State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Contract Offer

RIVIP BIDDER CERTIFICATION COVER FORM

SECTION 1 - VENDOR INFORMATION

Bid/RFPNumber: 7511366

Bid/RFP Title: FIRE CODE UPGRADES GROUP 3 - URI (4 PGS & ZIP FILE)

Opening Date & Time: 10/4/2013 11:00 AM

RIVIP Vendor ID #: 69046

Vendor Name: JC Inc.

Address: 95 Hathaway Street

Providence , RI 02907

USA

Telephone: 401-941-7600

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E-Mail: john@jcelectricinc.com

Contact Person: John Cruz

Title: President

R.I. Foreign Corp #:

REVISED NOTICE TO VENDORS

Effective January 1, 2013 all *public works project* related bids or proposals exceeding FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($500,000) DOLLARS are required to include a "public copy". All agency contract solicitations, invitations for bids, etc. shall state that any bid or proposal that exceeds FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($500,000) DOLLARS must include a copy to be available for public inspection upon the opening of the bids. Any bid or proposal in excess of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($500,000) DOLLARS which does not include a copy for public inspection shall be deemed to be non-responsive. Additionally, proposals submitted for a Master Price Agreement, when the total amount potentially may exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($500,000) DOLLARS and the solicitation expressly requires any or all vendors to submit a public copy, must include a copy to be available for public inspection. For further information, please see R. I. Gen. Laws §37-2-18(j) and State of Rhode Island Procurement Regulations at http://www.purchasing.ri.gov/rulesandregulations/rulesAndRegulations.aspx. Please see Question #11 below for further instructions regarding RIDOT Highway and Bridge construction projects.

NOTE: AWARD OF CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS SHALL BE SUBJECT, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, TO THE OFFEROR COMPLETING AN ON-LINE RIVIP REGISTRATION at www.purchasing.ri.gov. It is THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR to make on-line corrections/updates using the Vendor maintenance program on the RI Division of Purchases Web Site.

SECTION 2 – REQUIREMENTS

ALL OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS, PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THIS CERTIFICATION FORM. Offerors are expected to READ, SIGN and COMPLY WITH all requirements. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification of the offer contained herein.

Section 2.1 - RULES FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS

2.1A. This CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE ATTACHED IN ITS ENTIRETY TO THE FRONT OF THE OFFER and shall be considered an integral part of each offer made by a vendor to enter into a contract with the State of Rhode Island, Division of Purchases. As such, submittal of the entire Bidder Certification Cover Form, signed by a duly authorized representative of the offeror attesting that he/she (1) has read and agrees to comply with the requirements set forth herein and (2) to the accuracy of the information provided and the offer extended, is a mandatory part of any contract award.

To assure that offers are considered on time, each offer must be submitted with the specific Bid/RFP/LOI number (provided above) and the date and time of opening marked in the upper left hand corner of envelope. Each bid/offer must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes.

A complete, signed (in ink) offer package must be delivered to the Division of Purchases (via any mail or messenger service) by the time and date specified for the opening of responses in a sealed envelope.

Bids must be submitted on the RI bid solicitation forms provided, indicating brand and part numbers of items offered, as appropriate. Bidders must submit detailed cuts and specs on items offered as equivalent to brands requested WITH THE OFFER. Bidders must be able to submit samples if requested.
Mail To: Division of Purchases, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor, Providence, RI 02908-5855.

Documents misdirected to other State locations or which are not present in the Division of Purchases at the time of opening for whatever cause will be deemed to be late and will not be considered. For the purposes of this requirement, the official time and date shall be that of the time clock in the Division of Purchases. Postmarks shall not be considered proof of timely submission.

2.1B. RIVIP SOLICITATIONS. To assure maximum access opportunities for users, public bid/RFP solicitations shall be posted on the RIVIP for a minimum of seven days and no amendments shall be made within the last five days before the date an offer is due. Except when access to the Web Site has been severely curtailed and it is determined by the State Purchasing Agent that special circumstances preclude extending a solicitation due date, requests to mail or fax hard copies of solicitations will not be honored. When the result of an Internet solicitation is unsuccessful, the State of Rhode Island will cancel the original solicitation and resolicit the original offer directly from vendors.

