Agenda Item #: 3-C-1

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 5, 2021

[X] Consent [] Ordinance

[] Regular [] Public Hearing

Department: Engineering and Public Works

Submitted By: Engineering and Public Works

Submitted For: Road and Bridge Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Work Order 2018051-169 in the amount of \$513,000 to mill and resurface Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue utilizing Palm Beach County's (County) annual asphalt milling and resurfacing contract R2018-1533 (Contract) with Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. (Ranger).

SUMMARY: Per County PPM CW-F-050, this work order exceeds the \$200,000 threshold for staff approvals of work orders to annual contracts, thus requiring approval from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Approval of this work order will allow the contractual services necessary to construct the improvements. Prior to this meeting date, approximately \$42, million of Ranger's \$48.5 million Contract has been spent or encumbered. On October 16, 2018, the BCC approved the Contract with Ranger to provide milling and resurfacing of County roadways for countywide projects. The Contract was renewed on October 22, 2019 with a 15% mandatory Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal set as the Affirmative Procurement Initiative. Due to the limited availability of qualified certified SBE subcontractors, the Office of Equal Business Opportunity issued a waiver on January 17, 2020 that reduced the mandatory SBE participation to 5%. On June 2, 2020 the second renewal was approved, and continued with the reduced mandatory SBE participation of 5%. Ranger agreed to 5% SBE participation for this work orders issued under the Contract. This project is included in the infrastructure sales tax. Districts 4 & 7 (YBH)

Background and Justification: The County intends to construct the improvements in accordance with the attached work order. The budget for the improvements includes striping and marking costs of \$60,000, bringing the total fiscal impact to \$573,000.

Attachments:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Work Order 2018051-169 with Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" (3)

Recommended inainee pproved By: Assistant County Administrator

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$0-</u>		-0-		
Operating Costs	\$573,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-		-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$573,000		-0-	0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No X

Budget Account No: Fund 3500 Dept 363 Unit R002-116 Object 4612

Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: Transportation Improvement Fund Pavement Mgmt/Roadway Striping

Lake Ida Rd from Congress Ave. to Swinton Ave.

Annual Contract Asphalt & Milling Striping and Marking Fiscal Impact

\$513,000.00 <u>\$60,000.00</u> \$573,000.00

C C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. <u>REVIEW COMMENTS</u>

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

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B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

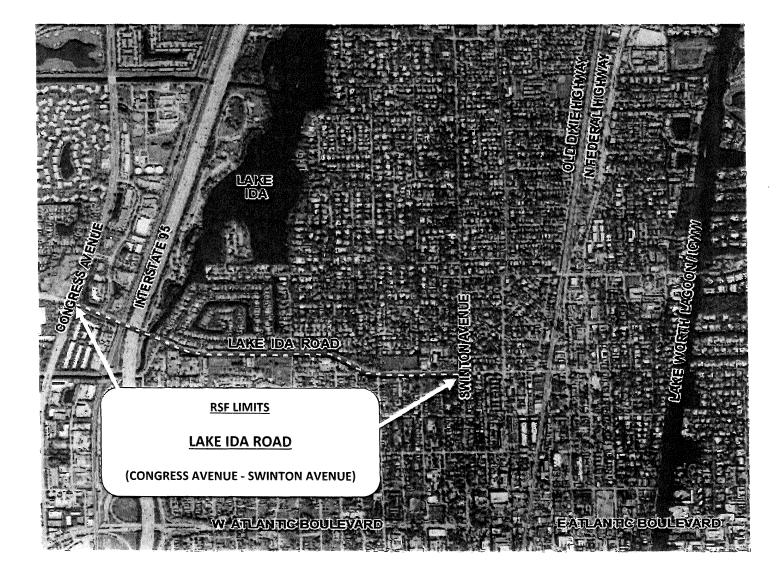
9/13/2021

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment. 2 F:\ADM_SER\FEED ME\AGENDAPAGE2\FY 2020\20.313.PAVE.DOC





LOCATION MAP

WORK ORDER # 2018051-169 TO THE ANNUAL MILLING AND RESURFACING CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND RANGER CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR LAKE IDA ROAD FROM CONGRESS AVENUE TO SWINTON AVENUE

This Work Order to the Contract for Annual Milling and Resurfacing (R2018-1533), dated October 16, 2018 (**ANNUAL CONTRACT**) is made and entered into the _____ day of_____, 20____, by and between Palm Beach County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners (**COUNTY**) and RANGER CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, INC. (**CONTRACTOR**) (individually Party and collectively Parties).

