



October 28, 2024

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**BID**  
**AWARD OF CEILING INSTALLATION**  
**AT THE BARBER & OBERWORTMANN HORTICULTURAL CENTER**

To: Board of Commissioners

**Explanation / Recommendation**

Joliet Park District requested bids for material and installation for a decorative & drop ceiling, approximately 5,476 sq. ft., that includes a banquet room, lobby and gallery for the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center. One bid was received on October 22, 2024. The Invitation to bid was published in the Herald News on October 9, 2024. Funding will come from the Capital Fund.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
Bee Liner Lean Services	\$349,250.00

At this time, it is staff recommendation to award the above project to Bee Liner Lean Services, 8401 S. Thomas #A2, Bridgeview, IL 60455, for a total amount of \$349,250.00 pending attorney review and approval of the contract.

John Ekstrom  
Director of Parks & Golf Grounds

Glenn Kelley  
Director of Finance

Brad Staab  
Executive Director

**If acceptable, the motion should be:** *I move to approve staff's recommendation.*



**8. WARRANTY**

The Work performed and the materials and equipment installed under this Contract shall be in compliance with the Contract Documents and must be guaranteed by the Contractor and the Surety for a period of twelve (12) months from Final Completion, or such longer period as required by the Specifications, whichever is longer, against defective workmanship and material of any nature. On all material or equipment incorporated, the Contractor and its Surety must guarantee that the type, quality, design and performance will fully meet the requirements of the Specifications and Drawings. Neither final payment nor termination of the guarantee period, nor any provision in the Contract Documents shall relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for negligence, faulty materials, or workmanship within the extent and period provided by law, and upon written notice he/she shall remedy any defects due thereto, and shall pay all expenses for any damage to other work resulting therefrom.

The Contractor shall provide the Owner with manufacturer's warranties for all materials and equipment installed under the Contract. The warranty for the dehumidification unit and its components shall be for a period indicated in the Specifications, or such longer period as provided by the manufacturer's warranty or in accordance with applicable law. The warranty provided in this section is in addition to all other warranties provided by the Contract Documents or provided in accordance with applicable law.

**BID FORM  
PROJECT NAME: CEILING INSTALLATION  
AT THE BARBER & OBERWORTMANN HORTICULTURAL CENTER  
LOCATED AT 227 N. GOUGAR RD., JOLIET, IL 60432**

To: Joliet Park District  
3000 West Jefferson

Joliet, IL 60435

The undersigned Bidder, in response to advertisement for bids for BARBER & OBERWORTMANN HORTICULTURAL CENTER CEILING INSTALLATION, having carefully examined the Specifications and completely familiarized him/herself with local conditions affecting the cost of the Work: hereby states that he/she will provide all necessary labor, equipment, tools, machinery, apparatus and all other means necessary to furnish, deliver, and perform all work and materials called for in the Bid/Contract Documents and install same, within the time set forth therein and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses including delivery to Joliet, Illinois.

By submission of its bid, the Bidder acknowledges, agrees, represents, declares and warrants:

- A. That Bidder has carefully examined the written Specifications and Drawings and is thoroughly familiar therewith, and that the Bidder has visited the site of the proposed Work to arrive at a clear understanding of the conditions under which the Work is to be done, and that the Bidder has compared the site with the Drawings and Specifications and has satisfied itself as to all conditions affecting the execution of the Work;
- B. That all modifications have been submitted with this bid;
- C. That he has checked carefully the bid figures and understands that he shall be responsible for any errors or omissions based on these Specifications and alternates as submitted on the Bid Proposal Form;
- D. That it is understood and agreed that the Joliet Park District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to combine or separate any section or work, and to waive any technicalities;
- E. To hold the bid open for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid opening;
- F. To enter into and execute a Contract with the Owner within ten (10) days after the date of the Notice of Award, if awarded on the basis of this bid, and in connection therewith to:
  - (a) Furnish all bonds and insurance required by the Contract Documents;
  - (b) Accomplish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents; and
  - (c) Complete the Work within the time requirements as set forth in the Bid Documents.
- G. To commence Work as specified in the Instructions to Bidders, and to prosecute the Work in such a manner, and with sufficient materials, equipment and labor as will ensure its completion within reasonable time, it being understood and agreed that the completion within such reasonable time is an essential part of this Contract;
- H. That any and all prices stated in the proposal include all costs of labor, materials, equipment, insurance, bonds, overhead and profit, and any and all other costs normal to doing business.