2.2. PRICING. Offers are irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the opening date (or such other extended period set forth in the solicitation) and may not be withdrawn, except with the express permission of the State Purchasing Agent. All pricing will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated. The State of Rhode Island is exempt from Federal excise taxes and State Sales and Use Taxes. Such taxes shall not be included in the bid price. PRICES QUOTED ARE FOB DESTINATION.

2.3. DELIVERY and PRODUCT QUALITY. All offers must define delivery dates for all items; if no delivery date is specified, it is assumed that immediate delivery from stock will be made. The contractor will be responsible for delivery of materials in first class condition. Rejected materials will be at vendor's expense.

2.4. PREVAILING WAGE, OSHA and APPRENTICESHIP.

2.4.1 Prevailing Wage and OSHA Safety Training Requirements. The provisions of the State labor laws and OSHA Safety Training, including but not limited to Rhode Island General Laws 37-13-1 et seq. and 28-20-1 et seq., shall apply for all public works contracts. Prevailing wage rates are posted in the information section of the RIVIP. The RI Department of Labor and Training should be contacted for regulatory requirements.

2.4.2 (a) Apprenticeship. Rhode Island General Laws §37-13-3.1 requires all general contractors and subcontractors who perform work on any public works contract awarded by the state valued at one million dollars ($1,000,000) or more shall employ apprentices required for the performance of the awarded contract. The number of apprentices shall comply with the apprentice to journeyman ratio for each trade approved by the apprenticeship council of the department of labor and training.

2.4.2(b) In addition to executing this certification, the general contractor shall be responsible for requiring that all subcontractors on the awarded project certify their compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws §37-13-3.1 prior to allowing the subcontractor to commence work on the awarded project. The general contractor shall be responsible for submitting the subcontractors compliance certification to the Division of Purchases after the contracts are finalized between the contractor and subcontractor.

2.5. PUBLIC RECORDS. Offerors are advised that all materials submitted to the State for consideration in response to this solicitation will be considered without exception to be Public Records pursuant to Title 38 Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made. Offerors are encouraged to attend public bid/RFP openings to obtain information; however, bid/RFP response summaries may be reviewed after award(s) have been made by using the RIVIP at any time or appearing in person at the Division of Purchases Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Telephone requests for results will not be honored. Written requests for results will only be honored if the information is not available on the RIVIP.

SECTION 3 - AWARD DETERMINATION

Award will be made to the responsive and responsible offeror quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications, for any individual item(s), for major groupings of items, or for all items listed, at the State's sole option.
3.1. BID SURETY. Where bid surety is required, bidder must furnish a bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid total with the bid, or for such other amount as may be specified. Bids submitted without a required bid surety will not be considered.

3.2. SPECIFICATIONS. Unless specified "no substitute," product offerings equivalent in quality and performance will be considered (at the sole option of the State) on the condition that the offer is accompanied by detailed product specifications. Offers which fail to include alternate specifications may be deemed nonresponsive.

SECTION 4 – CONTRACT PROVISIONS

4.1. VENDOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED.

4.1A. When a purchase order, change order, contract/agreement or contract/agreement amendment is issued by the RI Division of Purchases, no claim for payment for services rendered or goods delivered contrary to or in excess of the contract terms and scope shall be considered valid unless the vendor has obtained a written change order or contract amendment issued by the Division of Purchases PRIOR TO delivery.

4.1B. Any offer, whether in response to a solicitation for proposals or bids, or made without a solicitation, which is accepted in the form of an order OR Pricing Agreement made in writing by the Purchasing Agent, or a state official with purchasing authority delegated by the Purchasing Agent, shall be considered a binding contract.

4.2. REGULATIONS, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING STATE CONTRACTS. This solicitation and any contract or purchase order arising from it are issued in accordance with the specific requirements described herein, and the State's Purchasing Laws and Regulations and other applicable State Laws. The Regulations, General Terms and Conditions are incorporated into all state contracts. These regulations and basic information on How To Do Business with the State of Rhode Island are posted on the Rhode Island Vendor Information Program Website (www.purchasing.ri.gov).

4.2A. ARRA SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Contracts and sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto, such contracts and sub-awards, shall be subject to the Supplemental Terms and Conditions For Contracts and Sub-awards Funded in Whole or in Part by the Americar Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto located on the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

4.3. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Compliance certificate and agreement procedures will apply to all awards for supplies or services valued at $10,000 and more. Minority Business Enterprise policies and procedures, including subcontracting opportunities as described in Title 37 Chapter 14.1, of the Rhode Island General Laws, also apply.