<u>WITNESSETH</u>

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR entered into an ANNUAL CONTRACT on a work order basis on October 16, 2018 (R2018-1533) as amended on October 22, 2019 (R2019-1591) and June 2, 2020 (R2020-0539); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires the CONTRACTOR to mill and resurface Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue in Palm Beach County, Florida ("IMPROVEMENTS"); and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR agrees to construct the IMPROVEMENTS in

accordance with the terms and conditions of the **ANNUAL CONTRACT**, as amended, and as directed and accepted by the Engineering Department, Road & Bridge Division; and

Work Order No.: 2018051-169

WHEREAS, based on the pricing agreed to in the ANNUAL CONTRACT, as amended,

the Parties agree that a cost not to exceed \$513,000 is appropriate compensation for the

services to be performed by the **CONTRACTOR** to construct the **IMPROVEMENTS**.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of

the mutual benefits that flow from each to the other, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
- 2. The **CONTRACTOR** agrees to construct the **IMPROVEMENTS** in accordance with the **ANNUAL CONTRACT**, as amended, and as further described in **Exhibit "A"**.
- 3. The **COUNTY** agrees to pay the **CONTRACTOR** a fee not to exceed \$513,000 to construct the **IMPROVEMENTS**. Final payment shall be per documented quantities installed.
- 4. The following Exhibits are attached to and made part of this Work Order:
 - a) Exhibit A Work Order Request and Scope/Cost Estimate; and
 - b) Exhibit B OEBO Schedules 1 and 2; and
 - c) **Exhibit C** Public Construction Bond

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

Re: LAKE IDA ROAD FROM CONGRESS AVENUE TO SWINTON AVENUE

Work Order No.: 2018051-169

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Work Order for the **IMPROVEMENTS**, pursuant to the **ANNUAL CONTRACT**, as amended, on behalf of the **COUNTY**, and **CONTRACTOR** has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

OWNER:

Palm Beach County, Florida, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida by and through its

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: ____

Dave Kerner, Mayor

CONTRACTOR:

Ranger Construction Industries, Inc., a Florida Corporation

BY:

Jamie Timming, General Manager (Printed Name and Title)

ATTEST: Joseph Abruzzo, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

BY: ____

Deputy Clerk

SEAL

CORPORATE S E A L

WITNESS: SHAM nagi:

(Printed Name)

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yelizaveta Herman, Assistant County Attorney

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Exhibit A, Pg. 1 of 2

H BEACH COL		ARD OF COUNTY COMM	ISSIONERS
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FLORIDA	P. U. BUX 21229, WES	ST PALM BEACH, FL 33416	-1229
REQUEST: X_ WORK ORDER NO. <u>2018051-</u> 169	REQUESTING DIVISION:	INFORMATION: DATE 5/3/2021	
NEW AUTHORIZATION	TRAFFIC	REQUESTOR Thoma	
CHANGE ORDER NO SUPPLEMENTAL NO	ROADWAY PRODUCTI CONSTRUCTION COO		
OTHER:	STREETSCAPE		Amended by R2019-1591
		_	R2020-0539
PROJECT LOCATION/LIMITS: Lake Ida PROJECT NUMBER: 2020805		BUDGET LINE ITEM: 3950-3	61-1638-4612-0017
CONTRACT NO: 2018051		CONTRACT DATE: October 1	
CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT/VENDO CONTACT: Beatriz Ramirez			DOR # RANG0001
		CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	
Details: In accordance with your contra	act, as amended, you are to	provide the following service	es: Mill and pave roadway
as directed. A separate NTP will be is	sued directing the contractor	or to commence work within	five (5) working days.
The contract duration for this work rec	quest is 30 days.		
This work shall be coordinated with, (48 hours prior to beginning	of work)	
Thomas Coppini, Construction Project	t Manager R&B (561)-233-	3962	
The total amount of this request, per			
The Affirmative Procurement Initiative s 1/17/2020 that reduced SBE goal to 5%.			
participation to date for this Contract in			
Name: Thomas Coppini	Title: Project Manager	Telephone Nu	umber: 561-233-3962
CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT/VENDOR	APPROVALS	Please sign below and submi	t with invoice at the
Please indicate your receipt of this Wo		completion of the project. P	roject completed in
and returning a duplicate copy.		compliance with Contract ar	d Project Specifications.
Signature D	ate	Signature	Date
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Printed Name and Title		Drinted Name and Title	
		Printed Name and Title	
PALM BEACH COUNTY APPROVALS		BOARD APPROVAL?	Date:
Division Approval	Date	Budget Approval	Date
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Assistant County Engineer	Date	Contract Review Committee	(when required) Date