**Receipt of Addenda:** Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda, which are a part of the Contract Documents:

Addendum No: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Addendum No: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder hereby agrees to start work within ten (10) days after receipt of "Notice to Proceed" from the Owner and to complete the Project as specified in the Bid Packet.

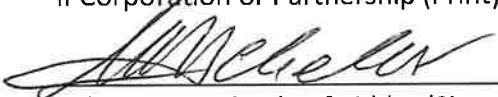
Bidder agrees to perform all of the Work described in the Contract Documents for the following price:

\$ 349,250.00 **LUMP SUM NOT-TO-EXCEED COST:**

DATED THIS 22nd. DAY OF October, 2024.

BEE LINER LEAN SERVICES ~~(a) Individual~~ (-)  
Full Name of Bidder (Print) ~~(b) Partnership~~ (-)  
(c) Corporation (X)

Name and Title of Authorized Agent  
if Corporation or Partnership (Print): Mourad CHEKHAR General Manager

  
Full Name and Title of Bidder (Signature)  
8401 S. Thomas Avenue, A2  
Street Address  
Bridgeview, IL 60455  
City/State/Zip

(815) 274-3262  
Phone  
brandi@bee-lean-services.com  
Email

**AFFIDAVIT OF EXPERIENCE**

  
Mourad CHEKHAR, being duly sworn, says that he/she is

General Manager of BEE LINER LEAN SERVICES  
(Sole Owner, Member of Firm, Corporate Official) (Individual, Firm, Corporate Name)

which has done work for the following parties of or the general kind and approximate magnitude required under this Contract: (list project name, contact, phone number and date of completion). I/we hereby

authorize the Joliet Park District to contact the individuals listed below. Please list at least five (5) projects of similar cost and scope completed in the last five (5) years.

Project Name	Contact	Phone #	Completion Date
<u>Morton College Anatomage and Biology labs Renovations</u>	<u>Joseph Florio Director of Operations</u>	<u>(708) 825-2502</u>	<u>10/22/203</u>
<u>College of DuPage HSC Building Renovation</u>	<u>Ronald Tamason Director of Operations</u>	<u>(630) 624-3408</u>	<u>03/20/2023</u>
<u>West Northfield SD 31 Interior Renovation at Winkelman ES &amp; Field Middle School Housing Authority</u>	<u>Ed Blankenhiem Director of Building Gounds</u>	<u>(847) 313-4427</u>	<u>10/05/2024</u>
<u>of City of Richmond, IN Office Renovations</u>	<u>Keon Jackson Director/President</u>	<u>(765) 966-2678 X 27</u>	<u>12/22/2024</u>
<u>Carrier of Lights Building Renovation</u>	<u>Marwan Alnass Sr. Project Manager</u>	<u>(708) 268-9101</u>	<u>07/15/2022</u>
<u>Al Huda Academy Building Renovation</u>	<u>Mohsin Latifi Sr. Capital Project Manager</u>	<u>(312) 525-0786</u>	<u>11/15/2022</u>

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(Signature)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS. COUNTY OF WILL

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify that Mourad CHEKHAR appeared before me this day in person and, being first duly sworn on oath, acknowledged that he/she is authorized to act on behalf of Bidder, and that he/she executed the foregoing certificate as his/her free act and deed and as the act and deed of Bidder.

Dated: October 22nd, 2024

My commission expires: 06/20/24

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(Notary Public)

(Notary Seal)



**List of Subcontractors:** List Name, Address, phone and Work Assignment

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BY: BEE LINER LEAN SERVICES  
(Company)

 Mourad CHEKHAR  
(Authorized Signature)

8401 S. Thomas Avenue, A2  
(Address)

Bridgeview, IL 60455  
(City, State, Zip)

(815) 274-3262  
(Phone)

October 22nd., 2024  
(Date)

47-1603811  
(Tax I.D. No.)

**CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATIONS ATTACHMENT**

**Note: The following certifications form an integral part of the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor. Breach by Contractor of any of the certifications may result in immediate termination of the Contractor's services by Owner.**

THE UNDERSIGNED CONTRACTOR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES, CERTIFIES, AFFIRMS AND AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Contractor has carefully read and understands the contents, purpose and legal effect of this document as stated above and hereafter in this document. The certifications contained herein are true, complete and correct in all respects.
- B. Contractor shall abide by and comply with, and in contracts which it has with all persons providing any of the services or Work on this Project on its behalf shall require compliance with, all applicable Federal, State and local laws and rules and regulations including without limitation those relating to 1) fair employment practices, affirmative action and prohibiting discrimination in employment; 2) workers' compensation; 3) workplace safety; 4) wages and claims of laborers, mechanics and other workers, agents, or servants in any manner employed in connection with contracts involving public funds or the development or construction of public works, buildings or facilities; and 5) steel products procurement.
- C. All contracts for this Project are subject to the provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.*), providing for the payment of the prevailing rate of wage to all laborers, workmen and mechanics engaged in the Work. Contractor shall pay prevailing rates of wages in accordance with the Illinois Department of Labor's wage determination and any subsequent determinations issued by the Illinois Department of Labor, all in accordance with applicable law. These revisions may be accessed by computer at <http://labor.illinois.gov/>. Contractor is responsible for determining the applicable prevailing wage rates at the time of bid submission and at the time of performance of the Work. Failure of Contractor to make such determination shall not relieve it of its obligations in accordance with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall also comply with all other requirements of the Act including without limitation those pertaining to inclusion of required language in subcontracts, job site posting, maintenance and submission of certified payroll records and inspection of records. Contractor is not barred from entering into public contracts under Section 11a of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act due to its having been found to have disregarded its obligations under the Act. The Contractor shall submit monthly, no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month, electronically a certified payroll to the Illinois Department of Labor's Certified Transcript of Payroll Portal, which can be accessed on Illinois Department of Labor website in accordance with the Prevailing Wage Act. Contractor shall include on all bonds and shall cause all subcontractors' bonds required under the Contract Documents to guarantee compliance with the Prevailing Wage Act. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Park District for any violations of the Prevailing Wage Act.
- D. If applicable, Contractor shall abide by the "*Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act*" (30 ILCS 570/0.01 *et seq.*), which stipulates that whenever there is a period of excessive unemployment in Illinois, defined as any month immediately following two (2) consecutive calendar months during which the level of unemployment in Illinois exceeds five percent (5%) as measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in its monthly publication of employment and unemployment figures, the Contractor shall employ only Illinois laborers unless otherwise exempted as so stated in the Act ("Illinois laborer" means any person who

has resided in Illinois for at least 30 days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident). Other laborers may be used if Illinois laborers are not available or are incapable of performing the particular type of work involved, if so certified by the Contractor and approved by the Owner.

- E. To the best of Contractor's knowledge, no officer or employee of Contractor has been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, or any unit of local government, nor has any officer or employee made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.
- F. Contractor is not barred from bidding on or entering into public contracts due to having been convicted of bid-rigging or bid rotating under paragraphs 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code. Contractor also certifies that no officers or employees of the Contractor have been so convicted and that Contractor is not the successor company or a new company created by the officers or owners of one so convicted. Contractor further certifies that any such conviction occurring after the date of this certification will be reported to the Owner, immediately in writing, if it occurs during the bidding process, or otherwise prior to entering into the Contract therewith.
- G. Pursuant to the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), Contractor has a written sexual harassment policy that includes, at a minimum, the following information: (i) a statement on the illegality of sexual harassment; (ii) the definition of sexual harassment under State law; (iii) a description of sexual harassment utilizing examples; (iv) the Contractor's internal complaint process including penalties; (v) the legal recourse, investigative and complaint process available through the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission and directions on how to contact both; and (vi) protection against retaliation as provided by Section 6-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. Contractor further certifies that such policy shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of the policy shall be provided to the Illinois Department of Human Rights upon request.
- H. (i) Contractor's bid proposal was made without any connection or common interest in the profits anticipated to be derived from the Contract by Contractor with any other persons submitting any bid or proposal for the Contract; (ii) the Contract terms are in all respects fair and the Contract will be entered into by Contractor without collusion or fraud; (iii) no official, officer or employee of the Owner has any direct or indirect financial interest in Contractor's bid proposal or in Contractor, (iv) the Contractor has not directly or indirectly provided, and shall not directly or indirectly provide, funds or other consideration to any person or entity (including, but not limited to, the Owner and the Owner's employees and agents), to procure improperly special or unusual treatment with respect to this Agreement or for the purpose of otherwise improperly influencing the relationship between the Owner and the Contractor. Additionally, the Contractor shall cause all of its officers, directors, employees, (as the case may be) to comply with the restrictions contained in the preceding sentence.



