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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Contract Offer  
**RIVIP BIDDER CERTIFICATION COVER FORM**

**SECTION 1 - VENDOR INFORMATION**

**Bid/RFPNumber:** 7548978A1  
**Bid/RFP Title:** TEMPORARY EROSION REPAIR CONSTRUCTION, DOA - ADDENDUM 1 (8 PGS)

**Opening Date & Time:** 9/30/2014 2:00 PM

**RIVIP Vendor ID #:** 35083

**Vendor Name:** Northern Construction Service, LLC

**Address:** 775 Pleasant Street  
Unit 11  
Weymouth , MA 02189  
USA

**Telephone:** (781) 340-9440

**Fax:** (781) 340-5708

**E-Mail:** jdivito@northernconstruction.com

**Contact Person:** John DiVito

**Title:** Member

**R.I. Foreign Corp #:**

**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

Each bid proposal for a *public works project* must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. **Bid proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.** For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see Procurement Regulation 5.11, and in addition, for highway and bridge projects, also see Procurement Regulation 5.13, accessible at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).

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](http://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 SAFETY TRAINING, and APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS.

Bidders must comply with the provisions of the Rhode Island labor laws, including R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-13-1 *et seq.* and occupational safety laws, including R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 28-20-1 *et seq.* These laws mandate for public works construction projects the payment of prevailing wage rates, the implementation and maintenance of occupational safety standards, and for projects with a minimum value of \$1 Million, the employment of apprentices. The successful Bidder must submit certifications of compliance with these laws from each of its subcontractors prior to their commencement of any work. Prevailing wage rates, apprenticeship requirements, and other workforce and safety regulations are accessible at [www.dlt.ri.gov](http://www.dlt.ri.gov).

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](http://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 American 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](http://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](http://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. I/we certify that the bidder: (i) is not identified on the General Treasurer's list, created pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-3, as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in § 37-2.5-2(b); and (ii) is not engaging in any such investment activities in Iran.
- Y   12. I/we certify that the above vendor information is correct and complete.



Solicitation #: 7548978

Solicitation Title: Temporary Erosion Repair Construction, DOA

**BID FORM**

To: The State of Rhode Island Department of Administration  
Division of Purchases, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5855

Bidder: Northern Construction Service, LLC

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Legal name of entity  
775 Pleasant Street Unit 11 Weymouth, MA 02189

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Address (street/city/state/zip)  
John DiVito jdivito@northernconstruction.com

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Contact name Contact email  
781-340-9440 781-340-5708

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Contact telephone Contact fax

**1. BASE BID PRICE**

The Bidder submits this bid proposal to perform all of the work (including labor and materials) described in the solicitation for this Base Bid Price (*including the costs for all Allowances, Bonds, and Addenda*):

\$ 427,772.00

(base bid price in figures printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

Four hundred twenty seven thousand seven

(base bid price in words printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

hundred seventy two dollars and zero cents

• **Allowances**

The Base Bid Price does not include for Allowances:

• **Bonds**

The Base Bid Price ***includes*** the costs for all Bid and Payment and Performance Bonds required by the solicitation.

• **Addenda**

The Bidder has examined the entire solicitation (including the following Addenda), and the Base Bid Price ***includes*** the costs of any modifications required by the Addenda.

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All Addenda must be acknowledged.

Addendum No. 1 dated: 9/24/2014

Addendum No. 2 dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 3 dated: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **ALTERNATES** (Additions/Subtractions to Base Bid Price)

The project does not include an Alternate Bid Item.

3. **UNIT PRICES**

The Bidder submits these predetermined Unit Prices as the basis for any change orders approved in advance by the State. These Unit Prices include **all** costs, including labor, materials, services, regulatory compliance, overhead, and profit. If a specific item or task is not noted in the Description of Services, the cost of that item must be included in an item listed below.

	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACTORS UNIT COST
Unit Price No. 1	Clearing and Grubbing	
	Unit of Measurement: per Acre	\$ 12,500.00
Unit Price No. 2	Remove and Dispose Trees, Shrubs and Stumps, All Sizes (Project Wide)	
	Unit of Measurement: per Lump Sum	\$ 5,000.00

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<b>Unit Price No. 3</b>	<b>Remove and Dispose Fence</b>																			
	Unit of Measure: per Linear Foot	\$																		

<b>Unit Price No. 4</b>	<b>Construction Entrance</b>																			
	Unit of Measurement: per Each	\$																		

<b>Unit Price No. 5</b>	<b>Silt Fence</b>																			
	Unit of Measure: per Linear Foot	\$																		

<b>Unit Price No. 6</b>	<b>Staked Haybales/Erosion Check Dam</b>																			
	Unit of Measure: per Linear Foot	\$																		

<b>Unit Price No. 7</b>	<b>Common Borrow</b>																			
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<b>Unit Price No. 12</b>	<b>PVC Liner</b>																			
	Unit of Measurement: per Square Yard	\$																		12.00

<b>Unit Price No. 13</b>	<b>Site Grading</b>																			
	Unit of Measurement: per Square Yard	\$																		6.50