ATTRA .	HACH COUNT	LAKE IDA ROAD - CONGRESS AVE TO SWINTON A	VE			
Z.	LORIDA	EXHIBIT A - SCOPE/COST ESTIMATE			DATE:	3/15/2019
Project [Description:	RANGER CONTRUCTION ANNUAL MILL AND RESURFACING #2018051	Road	Maintenan	ce District:	4
Proje	ct Location:	LAKE IDA ROAD - CONGRESS AVE TO SWINTON AVE		Commissi	on District:	4&7
Item #		Item Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Amount
1	MILL EXIST	ING ASPHALT PAVEMENT (1")	SY	\$1.90	49,258	\$93,590.20
9	SUPERPAVE	SUPERPAVE ASPHALTIC CONCRETE (SP-9.5 TRAFFIC LEVEL C) (>800 TON ORDERS)			3,078	\$338,580.00
26	PORTABLE	PORTABLE MILLING MACHINE		\$230.00	24	\$5,520.00
32	SURCHARG	JRCHARGE TO DELIVER MILLINGS TO PBC STOCKPILE SITE USING CONTRACTOR VEHICLES		\$2.00	50	\$100.00
34	MANHOLE ADJUSTMENT EA		\$180.00	15	\$2,700.00	
35	ADJUST VA	LVE BOX & MISC STRUCTURES	EA	\$95.00	6	\$570.00
25	OFF DUTY F	POLICE OFFICER	HR	\$70.00	70	\$4,900.00
					SUBTOTAL:	\$445,960.20
						\$66,894.03
						\$512,854.23
					CONT:	\$67,039.80
					TOTAL:	\$513,000.00

STRIPING: \$60,000

OEBO SCHEDULE 1

LIST OF PROPOSED CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT AND SUBCONTRACTOR/SUBCONSULTANT PARTICIPATION

SOLICITATION/PROJECT/BID NAME: ANUAL MILLING AND RESURFACING

SOLICITATION/PROJECT/BID No.: _______

NAME OF PRIME RESPONDENT/BIDDER: RANGER CONSTRUCTION

SOLICITATION OPENING/SUBMITTAL DATE: OCTOBER 16,2018

CONTACT PERSON: BEATRIZ RAMIREZ

Note:

ADDRESS: 101 SANSBURY'S WAY, WEST PALM BEACH, FL

DEPARTMENT: ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORK

PLEASE LIST THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY THE <u>PRIME CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT</u> ON THIS PROJECT. PLEASE ALSO LIST THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SUBCONTRACTORS/SUBCONSULTANTS ON THE PROJECT.

	(Chec <u>Non-SBE</u>	k all Applicable Cate <u>M/WBE</u>	gories) <u>SBE</u>		DOLLAR AMO	UNT OR PERCEN	TAGE OF WORK	
Name, Address and Phone Number		Minority/Women Business	Small Business	Black	Hispanic	Women	Caucasian	Other (Please Specify)
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(Please use additional sheets if necessary)		, and a star for the forget of the second star and a second star and a second star and a second star and a second	Total					\$22,298.00
Total Bid Price \$	rinton Ave)		Total SBE	- M/WBE Participation _	\$22,298.00 (5%	<u>%)</u>		
I hereby certify that the above information is accura	te to the best of n	1y knowledge:		Signature			General Man	ager

1. The amount listed on this form for a Subcontractor/subconsultant must be supported by price or percentage listed on the properly executed Schedule 2 or attached signed proposal.

