

BID FORMS

BID ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NAME OF BIDDER: Verne's Plumbing, Inc.

The undersigned hereby declare that we have carefully examined the location of the proposed Work, and have read and examined the Contract, including all plans, specifications, and all addenda, if any, for the following Project:

MO2025-0006 District Office Gas Utility Upgrade

To the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, with its principal place of business at 2985 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, California 92626:

In response to the Notice Inviting Bids dated April 1, 2025 and in accordance with the accompanying Instructions to Bidders, the undersigned hereby proposes to the District to furnish all labor, technical and professional services, supervision, materials and equipment, other than materials and equipment specified as furnished by the District, and to perform all operations necessary and required to construct the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents, including all plans, specifications, and all addenda, and at the prices stated opposite the respective items set forth in the Bid Schedule.

This Bid constitutes a firm offer to the District which cannot be withdrawn for 90 days after the date set for opening of Bids, or until a Contract is executed by the District and a third party, whichever is earlier.

The undersigned certifies that it has examined and is fully familiar with all of the provisions of the Contract Documents and any addenda thereto; that it has carefully checked all of figures shown in its Bid Schedule; that it has carefully reviewed the accuracy of all statements in this Bid and attachments hereto; and that it understands and agrees that the District will not be responsible for any errors or omissions on the part of the undersigned in preparing this Bid.

If awarded a Contract, the undersigned agrees to execute and deliver to the District within ten (10) calendar days after date of receipt of Notice of Award, a signed Contract and the necessary Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Certificates of Insurance and Endorsements.

The following Bid Forms, which have been completed and executed by the undersigned Bidder, are incorporated by this reference and made a part of this Bid:

1. Completed Bid Schedule form.
2. Bid Guarantee in the amount of not less than 10% of the Total Bid Price.
3. Completed Designation of Subcontractors form.
4. Completed Bidder Information and Experience form.
5. Fully executed Noncollusion Declaration form.

6. Completed Public Works Contractor DIR Registration Certification form.

Bidder certifies that it is now licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Contractor's License Law of the State of California:

License number 674077

Expiration date 7/31/2025

License classification B, C34 & C36

If the Bidder is a joint venture, each member of the joint venture must include the above information.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt, understanding, and full consideration of the following addenda to the Contract Documents:

Addenda No. N/A

[SIGNATURES NEXT PAGE]

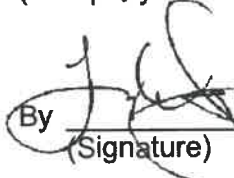
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all of the information submitted in connection with this Bid and all of the representations made herein are true and correct.

BIDDER:

Bidder's Business Address:

Verne's Plumbing, Inc.
(Company Name)

8561 Whitaker Street
Buena Park, CA 90621

By  Vice President
(Signature)

By  President
(Signature)

Lyle J. Ferguson
(Type or print name)

Lawrence J. Verne
(Type or print name)

Vice President
(Title)

President
(Title)

8561 Whitaker St., Buena Park, CA
(Where signed) (District, State)

(corporate seal)

Dated: April 16th, 20 25
State of Incorporation: California

(If the Contractor is a corporation, two signatures of corporate officers are required.)

Names and addresses of all partners or joint venturers:

Lawrence J. Verne-President
Lyle J. Ferguson-Vice President
Tim Verne-Vice President
Barbara R. Verne-Treasurer
Shari C. Ferguson-Secretary

Statement of the authority of signatory to bind Bidder:

"We (Lyle J. Ferguson and Lawrence J. Verne) have the authority and legal capacity
to sign this agreement on behalf of Verne's Plumbing, Inc. and to bind Verne's Plumbing, Inc.
to all terms and conditions herein."

BID SCHEDULE

TOTAL BID PRICE + \$18,000.00 ALLOWANCE

\$ 94,557.87 Ninety four thousand Five hundred fifty seven dollars and 87/100.