4.4. PERFORMANCE BONDS. Where indicated, successful bidder must furnish a 100% performance bond and labor and payment bond for contracts subject to Title 37 Chapters 12 and 13 of the Rhode Island General Laws. All bonds must be furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in the State of Rhode Island. Performance bonds must be submitted within 21 calendar days of the issuance of a tentative notice of award.

4.5. DEFAULT and NON-COMPLIANCE. Default and/or non-compliance with the RIVIP requirements and any other aspects of the award may result in withholding of payment(s), contract termination, debarment, suspension, or any other remedy necessary that is in the best interest of the state.

4.6. COMPLIANCE. Vendor must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.

4.7. SPRINKLER IMPAIRMENT AND HOT WORK. The Contractor agrees to comply with the practices of the State's insurance carrier for sprinkler impairment and hot work. Prior to performing any work, the Contractor shall obtain the necessary information for compliance from the Risk Management Office at the Department of Administration or the agency for which work will be performed.

SECTION 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES
ALL CONTRACT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES & CERTIFICATIONS

Offerors must respond to every disclosure statement.

A person authorized to enter into contracts must sign the offer and attest to the accuracy of all statements.

Indicate Yes (Y) or No (N):

__N__ 1. State whether your company, or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal government agency, or the subject of criminal prosecution, or convicted of a criminal offense within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.

__N__ 2. State whether your company, or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has had any contracts with a federal, state or municipal government agency terminated for any reason within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.

__N__ 3. State whether your company or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has been fined more than $5000 for violation(s) of Rhode Island environmental laws by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.

__Y__ 4. I/we certify that I/we will immediately disclose, in writing, to the Chief Purchasing Officer any potential conflict of interest, which may occur during the course of the engagement authorized pursuant to this contract.

__Y__ 5. I/we acknowledge that, in accordance with Chapter 37-2-54(c) of the Rhode Island General Laws "no purchase or contract shall be binding on the state or any agency thereof unless approved by the Department [of Administration] or made under general regulations which the Chief Purchasing Officer may prescribe", including change orders and other types of contracts and under State Purchasing Regulation 8.2.1.1.2, "any alleged oral agreement or arrangements made by a bidder or contractor with any agency or an employee of the Office of Purchases may be disregarded and shall not be binding on the state".

__Y__ 6. I/we certify that I/we or my/our firm possesses all licenses required by Federal and State laws and regulations as they pertain to the requirements of the solicitation and offer made herein and shall maintain such required license(s) during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and should my/our license lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the Rhode Island State Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.

__Y__ 7. I/we certify that I/we will maintain required insurance during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and should my/our insurance lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the Rhode Island State Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.

__Y__ 8. I/we certify that I/we understand that falsification of any information herein or failure to notify the Rhode Island State Purchasing Agent as certified herein may be grounds for suspension, debarment and/or prosecution for fraud.

__Y__ 9. I/we acknowledge that the provisions and procedures set forth in this form apply to any contract arising from this offer.

__Y__ 10. I/we acknowledge that I/we understand the State's Purchasing Laws (37-2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island) and Purchasing Regulations and General Terms and Conditions available at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases Website (www.purchasing.ri.gov) apply as the governing conditions for any contract or purchase order I/we may receive from the State of Rhode Island, including the offer contained herein.

__Y__ **11. NEW REVISED REQUIREMENT* - IMPORTANT!!! I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we understand that EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 all *public works project* related bids or proposals exceeding FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($500,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of all proposed alternates, must include a "public copy" as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2-18(j) and the State Procurement Regulations. It is further understood that any bid or proposal in excess of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($500,000) DOLLARS which does not include a copy for public inspection shall be deemed to be non-responsive.**

RIDOT Highway and Bridge Public Works related projects utilizing Quest Lite program only – Effective immediately, submission to the Division of Purchases of a duplicate original of a vendor's Quest Lite compatible electronic copy on a readable compact disk shall satisfy the statutory "public copy" requirements. Quest Lite software is defined in the Division of Purchases "State Procurement Regulations" §12.102.05 (Preparation of Proposal).