2. Firms may be certified by Palm Beach County as an SBE and/or an M/WBE. If firms are certified as both an SBE and/or M/WBE, please indicate the dollar amount under the appropriate category.

3. Modification of this form is not permitted and will be rejected upon submittal.

OEBO LETTER OF INTENT - SCHEDULE 2

A completed Schedule 2 is a binding document between the Prime Contractor/consultant and a Subcontractor/subconsultant (for any tier) and should be treated as such. The Schedule 2 shall contain bolded language indicating that by signing the Schedule 2, both parties recognize this Schedule as a binding document. All Subcontractors/subconsultants, including any tiered Subcontractors/subconsultants, must properly execute this document. Each properly executed Schedule 2 must be submitted with the bid/proposal.

SOLICITATION/PROJECT NUMBER: 2018051

SOLICI	TATION/PR	OJECT NA	ME: ANNUAL MILLING AN	ID RESURFACIN	G		_
Prime (Contractor		GER CONSTRUCTIC	N Subcontra	ctor:		
(Check	box(s) that	<u>at apply)</u>					
IZISBE			©M/WBE □Non-S/M/WBE	Date of Palm Beach	County Certification (if app	licable): <u>MP707 7, 20</u>	21
The un	dersigned	affirms th	ey are the following (select one f	rom each column If a	pplicable):		
<u>Colum</u>	<u>n 1</u>		Column 2			Column 3	
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			🗖 Hispanic American	Native American			

<u>S/M/WBE PARTICIPATION – S/M/WBE Primes must document all work to be performed by their own work force on this form</u>. Failure to submit a properly executed Schedule 2 for any <u>S/M/WBE</u> participation may result in that participation not being counted. Specify in detail, the scope of work to be performed or items supplied with the dollar amount and/or percentage for each work item. S/M/WBE credit will only be given for the areas in which the S/M/WBE is certified. A detailed proposal may be attached to a properly executed Schedule 2.

Line Item	Item Description	Unit Price	Quantity/ Units	Contingencies/ Allowances	Total Price/Percentage
	Haul milled asphalt	\$75	297.3		\$22,298.00
					•
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If the undersigned intends to subcontract any portion of this work to another Subcontractor/subconsultant, please list the business name and the amount below accompanied by a separate property executed Schedule 2.

Name of 2nd/3rd tier Subcontractor/subconsultant

Price or Percentage: _

Ranger	Construction	Industries.	Inc
Print Nam	e of Prime		

Authorized Signature

Jamie Timming Print Name

General	Manager
Title	_

Date:

SIRDAR TRUCKINGING
Print Name of Subcontractor/subconsultant
By: ModuigHa Sinde-
Hoolmer HILE SIRDAR
Print Name NESIDENA
Title $5/21/21$

Revised 09/17/2019



GEORGE H. FRIEDLANDER COMPANY Bonds & Insurance

1566 Kanawha Blvd., East 25311 PO Box 2466, Charleston, WV 25329 Telephone: 304/357-4520 * Fax: 304/345-8724 447 Montreal Ave., Melbourne, FL 32935 PO Box 10356, Melbourne, FL 32936 Telephone: 321/254-8477 * Fax 321/988-0209

May 25, 2021

Palm Beach County Engineering & Public Works Department Roadway Production Division 2300 N. Jog Road West Palm Beach, FL 33411

> Re: Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. Bond Number: 107425781 Public Construction Bond

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Surety Company for Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. we have executed the captioned bond. Since the contract date is unknown, we have left the bonds undated. As a duly authorized Attorney-In-Fact for the Surety, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, permission is hereby granted to fill in the contract date on the bonds and power of attorney when the date is known. Also, the "signed and sealed" date on the bonds should be gompleted.

Sincerely, Ŋ

Wilfram Phelps Aftorney-In-Fact for Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

BOND NUMBER:	107425781
BOND AMOUNT:	\$513,000
CONTRACT AMOUNT:	\$513,000
CONTRACTOR'S NAME:	Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.
CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS	101 Sansbury's Way West Palm Beach, FL 33411
CONTRACTOR'S PHONE:	561-793-9400
SURETY COMPANY:	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
SURETY ADDRESS:	One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183
SURETY PHONE:	800-842-5075
OWNER'S NAME:	Palm Beach County
OWNER'S ADDRESS:	2300 North Jog Road, Suite 3W-33
OWNER'S PHONE:	<u>West Palm Beach. FL 33411-2745</u> 561-684-4150
PROJECT NO.:	Work Order 2018051-169
DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue Asphalt Mill and Resurface
PROJECT LOCATION:	Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	No legal description is available. The best description available is as indicated on the Project Location above.