Total Bid in Numbers

The costs for any work shown or required in the Contract Documents, but not specifically identified as a bid line item are to be included in the related bid line items and no additional compensation shall be due to Contractor for the performance of the work.

All blank spaces appearing above must be filled in. Failure to fill in any blank spaces may render the Bid non-responsive. In case of discrepancy between the Unit Price and Item Cost set forth for a unit basis item, the Unit Price shall prevail and be utilized as the basis for determining the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder. However, if the amount set forth as a Unit Price is ambiguous, unintelligible or uncertain for any cause, or is omitted, or is the same amount as the entry in the Item Cost column, then the amount set forth in the Item Cost column for the item shall prevail and shall be divided by the estimated quantity for the item and the price thus obtained shall be the Unit Price.

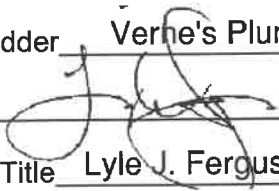
For purposes of evaluating Bids, the District will correct any apparent errors in the extension of unit prices and any apparent errors in the addition of lump sum and extended prices.

The estimated quantities for Unit Price items are for purposes of comparing Bids only and the District makes no representation that the actual quantities of work performed will not vary from the estimates. Final payment shall be determined by the District from measured quantities of work performed based upon the Unit Price.

The undersigned agrees that this Bid Schedule constitutes a firm offer to the District which cannot be withdrawn for the number of calendar days indicated in the Notice Inviting Bids from and after the bid opening, or until a Contract for the work is fully executed by the District and a third party, whichever is earlier.

If the Contract Documents specify alternate bid items, the District can choose to include any, all, or none of the alternate bid items in the Work. If the District selects any of the alternate bid items, the corresponding alternate bid prices shall be added to or deducted from Base Bid Price for the work. The District can award/select alternate bid items at any time(s).

Name of Bidder Verne's Plumbing, Inc.

Signature 

Name and Title Lyle J. Ferguson, Vice President

Dated 04/16/2025

DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The subcontractor listed below will perform work or labor or render service to the successful Bidder in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or are subcontractors licensed by the State of California who will, under subcontract to the successful Bidder, specially fabricate and install a portion of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the Contract Documents, in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the Bidder's total bid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the work involves the construction of streets and highways, then the Bidder shall list each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the Bidder in or about the work in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the Bidder's Total Bid Price or \$10,000, whichever is greater. No additional time shall be granted to provide the below requested information.

In compliance with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act Chapter 4 (commencing at Section 4100), Part 1, Division 2 of the California Public Contract Code, the Bidder shall set forth below:

- (a) The portion of the work to be done by the subcontractor;
- (b) The name and the location of the place of business;
- (c) The California contractor license number; and
- (d) The DIR public works contractor registration number.

If a Bidder fails to specify a subcontractor or if a Bidder specifies more than one subcontractor for the same portion of work, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have agreed that it is fully qualified to perform that portion of work and that it shall perform that portion itself.

Portion of Work to be done by Subcontractor	Name of Subcontractor	Location of Business	CSLB Contractor License No.	DIR Registration Number
DEMO	Flat & Vertical	7342 Walnut Ave Buena Park, Ca 90620	434023	1000008254
Patch	Beach Paving, Inc.	3848 Campus Drive #218 Newport Beach, Ca 92660	597202	1000009033

Portion of Work to be done by Subcontractor	Name of Subcontractor	Location of Business	CSLB Contractor License No.	DIR Registration Number

BIDDER INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE FORM

INFORMATION ABOUT BIDDER

(Indicate not applicable ("N/A") where appropriate.)

NOTE: Where Bidder is a joint venture, pages shall be duplicated and information provided for all parties to the joint venture.