For further information, please see R.I Gen. Laws § 37-2-18(j) and specific instructions at www.purchasing.ri.gov .

__Y__ 12. I/we certify that the above vendor information is correct and complete.

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS #1–3 OR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CERTIFY YES TO ITEMS #4–12 OF THE FOREGOING, PROVIDE DETAILS/EXPLANATION BELOW AND/OR IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT. INCOMPLETE CERTIFICATION FORMS SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFER.

N/A

Signature below commits vendor to the attached offer and certifies (1) that the offer has taken into account all solicitation amendments, (2) that the above statements and information are accurate and that vendor understands and has complied with the requirements set forth herein. When delivering offers in person to One Capitol Hill, vendors are advised to allow at least one hour additional time for clearance through security checkpoints.

John P. Cruz

Vendor's Signature (Person authorized to enter into contracts; signature must be in ink.) **Date** October 4, 2013

John P. Cruz - President Print Name and Title of company official signing offer

DOCUMENT 00410 - BID FORM

Date: October 4, 2013

To: Dept. of Administration
Division of Purchases
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Project: Fire Code Upgrades –Group 3
University of Rhode Island, Kingston Campus

Submitted by: JC Inc.
(include address, tel. & FAX nos., and license no. if applicable) 95 Hathaway Street, Providence, RI 02907
Tel:401-941-7600 Fax:401-941-7630

1. BID
Having examined the Place of The Work and all matters referred to in the Bid Documents and in the Contract Documents prepared by Hughes Associates, Inc. and their consultants for the above mentioned project, we, the undersigned, hereby offer to enter into a Contract to perform the Work for the Sum of:

Two Million One Hundred Thousand and Nine Hundred Dollars and XX/100 ($ 2,100,900.00)
(written, and numerically)

- We have included the specified Allowance from Section 01201 in Division 1 of the Specifications in the above Bid sum as follows:

Signage Allowance	$15,000.00
Architectural Allowance	$20,000.00
Fire Sprinkler Allowance	$15,000.00
Fire Alarm Allowance	$15,000.00
Electrical Allowance	$15,000.00
Fogarty Hall Temperature Monitoring System	$15,000.00
Fogarty Hall Room 214 Seating Repair	$15,000.00
Washburn Hall Structural Allowance	$25,000.00
Washburn – Basement Exit Stairway	$150,000.00
Washburn South Portico Roof Repair	$25,000.00
Total Allowances	$310,000.00

- We have included the required Bid security in the above Bid Sum. We have included 100% Payment and Performance Bonds in the above Bid Sum.

- We have included the original Bid and required additional **"public copy"** if required by Document 00210 – Supplemental Instructions to Bidders.

2. ALTERNATES

We propose to modify the above Bid Sum by the following amount(s) as identified by (a) numbered Alternative(s) specified in Section 01201 of the Specifications, and as may be selected by the Owner:

Add Alternate No.1 – 1st Floor Door Replacement (Washburn Hall)

Add: One Hundred Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars & XX/100 ($109,900.00)

Add Alternate No.2 – 60-Minute Fire-rated Storefront System (Woodward Hall)

Add: Two Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($263,600.00)

3. UNIT PRICES

Per Section 01200, provide unit prices/SF or each as noted for the following items:

None.

4. ACCEPTANCE

This offer shall be open to acceptance and is irrevocable for sixty days from the bid closing date. If this bid is accepted by the Owner within the time period stated above, we will:

- Proceed under the Agreement, subject to compliance with required State regulatory agency approvals as described in the Bid Documents.
- Furnish the required bonds in compliance with amended provisions of the Instructions to Bidders.
- Commence work within seven days after receipt of a Purchase Order from URI Purchasing.

If this bid is accepted within the time stated, and we fail to commence the Work, or we fail to provide the required Bonds, the security deposit shall be forfeited to the Owner by reason of our failure, limited in amount to the lesser of the face value of the security deposit or the difference between this bid and the bid upon which a Contract is signed.

In the event our bid is not accepted within the time stated above, the required security deposit shall be returned to the undersigned, in accordance with the provisions of the Instructions to Bidders; unless a mutually satisfactory arrangement is made for its retention and validity for an extended period of time.