<b>Unit Price No. 14</b>	<b>Loam Borrow 4" Deep</b>																			
	Unit of Measurement: per Square Yard	\$																		6.00

<b>Unit Price No. 15</b>	<b>Conservation Mix Seeding (Type 1)</b>																			
	Unit of Measurement: per Square Yard	\$																		1.35

<b>Unit Price No. 16</b>	<b>Conservation Mix Seeding (Type 2)</b>																			
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**4. CONTRACT TIME**

The Bidder offers to perform the work in accordance with the timeline specified below:

- Start of construction: As enumerated in AIA Contract Document
- Substantial completion: As enumerated in AIA Contract Document
- Final completion: As enumerated in AIA Contract Document

The Final Completion date for Work shall be within 150 calendar days of the Purchase Order from the Division of Purchases.

**5. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

The successful bidder awarded a contract pursuant to this solicitation shall be liable for and pay the State, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the following amount for each calendar day of delay beyond the date for substantial completion, as determined in the sole discretion of the State: **N/A**

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**This bid proposal is irrevocable for 60 days from the bid proposal submission deadline.**

**If the Bidder is determined to be the successful bidder pursuant to this solicitation, the Bidder will promptly: (i) comply with each of the requirements of the Tentative Letter of Award; and (ii) commence and diligently pursue the work upon issuance and receipt of the purchase order from the State and authorization from the user agency.**

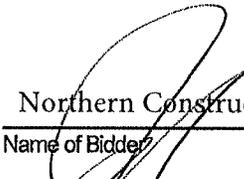
**The person signing below certifies that he or she has been duly authorized to execute and submit this bid proposal on behalf of the Bidder.**

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**BIDDER**

**Date:** 9/29/2014

  
Northern Construction Service, LLC  
Name of Bidder  
Signature in Ink  
John L. DiVito Member  
Printed name and title of person signing on behalf of Bidder  
# 35083  
Bidder's Contractor Registration Number



# Document A310™ – 2010

Conforms with The American Institute of Architects AIA Document 310

## Bid Bond

### CONTRACTOR:

*(Name, legal status and address)*  
Northern Construction Service, LLC  
  
775 Pleasant Street, Unit 11  
Weymouth, MA 02189

### SURETY:

*(Name, legal status and principal place of business)*  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
62 Maple Avenue  
Keene, NH 03431

### Mailing Address for Notices

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
Attention: Surety Claims Department  
1001 4th Avenue, Suite 1700  
Seattle, WA 98154

### OWNER:

*(Name, legal status and address)*  
RI Department of Administration, Division of  
Facilities Management  
One Capitol Hill Division of Purchases 2nd Fl  
Providence, RI 02908-5855

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.

**BOND AMOUNT:** FIVE PERCENT OF BID (5%)

### PROJECT:

*(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)*  
7548978 Temporary Erosion Repair Construction, Pastore Government Center, DOA in Cranston, RI

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 30th day of September, 2014.

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*(Witness)*

Northern Construction Service, LLC  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Principal)* *(Seal)*

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*(Title)* John L. Divito, Member

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*(Witness)*

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Surety)*

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*(Title)* Joseph M. Phillips, Attorney-In-Fact

Principal: Northern Construction Service, LLC

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Agency Name: Phillips Insurance Agency, Inc.

**THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY**

Obligee:

Agent Code: 200901

Bond Number:

**Know All Men by These Presents:** That THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New Hampshire Corporation, pursuant to the authority granted by Article IV, Section 12 of the Code of Regulations and By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: Joseph M. Phillips, Maria Gadziala, Jeanne Jones, Jocelyn Keech of Chicopee, Massachusetts true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(ies)-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 RECOGNIZANCES, excluding, however, any bond(s) or undertaking(s) guaranteeing the payment of notes and interest thereon.

And the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of said Company at their administrative offices in Keene, NH, in their own proper persons. The authority granted hereunder supersedes any previous authority heretofore granted the above named attorney(ies)-in-fact.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officer of the said The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Company this 18th day of November, 2013.



*David M. Carey*

David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this 18th day of November, 2013 before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Pennsylvania, in and for the County of Montgomery, duly commissioned and qualified, came David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn deposes and says that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Plymouth Meeting, State of Pennsylvania, the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Notarial Seal  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public  
Plymouth Twp., Montgomery County  
My Commission Expires March 28, 2017  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

*Teresa Pastella*

Notary Public in and for County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania

My Commission expires March 28,

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of Article IV, Section 12 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, extracts from which read:

**ARTICLE IV - Officers: Section 12. Power of Attorney.**

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bond, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary.

Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

This certificate and the above power of attorney may be signed by facsimile or mechanically reproduced signatures under and by authority of the following vote of the board of directors of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company effective on the 15th day of February, 2011:

VOTED that the facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney, the referenced By-Laws of the Company and the above resolution of their Board of Directors are true and correct copies and are in full force and effect on this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Company this 30th day of September, 2014.



*Gregory W. Davenport*

Gregory W. Davenport, Assistant Secretary