BID**

(For complete information covering these items, see plans and specifications)

ADDENDUM NO. 1 BID SCHEDULE					
NO.	ITEM	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	AMOUNT
1	Select Granular Trench Backfill	CY	90	60 <sup>00</sup>	5,400 <sup>00</sup>
2	Water Main Lining, 6"	LF	340	147 <sup>00</sup>	49,980 <sup>00</sup>
3	Zinc Coated DIP WM, CI 52, 6" w/V-bio Polywrap	LF	40	97 <sup>00</sup>	3,880 <sup>00</sup>
4	6" MJ Gate Valve in 48" Vault	EA	2	8,500 <sup>00</sup>	17,000 <sup>00</sup>
5	Water Main Access Pit No. 1 and Connection	LS	1	12,000 <sup>00</sup>	12,000 <sup>00</sup>
6	Reinstate 6" Fire Hydrant Lead Pit No. 2	LS	1	14,600 <sup>00</sup>	14,600 <sup>00</sup>
7	Water Main Access Pit No. 3 and Connection	LS	1	12,000 <sup>00</sup>	12,000 <sup>00</sup>
8	Temporary Pavement, 2"	SQ YD	47	65 <sup>00</sup>	3,055 <sup>00</sup>
9	HMA Pavement Removal, 6.5"	SQ YD	24	20 <sup>00</sup>	480 <sup>00</sup>
10	HMA Drive Approach Removal, 4"	SQ YD	23	20 <sup>00</sup>	460 <sup>00</sup>
11	Combination PCC Curb and Gutter Removal	LF	10	50 <sup>00</sup>	500 <sup>00</sup>
12	Items Ordered by Engineer	Allow	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
13	Traffic Control and Protection	LS	1	12,000 <sup>00</sup>	12,000 <sup>00</sup>
Bidder's Total Proposal for Making Entire Improvements =					146,355 <sup>00</sup>

CHANGES PER ADDENDUM NO. 1



(If an individual)

**Signatures**

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

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

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(If a partnership)

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Insert  
Names and  
Addresses of  
All Partners

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(If a corporation)

Corporate Name Superior Excavating Co

Signed By Brad Hoover

President

Business Address 101 Colina Calle ct

Minooka IL 60447

President Brad Hoover

Secretary Brad Hoover

Treasurer N/A

Attest:

Jake Hoover

witness

Secretary

### BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

I/We hereby certify that:

- A. A complete set of bid papers, as intended, has been received, and that I/We will abide by the contents and/or information received and/or contained herein.
- B. I/We have not entered into any collusion or other unethical practices with any person, firm, or employee of the City which would in any way be construed as unethical business practice.
- C. I/We have adopted a written sexual harassment policy which is in accordance with the requirements of Federal, State and local laws, regulations and policies and further certify that I/We are also in compliance with all other equal employment requirements contained in Public Act 87-1257 (effective July 1, 1993) 775 ILCS 5/2-105 (A).
- D. I/We are in compliance with the most current "Prevailing Rate" of wages for laborers, mechanics and other workers as required by the State of Illinois Department of Labor.
- E. I/We operate a drug free environment and drugs are not allowed in the workplace or satellite locations as well as City of Aurora sites in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of January, 1992.
- F. The Bidder is not barred from bidding on the Project, or entering into this contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code, or any similar offense of "bid rigging" or "bid rotating" of any state or the United States.
- G. I/We will submit with our bid, for all contracts in excess of \$25,000.00, a certificate indicating participation in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor.
- ☐ Contractor shall check the box indicating that a copy of applicable program certification is attached.
- H. I/We have obtained IDOT prequalification as described in Check Sheet LRS6 in the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions" in the categories appropriate for the type of work proposed for this project.
- ☐ Contractor shall check the box indicating that a copy of the IDOT prequalification certification for the appropriate categories is attached.
- I. I/We will abide by all other Federal, State and local codes, rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes.
- J. I/We will abide by the "Illinois Preference Act" which requires contractors to use at least 90% Illinois laborers on all public works projects that receive State funds or funds administered by the State during a period of "excessive unemployment" (Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, 30 ILCS 570/).