- I. Contractor knows and understands the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause administrated by the Illinois Department of Human Rights, which is incorporated herein by this reference, and agrees to comply with the provisions thereof. Contractor further certifies that Contractor is an "equal opportunity employer" as defined by Section 2000 (e) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 as amended, which are incorporated herein by this reference.
- J. Neither Contractor nor any substantially owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce promulgated under that Act.
- K. Contractor is not barred from contracting with the Owner because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administrated by the Illinois Department of Revenue, unless it is being contested. Contractor further certifies that it understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the Contract and allows the Owner, a municipal entity, to recover in a civil action all amounts paid to the Contractor.
- L. If Contractor has 25 or more employees at the time of letting of the Contract, Contractor knows, understands and acknowledges its obligations under the Illinois Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/1 *et seq.*) and certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the actions required under, and otherwise implementing on a continuing basis, Section 3 of the Drug Free Workplace Act. Contractor further certifies that it has not been debarred and is not ineligible for award of this Contract as the result of a violation of the Illinois Drug Free Workplace Act.
- M. Contractor knows, understands and acknowledges its obligations under the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 *et seq.* A true and complete copy of Contractor's Substance Abuse Prevention Program Certification is attached to and made a part of this Contractor Compliance and Certification Attachment.
- N. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements and provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et. seq.*) and, upon request of the Joliet Park District's designated Freedom of Information Act Officer (FOIA Officer), Contractor shall within two (2) business days of said request, turn over to the FOIA Officer any record in the possession of the Contractor that is deemed a public record under FOIA.

CONTRACTOR

By: Mourad CHEKHAR   
 Its: General Manager

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )ss  
COUNTY OF COOK )

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the State and County, aforesaid, hereby certify that Mourad CHEKHAR appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn on oath, acknowledged that he/she executed the foregoing instrument as his/her free act and deed and as the act and deed of the Contractor.

Dated: October 22nd., 2024

Brandi M Richerme  
(Notary Public)

(SEAL)



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

The Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 et seq., (“Act”) prohibits any employee of the Contractor or any Subcontractor on a public works project to use, possess or be under the influence of a drug or alcohol, as those terms are defined in the Act, while performing work on the project. The Contractor/Subcontractor **[circle one]**, by its undersigned representative, hereby certifies and represents to the Joliet Park District that **[Contractor/~~Subcontractor~~ must complete either Part A or Part B below]:**

A. The Contractor/~~Subcontractor~~ **[circle one]** has in place for all of its employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement that deals with the subject of the Act a written substance abuse prevention program, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this certification, which meets or exceeds the requirements of the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 et seq. **[Contractor/~~Subcontractor~~ must attach a copy of its substance abuse prevention program to this Certification.]**

BEE LINER LEAN SERVICES

Name of Contractor/Subcontractor (print or type)

Mourad CHEKHAR, General Manager

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (print or type)



Dated: October 22nd., 2024

Signature of Authorized Representative

B. The Contractor/~~Subcontractor~~ **[circle one]** has one or more collective bargaining agreements in effect for all of its employees that deal with the subject matter of the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act, 820 ILCS 265/1 et seq.