- 1.0 Name of Bidder: Verne's Plumbing, Inc.
- 2.0 Type, if Entity: Corporation
- 3.0 Bidder Address: 8561 Whitaker Street
Buena Park, CA 90621
714-994-2203 714-994-1971
Facsimile Number Telephone Number
lyle@vernesplumbing.com
Email Address
- 4.0 How many years has Bidder's organization been in business as a Contractor?
36 years
- 5.0 How many years has Bidder's organization been in business under its present name? 32 years
- 5.1 Under what other or former names has Bidder's organization operated?
Verne's Plumbing
- 6.0 If Bidder's organization is a corporation, answer the following:
- 6.1 Date of Incorporation: 2/01/1993
- 6.2 State of Incorporation: California
- 6.3 President's Name: Lawrence J. Verne
- 6.4 Vice-President's Name(s): Lyle J. Ferguson
Tim Verne
- 6.5 Secretary's Name: Shari C. Ferguson
- 6.6 Treasurer's Name: Barbara R. Verne

~~7.0 If an individual or a partnership, answer the following:~~

~~7.1 Date of Organization: _____~~

~~7.2 Name and address of all partners (state whether general or limited partnership):~~

~~8.0 If other than a corporation or partnership, describe organization and name principals:~~

9.0 List other states in which Bidder's organization is legally qualified to do business.

N/A

10.0 What type of work does the Bidder normally perform with its own forces?

All scopes of plumbing

11.0 Has Bidder ever failed to complete any work awarded to it? If so, note when, where, and why:

No

12.0 Within the last five years, has any officer or partner of Bidder's organization ever been an officer or partner of another organization when it failed to complete a contract? If so, attach a separate sheet of explanation:

No

13.0 List Trade References:

Reece/Express 13591 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, Ca. 714-635-3131

Ferguson Enterprises, 2750 S. Town Ave., Pomona, Ca. 909-465-1297

Beach Paving, Inc. 3848 Campus Dr. # 218, Newport Beach, Ca. 714-978-2414

Flat and Vertical, 7342 Walnut Ave., Buena Park, Ca. 714-774-2031

14.0 List Bank References (Bank and Branch Address):

California Bank & Trust-Archie Lim 714-327-2450

775 E. Birch St., Brea, Ca. 92821

15.0 Name of Bonding Company and Name and Address of Agent:

Federated Insurance/ Granite Re, Inc. dba Granite Surety Ins. Co.

5701 West Talavi Blvd., Suite 200, Glendale, AZ 85306

Chad M. Rice/ 412-691-4457/ cmrice@fedins.com

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LIST OF CURRENT PROJECTS (BACKLOG)

[**Duplicate Page if needed for listing additional current projects. **]

Project	Client Reference (agency name/contact info)	Description of Bidder's Work	Completion Date	Cost of Bidder's Work
Jurupa M.S.	Neff Construction 909-947-3768	Middle school plumbing mod.	03-10-2025	\$ 1,475,190.00
Brightwood ES	Neff Construction 909-947-3768	Elem school plumbing mod.		\$ 556,458.00
Paloma Valley HS	Miller Construction 909-484-1009	High school campus addition	10-30-2026	\$ 3,003,366.00
El Rancho HS Sports Field	El Rancho USD 562-801-7412	High School sports field & stadium	6-11-2027	\$ 7,600,718.00
North HS Transformation	Tilden Coil Const. 951-352-6729	High school transformation		\$ 1,898,389.00
Stanford MS HVAC	Erickson Hall 760-796-7700	Middle school HVAC	8-2025	\$ 963,933.00
Cypress College Fine Arts Renov.	NOCCD 714-484-7729	College fine arts renovation	7-2026	\$ 2,117,099.00
Leuzinger HS Rice Auditorium	Centinela Valley 714-541-2390	High school auditorium modern.	12-2-2025	\$ 375,500.00
Baker ES Modernization	Soltek Pacific 951-218-0677	Elem school modernization	3-7-2027	\$ 895,900.00
Palmdale Drinking Fountains	Schultz Const. 714-649-2627	Drinking fountain installations	5-2025	\$ 235,979.00
Huntington Beach HS Shower Valves	HB UHSD 714-536-7521	Replace shower valves	8-1-2025	\$ 48,129.00
West Justice Ctr. Cooling Tower	Superior Courts of Ca.	Install cooling tower drains	6-2025	\$ 23,423.00
Huntington Beach PD Sewer replace	City of HB 714-375-5057	replace Bldg Sewer		\$ 49,903.00
Cal State Northridge DF replacement	562-424-5567	Replace drinking fountains	2-2026	\$ 187,700.00