COMPANY NAME Superior Excavating Co

ADDRESS 101 Colina Calle Ct

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE Minooka, IL 60447

NAME OF CORPORATE/COMPANY OFFICIAL Brad Hoover

TITLE President PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL SIGNATURE Brad Hoover

DATE 3-28-23

TELEPHONE (815) 409-0721

FAX No. ( ) N/A

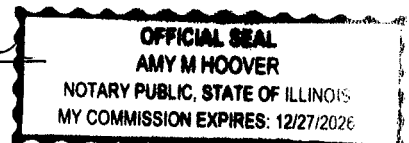
E-MAIL ADDRESS superiorex@comcast.net

Subscribed and Sworn to

Before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day

of March, 2023

Amy M Hoover  
Notary Public



Bid Number 23-27

## Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification

Return with Bid

**All contractors are required to complete the following certification:**

- ☐ For this contract proposal or for all groups in this deliver and install proposal.
- ☐ For the following deliver and install groups in this material proposal:

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The City of Aurora policy, adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, requires this contract to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In addition to all other responsibility factors, this contract or deliver and install proposal requires all bidders to disclose participation in apprenticeship or training programs that are approved by and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and applicable to the work of the above indicated proposals or groups. Therefore, all bidders are required to complete the following certification:

- I. Except as provided in paragraph III below, the undersigned bidder certifies that it is a participant, either as an individual or as part of a group program, in an approved apprenticeship or training program applicable to each type of work or craft that the bidder will perform with its own employees.
- II. The undersigned bidder, by inclusion in the list in the space below, certifies the official name of each program sponsor holding the Certificate of Registration for all of the types of work or crafts in which the bidder is a participant and that will be performed with the bidder's employees. The list shall also indicate any type of work or craft job category for which there is no applicable apprenticeship or training program available.

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- III. Except for any work identified above, any bidder that shall perform all or part of the work of the contract or deliver and install proposal solely by individual owners, partners or members and not by employees to whom the payment of prevailing rates of wages would be required, check the following box, and identify the owner/operator workforce and positions of ownership. ☐

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The requirements of this certification and disclosure are a material part of the contract. The bidder is responsible for making a complete report and shall make certain that each type of work or craft job category that will be utilized on the project is accounted for and listed. **The City of Aurora requires a copy of each applicable Certificate of Registration issued by the United States Department of Labor evidencing such participation by the contractor and any or all of its subcontractors be included with the bid in order to qualify to bid on the project.**

Bidder: Superior Excavating Co

By: Bruce Houser  
(Signature)

Address: 101 Colina Calle Ct  
Minooka, IL 60447

Title: President

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
County of Kane ) ss.

### BIDDER'S TAX CERTIFICATION

(BIDDER'S EXECUTING OFFICER), being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that all statements made herein are made on behalf of the Bidder, that this despondent is authorized to make them and that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Bidder deposes, states and certifies that Bidder is not barred from contracting with any unit of local government in the State of Illinois as result of a delinquency in payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Bidder is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate statute, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax, all as provided for in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1.

DATED this 28 day of March, 2023

By Brad Hoover  
(Signature of Bidder's Executing Officer)

Brad Hoover  
(Print name of Bidder's Executing Officer)

President  
(Title)

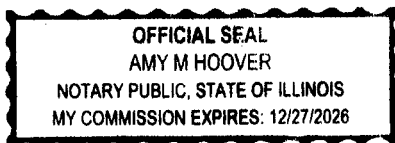
ATTEST/WITNESS:

By Jake Hoover  
Title Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

Amy M Hoover  
Notary Public

(SEAL)



Bid Number 23-27

# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

LOCAL UNION NO. 150, 150B, 150A, 150C, 150RA, 150D, 150G, 150M

AFFILIATED WITH THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. AND BUILDING TRADES DEPARTMENT

JAMES M. SWEENEY  
PRESIDENT-BUSINESS MANAGER



(708) 482-8800 • FAX (708) 482-7186  
6200 JOLIET ROAD  
COUNTRYSIDE, IL 60525-3992

December 3, 2019

Superior Excavating  
424 San Carlos Rd  
Minooka, IL 60447

Re: Proof of Compliance with 30 ILCS 500/30-22(6)  
Our File No. MI-00321

Dear Sir or Madam:

At the request of Superior Excavating, I am providing you with evidence of the Company's compliance with the apprenticeship requirements in 30 ILCS 500/30-22(6) of the Illinois Procurement Code. I am submitting this letter along with apprenticeship certificates (Nos. IL012020003 and IL008780173).