5. CONTRACT TIME
If this Bid is accepted, we will achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within 150 calendar days. We have included all premium time or additional staffing required to accommodate this schedule. All work will be performed third shift.

6. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
Time is of the Essence: If we fail to achieve certification of Substantial Completion at the expiration of the agreed upon Contract Time indicated above, we acknowledge that we will be assessed Liquidated Damages for each calendar day the project continues to be in default of Substantial Completion, as follows:

$ 1,000.00 per calendar day.

7. REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSE NUMBER
In compliance with the requirements of Rhode Island General Law, Section 5-65-23, my Rhode Island license number for the work to be performed by this firm as prime contractor is:

LICENSE NUMBER: 34144 .

8. ADDENDA
The following Addenda have been received. The modifications to the Bid Documents noted below have been considered and all costs are included in the Bid Sum.

Addendum No. 1, dated N/A .

9. BID FORM SIGNATURE(S)

JC Inc.
(Bidder's name)

By: John P. Cruz John P. Cruz

Title: President

Corporate Seal:

DOCUMENT 00430 - BID SECURITY FORM

Know all men by these presents, that we JC, INC 95 Hatheway Street, Providence RI 02907
(insert name and address or legal title of Contractor)
as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and
Western Surety Company
c/o: CNA Surety; P.O. Box 5077; Sioux Falls, SD57117-5077
(insert name and address or legal title of surety)
a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Owner as defined in the Contract Documents for URI Project # 7511366 as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of 5% of the total bid price ($ 5%) for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas, the Principal has submitted a bid for
Fire Code Upgrades to Fogarty, Washburn and Woodward Halls @ URI
45 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881
Bid # 7511366
(insert full name, address and description of project)

Now, therefore, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee 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.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of October, 2013

John P. Cruz
Principal

President
Title

Abdel M. ElSawabi
Witness

Ex. PM - JC Inc.
Title

Witness

Western Surety Company
by: Richard W. Crawford
Surety Richard W. Crawford
Attorney-in-Fact

END OF DOCUMENT

POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Irrevocable)

Know All Men by These Presents:

No. SP- 43396048

That this Power of Attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the bond which it authorizes executed, but may be detached by the approving officer if desired. That Western Surety Company, a corporation, does hereby make, constitute and appoint the following

FIVE 5 authorized individuals:

AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS	AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS
C WHITNEY CRAWFORD JEFFREY WHITNEY CRAWFORD RICHARD WHITNEY CRAWFORD	JAMES M CRAWFORD PHILIP BARRY CRAWFORD

in the City of BOSTON, State of MASSACHUSETTS, with limited authority, its true and lawful Attorney(s) in fact with full power and authority hereby conferred, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, the following described bond:

ONE CONTRACT SURETY: BID, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND, UNDERTAKING, OR OTHER OBLIGATORY INSTRUMENT OF A SIMILAR NATURE IN AMOUNTS NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (**1,000,000.00).
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The acknowledgment and execution of such bond by the said Attorney in Fact shall be as binding upon this Company as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of this Company.

All authority hereby conferred shall expire and terminate, without notice, unless used before midnight of MAY 31 2018, but until such time shall be irrevocable and in full force and effect.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the By-Laws of Western Surety Company, duly adopted and now in force, to-wit: "Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

The penal amount of the bond herein described may be increased if there is attached to this Power, written authority so authorizing in the form of an endorsement, letter or telegram signed by the Underwriting Manager, Underwriting Consultant, Underwriting Specialist, Underwriter, President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Assistant Secretary of Western Surety Company specifically authorizing said increase.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Western Surety Company has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 12th day of November, 2012.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Paul T. Bruflat
Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss.

On this 12th day of November, in the year 2012, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

S. PETRIK
SEAL NOTARY PUBLIC SOUTH DAKOTA SEAL

My Commission Expires August 11, 2016

S. Petrik
Notary Public, South Dakota

I, the undersigned officer of Western Surety Company, a stock corporation of the State of South Dakota, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable; and furthermore, that Section 7 of the By-Laws of the company as set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of Western Surety Company this *3rd day of October, 2017.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Paul T. Bruflat
Vice President

*IMPORTANT: This date must be filled in before it is attached to the bond and it must be the same date as the bond.

Form 749-11-2012

NOTICE: This border must be BLUE. If it is not BLUE, this is not a certified copy.