LIST OF COMPLETED PROJECTS – LAST THREE YEARS

[**Duplicate Page if needed for listing additional completed projects. **]

Please include only those projects which are similar enough to demonstrate Bidder's ability to perform the required Work.

Project	Client Reference (agency name/contact info)	Description of Bidder's Work	Completion Date	Cost of Bidder's Work
Sierra HS Pump	Capistrano USD 949-234-9436	Pump & Basin replacement	June 2022	\$ 19,980.00
Palmdale handsfree drinking fountains	Palmdale SD 661-789-6575	Handsfree Drinking fountains replacements	June 2022	\$ 59,000.00
Drinking Fountain Improvements	Norwalk La Mirada USD 562-210-2047	Drinking fountain improvements	June 2023	\$ 1,292,025.00
CalShape Fixture replacement	Long Beach USD 562-997-7550	Fixture replacements	June 2024	\$ 1,076,975.00
Liberty HS	Perris UHSD 951-943-6369	HVAC Piping	Aug. 2021	\$ 102,000.00
Moreno Valley HS Building plumb	Moreno Valley USD 951-571-7500	High School bldg plumbing	March 2022	\$ 196,400.00
Lakewood Gym Modification	Long Beach USD 562-997-7550	Gym HVAC	March 2023	\$ 197,152.00
Jordan HS Classroom building plumbing	Long Beach USD 949-496-6191	Jordan HS bldg plumbing	March 2023	\$ 695,500.00
Jefferson ES Plumbing site & Bldg	Santa Ana USD 714-480-5355	Plumbing site & building	March 2023	\$ 1,410,900.00
Saddleback HS Sports Complex	Santa Ana USD 714-480-5355	Sports complex plumbing	March 2023	\$ 1,349,000.00
Keller MS	Long Beach USD 562-997-7550	Locker Room plumbing	March 2024	\$ 389,500.00
Jordan HS Science Building	Long Beach USD 562-997-7550	Ph 3 Science bldg renovation	March 2024	\$ 385,900.00
Villa Park HS	Orange USD 714-928-4510	Interim housing & science center	May 2022	\$ 205,500.00
Bear Gulch ES Classroom Addition	Central S.D. 909-989-8541	Classroom additions plumbing	May 2024	\$ 142,300.00

EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

Personnel:

The Bidder shall identify the key personnel to be assigned to this project in a management, construction supervision or engineering capacity.

1. List each person's job title, name, and percent of time to be allocated to this project:

Eric Verne, Project manager, 100% Angel Mendez, Foreman, 100%

Olinser Garcia, David Bueno, Sam Rogers, Journeymen, 100%

Troy Verne, Jeremy Gutierrez, Apprentices, 100%

2. Summarize each person's specialized education:

Eric Verne and Angel Mendez, 16+ years experience, 5 year apprenticeship program

journeyman upgrade classes, forman and project management training.

Olinser Garcia, David Bueno, Sam Rogers, 5+ years experience, apprenticeship program

Troy Verne and Jeremy Gutierrez, 1st year apprenticeship program.

3. List each person's years of construction experience relevant to the project:

Eric and Angel have over 16 years experience each.

Olinser, David and Sam have over 5 years experience each.

Troy and Jeremy are in the apprenticeship program.