BEE LINER LEAN SERVICES

Name of Contractor/Subcontractor (print or type)

Mourad CHEKHAR, General Manager

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (print or type)



Dated: October 22nd., 2024

Signature of Authorized Representative

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERIODIC REVISIONS TO PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

Revisions of the Prevailing Wage Rates are made periodically by the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL). As required by the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, the contractor/subcontractor has an obligation to check IDOL's web site for revisions to prevailing wage rates. These revisions may be accessed by computer at <http://labor.illinois.gov/>. Bidders and contractors performing work on this Project are responsible for determining the applicable prevailing wage rates at the time of bid submission and performance of the Work. Failure of a bidder/contractor to make such determination shall not relieve it of its obligations in accordance with the Contract Documents. In consideration for the award to it of the contract for this Project, the contractor agrees that the foregoing notice satisfies any obligation of the public body in charge of this Project to notify the contractor of periodic changes in the prevailing wage rates and the contractor agrees to assume and be solely responsible for, as a material obligation of the contractor under the contract, the obligation to determine periodic revisions of the prevailing wage rates, to notify its subcontractors of such revisions, to post such revisions as required for the posting of wage rates under the Act, and to pay and require its subcontractors to pay wages in accordance with such revised rates.

# Document A310™ – 2010

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## Bid Bond

### CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

Bee Liner Lean Services, Inc.  
8401 S. Thomas Avenue, A2  
Bridgeview, IL 60455

### SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

Lexington National Insurance Corporation  
P.O. Box 6098  
Lutherville, MD 21094  
**Mailing Address for Notices**

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

### OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

Joliet Park District  
3000 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60435

**BOND AMOUNT:** 10% Ten Percent of Amount Bid

### PROJECT:

(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)


Ceiling Installation.

The Contractor and Surety are bound to the Owner in the amount set forth above, for the payment of which the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, as provided herein. The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Owner accepts the bid of the Contractor within the time specified in the bid documents, or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Owner and Contractor, and the Contractor either (1) enters into a contract with the Owner in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Owner the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Owner and Contractor to extend the time in which the Owner may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids specified in the bid documents, and the Owner and Contractor shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.

If this Bond is issued in connection with a subcontractor's bid to a Contractor, the term Contractor in this Bond shall be deemed to be Subcontractor and the term Owner shall be deemed to be Contractor.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of October, 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness) JEREMIAH PRESLEY, PROJECT ENGINEER

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness) Hina Azam

Bee Liner Lean Services, Inc.

(Principal)

(Seal)

By: 

(Title)

MOURAD CHERHAR, GENERAL MANAGER

Lexington National Insurance Corporation

(Surety)

(Seal)

By: 

(Title) William Reidinger, Attorney-in-Fact



# POWER OF ATTORNEY

## Lexington National Insurance Corporation

Lexington National Insurance Corporation, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida and having its principal administrative office in Baltimore County, Maryland, does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

William Reidinger

as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each in their separate capacity, with full power and authority to execute, acknowledge and deliver said bond.

This Power of Attorney may be used for any bond of \$6,000,000 or less and shall be void if used for any bond over that amount.

Principal : Bee Liner Lean Services, Inc.

Obligee : Joliet Park District

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company:

Be it Resolved, that the President or any Vice-President shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint suitable persons as Attorney-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and on the behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, contracts, or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings, including any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts, and any all notices and documents cancelling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder and any such instruments so executed by any Attorney-in Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed by the Corporate Secretary.

RESOLVED further, that the signature of the President or any Vice-President of LEXINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CORPORATION may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney, and the signature of the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of such power, or any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed with respect to any bond to which it is attached continue to be valid and binding upon the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, this 7th day of March, 2024.

Mark Holtschneider, Executive Vice President



State of Maryland  
County of Baltimore SS:

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, before me, Hailey Gendason, a notary public, personally appeared, Mark Holtschneider, Executive Vice President of Lexington National Insurance Corporation, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Commission Expires: 2/20/28

Notary



I, Lisa Slater, Secretary of Lexington National Insurance Corporation, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said company, which is still in full force and effect; furthermore, the resolutions of the Boards of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Company at Baltimore, Maryland this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Corporate Seal:

Lisa R. Slater, Corporate Secretary