As a signatory contractor with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, AFL-CIO, Brothers Superior Excavating, is required by Collective Bargaining Agreement to participate in an applicable apprenticeship and training program approved by and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. The attached certificates are evidence of compliance with the U.S. Department of Labor's apprenticeship requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

IUOE, Local 150, AFL-CIO  
District 1 dispatch office

Amanda Gunderson

Enclosures: Certificates

# The United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training

## Certificate of Registration

Heavy Equipment Technician Operating Engineers Local #150  
Plainfield, Illinois

For the Trade of Repairer (Heavy)

Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship Program  
in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship  
established by the Secretary of Labor



May 5, 2002

Date

IL012020003

Sh. L. Chao

Secretary of Labor

Anthony Duroso

# United States Department of Labor

Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services  
Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training

## Certificate of Registration

Operating Engineers Local #150

Plainfield, Illinois

For the Trade of Operating Engineers

Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship Program

in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship

established by the Secretary of Labor



November 5, 2002

Date

92 008780173

Registration No.

*Loi. Chao*

Secretary of Labor

*Anthony S. ...*

Administrator, Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services

**LiUNA!**  
Chicagoland  
**LABORERS'**  
District Council Training & Apprentices Fund

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chicagolaborers.org

**Executive Director**  
Thomas Nordeen

December 5, 2019

**Labor Trustees**  
James P. Connolly  
Martin Dwyer  
Martin Flanagan  
Joseph V. Healy  
Charles V. LoVerde III  
William Martin

Superior Excavating  
424 San Carlos Road  
Minooka, IL 60447

To Whom It May Concern:

**Management Trustees**  
Beth Gudeman  
Shane Higgins  
Joseph Koppers  
Robert G. Krug  
David Lorig  
William Vignocchi

Enclosed you will please find a copy of the Department of Labor certification that you requested recently.

You may also use this letter as verification that Superior Excavating is indeed signatory to the Chicagoland Laborers District Council and contribute to the Laborers Apprenticeship Fund and their active account is current.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Carol Stream Location**  
200 Old Gary Avenue  
Carol Stream IL 60188  
(330) 653-0006

Yours very truly,

*Miranda Maddie*

**Chicago Location**  
1700 West Homer Street  
Chicago IL 60639  
(773) 413-3315

Miranda Maddie  
Office Manager



**LiUNA!**  
Feel the Power



# UNITED STATES Department of Labor

Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services  
Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training

## Certificate of Registration

*Chicagoland Laborers' J.A.T.C.*

*Carol Stream, Illinois*

*For the Trade - Construction Craft Laborer*

*Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship Program*

*in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship*

*established by the Secretary of Labor*

April 12, 1999

Date REVISED August 13, 2004

IL 017990001

Registration No.



L. L. Chao

Secretary of Labor

Anthony Sweeney

Administrator, Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services



**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

**Local Public Agency  
Proposal Bid Bond**



Local Public Agency	County	Section Number
City of Aurora	Kane	

WE, Superior Excavating Inc 101 Colina Calle Ct, Minooka, IL 60447-9345 as PRINCIPAL, and West Bend Mutual Insurance Company as SURETY, are held jointly, severally and firmly bound unto the above Local Public Agency (hereafter referred to as "LPA") in the penal sum of 5% of the total bid price, or for the amount specified in the proposal documents in effect on the date of invitation for bids, whichever is the lesser sum. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the said PRINCIPAL is submitting a written proposal to the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of the work designated as the above section.

THEREFORE if the proposal is accepted and a contract awarded to the PRINCIPAL by the LPA for the above designated section and the PRINCIPAL shall within fifteen (15) days after award enter into a formal contract, furnish surety guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work, and furnish evidence of the required insurance coverage, all as provided in the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" and applicable Supplemental Specifications, then this obligation shall become void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN THE EVENT the LPA determines the PRINCIPAL has failed to enter into a formal contract in compliance with any requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, then the LPA acting through its awarding authority shall immediately be entitled to recover the full penal sum set out above, together with all court costs, all attorney fees, and any other expense of recovery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective officers this 29 of March 2023  
Day Month and Year

**Principal**

Company Name	
Superior Excavating Inc	
Signature	Date
By: <u>Boad Hauer</u>	<u>03/29/2023</u>
Title	
<u>President</u>	

Company Name	
Signature	Date
By:	
Title	

(If Principal is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names, and authorized signatures of each contractor must be affixed.)