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This Bond is issued in favor of the County conditioned on the full and faithful performance of the Contract.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that Contractor and Surety, are held and firmly bound unto:

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 301 N. Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

As Obligee, herein called County, for the use and benefit of claimant as herein below defined, in the amount of:

\$ \$513,000

for the payment whereof Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, Principal has by written agreement dated______, 20____, entered into a contract with the County for:

Project Name:	Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue
Project No .:	Order 2018051-169
Project Description:	See Page PCB-1
Project Location:	See Page PCB-1

in accordance with Design Criteria Drawings and Specifications prepared by:

Name of Engineering/Architectural Firm: Location of Firm:	TBD TBD
Phone:	TBD
Fax :	TBD

which contract is by reference made a part hereof in its entirety, and is hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is that if Principal:

- 1. Performs the contract dated ______ between Principal and County for the construction of the project as described above, the contract being made part of this bond by reference, at the times and in the manner prescribed in the contract; and
- Promptly makes payments to all claimants, as defined in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, supplying Principal with labor, materials, or supplies, used directly or indirectly by Principal in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract; and

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- 3. Pays County all losses, damages (including liquidated damages), expenses, costs, and attorney's fees, including appellate proceedings, that County sustains because of a default by Principal under the contract; and
- 4. Performs the guarantee of all work and materials furnished under the contract for the time specified in the contract, then this bond is void; otherwise it remains in full force.
- Any changes in or under the contract documents and compliance or noncompliance with any formalities connected with the contract or the changes does not affect Surety's obligation under this bond and Surety waives notice of such changes.
- 6. The amount of this bond shall be reduced by and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith hereunder, inclusive of the payment by Surety of construction liens which may be filed of record against said improvement, whether or not claim for the amount of such lien be presented under and against the bond.
- 7. Principal and Surety expressly acknowledge that any and all provisions relating to consequential, delay and liquidated damages contained in the contract are expressly covered by and made a part of this Performance, Labor and Material Payment Bond. Principal and Surety acknowledge that any such provisions lie within their obligations and within the policy coverages and limitations of this instrument.
- 8. Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, as amended, together with all notice and time provisions contained therein, is incorporated herein, by reference, in its entirety. Any action instituted by a claimant under this bond for payment must be in accordance with the notice and time limitation provisions in Section 255.05(2), Florida Statutes. This instrument regardless of its form, shall be construed and deemed a statutory bond issued in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.
- 9. Any action brought under this instrument shall be brought in the state court of competent jurisdiction in Palm Beach County and not elsewhere.

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Ranger Construction Inudustries, Inc. Principal (Scal) Tille Travelers d Surety Company of America Surety Scall Title WIT m Phelps, Attorney-In-Fact and FL Resident Agent

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PROJECT NO.:	Work Order 2018051-169
DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue Asphalt Mill and Resurface
PROJECT LOCATION:	Lake Ida Road from Congress Avenue to Swinton Avenue
SURETY COMPANY:	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
SURETY ADDRESS:	One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183
SURETY PHONE:	800-842-5075
BOND NUMBER:	107425781
BOND AMOUNT:	\$513,000
CONTRACT AMOUNT:	\$513,000

As the Surety Company for <u>Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.</u> we have executed the captioned bond. Because the contract date is unknown, we have left the bond(s) undated. As a duly authorized Attorney-in-Fact for the Surety, <u>Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America</u>, permission is hereby granted to Palm Beach County to fill in the contract date on the bond(s) when that date is known. Also, the "signed and sealed" date on the bond(s) should be completed.

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TRAVELERS J Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America TRAVELERS J St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint William Phelps of Melbourne, Florida their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact tosign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 3rd day of February, 2017.

State of Connecticut

By:	110 cat yes
•	Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

On this the 3rd day of February, 2017, before me personally appeared Robert L. Raney, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Travelers Casually and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.



Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880. Please refer to the above-named Attorney-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.