**Surety**

Name of Surety
West Bend Mutual Insurance Company

Signature of Attorney-in-Fact	Date
By: <u>David Sharp</u>	<u>03/29/2023</u>

David Sharp

STATE OF IL

COUNTY OF McHenry

I David M. Abramson, a Notary Public in and for said county do hereby certify that

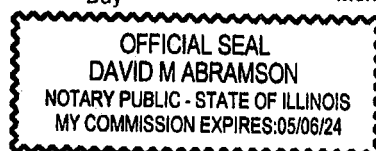
& David N. Sharp

(Insert names of individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL & SURETY)

who are each personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL and SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that they signed and delivered said instruments as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 29th day of March 2023  
Day Month and Year

(SEAL)



Notary Public Signature

David M. Abramson

Date commission expires May 6, 2024







THE SILVER LINING®

Bond No. 2541852

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, a corporation having its principal office in the City of West Bend, Wisconsin does make, constitute and appoint:

David Sharp

lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of:

Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000)

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1999.

*Appointment of Attorney-In-Fact. The president or any vice president, or any other officer of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company may appoint by written certificate Attorneys-In-Fact to act on behalf of the company in the execution of and attesting of bonds and undertakings and other written obligatory instruments of like nature. The signature of any officer authorized hereby and the corporate seal may be affixed by facsimile to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating therefore and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the company, and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking or other writing obligatory in nature to which it is attached. Any such appointment may be revoked, for cause, or without cause, by any said officer at any time.*

In witness whereof, the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its president undersigned and its corporate seal to be hereto duly attested by its secretary this 17th day of August, 2021.

Attest

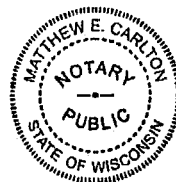
Christopher C. Zwygart  
Secretary



Kevin A. Steiner  
Chief Executive Officer/President

State of Wisconsin  
County of Washington

On the 17th day of August, 2021, before me personally came Kevin A. Steiner, to me known being by duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in the County of Washington, State of Wisconsin; that he is the President of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that is was so affixed by order of the board of directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



Matthew E. Carlton  
Senior Corporate Attorney  
Notary Public, Washington Co., WI  
My Commission is Permanent

The undersigned, duly elected to the office stated below, now the incumbent in West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, a Wisconsin corporation authorized to make this certificate, Do Hereby Certify that the foregoing attached Power of Attorney remains in full force effect and has not been revoked and that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

Signed and sealed at West Bend, Wisconsin this 29th day of March, 2023.



Heather Dunn  
Vice President - Chief Financial Officer

Notice: Any questions concerning this Power of Attorney may be directed to the Bond Manager at West Bend Mutual Insurance Company.



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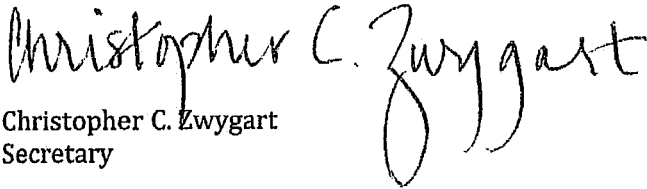
### Digital Seal, Signature Authority and Enforceability

The use of an electronic image of the corporate seal of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company (the "Digital Seal") and the attachment of the Digital Seal to any surety bond issued by West Bend Mutual Insurance Company is authorized. The Digital Seal may be affixed to any West Bend Mutual Insurance Company bond and relied upon to the same extent as if a raised corporate seal were physically attached to the bond. Also, as permitted by law, the electronic delivery and submission of any surety bond on behalf of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company and the execution of such surety bonds by an attorney-in-fact of the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company using a digital signature shall have the same legal effect as delivery of a tangible original with the original "wet" signature of an attorney-in-fact.

Delivery of a digital copy of this Digital Seal, Signature Authority and Enforceability notice, executed electronically, to an Obligee or Obligee's representative shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this notice and shall have the same legal effect as delivery of a tangible original of the notice with my original "wet" signature.

In witness whereof, this has been executed by the Secretary of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

  
Christopher C. Zwygart  
Secretary



West Bend Mutual Insurance Company