4. Summarize such experience:

All above have on the job experience as well as the above listed classes

Bidder agrees that personnel named in this Bid will remain on this Project until completion of all relevant Work, unless substituted by personnel of equivalent experience and qualifications approved in advance by the District.

Additional Bidder's Statements:

If the Bidder feels that there is additional information which has not been included in the questionnaire above, and which would contribute to the qualification review, it may add that information in a statement here or on an attached sheet, appropriately marked:

NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION

The undersigned declares:

I am the Vice President of Verne's Plumbing, Inc., the party making the foregoing Bid.

The Bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation. The Bid is genuine and not collusive or sham. The Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to put in a false or sham bid. The Bidder has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any Bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or to refrain from bidding. The Bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the Bid Price of the Bidder or any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the Bid Price, or of that of any other Bidder. All statements contained in the Bid are true. The Bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her Bid Price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid, and has not paid, and will not pay, any person or entity for such purpose.

Any person executing this declaration on behalf of a Bidder that is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity, hereby represents that he or she has full power to execute, and does execute, this declaration on behalf of the Bidder.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration is executed on April 16th, 2025 [date], at Buena Park [District], California [state].

Name of Bidder Verne's Plumbing, Inc.

Signature [Signature] Vice President

Name Lyle J. Ferguson

Title Vice President

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR DIR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov/PublicWorks/PublicWorks.html> for additional information.

No Bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work.

Bidder hereby certifies that it is aware of the registration requirements set forth in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 and is currently registered as a contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations.¹

Name of Bidder: Verne's Plumbing, Inc.

DIR Registration Number: 1000000572

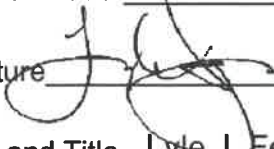
DIR Registration Expiration: 06/30/2025

Small Project Exemption: Yes or x No

Unless Bidder is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption, Bidder further acknowledges:

1. Bidder shall maintain a current DIR registration for the duration of the Project.
2. Bidder shall include the requirements of Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 in its contract with subcontractors and ensure that all subcontractors are registered at the time of bid opening and maintain registration status for the duration of the Project.
3. Failure to submit this form or comply with any of the above requirements may result in a finding that the Bid is non-responsive.

Name of Bidder Verne's Plumbing, Inc.

Signature , Vice President

Name and Title Lyle J. Ferguson, Vice President

Dated 04/16/2025

¹ If the Project is exempt from the contractor registration requirements pursuant to the small project exemption under Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, please mark "Yes" in response to "Small Project Exemption."

BID GUARANTEE

BID BOND

[Note: Not required when other form of Bidder's Security, e.g., cash, certified check, or cashier's check, accompanies Bid.]

The makers of this bond are, Verne's Plumbing, Inc., as Principal, and Granite Re, Inc. dba Granite Surety Insurance Company, as Surety and are held and firmly bound unto the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, hereinafter called the District, in the penal sum of TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE of the Principal submitted to District for the work described below, for the payment of which sum in lawful money of the United States, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the Principal has submitted the accompanying bid dated April 18, 20 25, for MO2025-0006 District Office Gas Utility Upgrade.

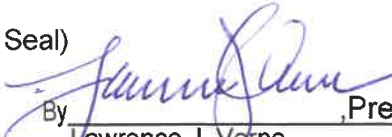
If the Principal does not withdraw its Bid within the time specified in the Contract; and if the Principal is awarded the Contract and provides all documents to the District as required by the Contract; then this obligation shall be null and void. Otherwise, this bond will remain in full force and effect.

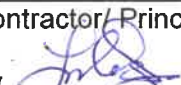
Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates, and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract shall affect its obligation under this bond, and Surety does hereby waive notice of any such changes.

In the event a lawsuit is brought upon this bond by the District and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all litigation expenses incurred by the District in such suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees and expenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-bound parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this 18th day of April, 20 25, the name and corporate seal of each corporation.

(Corporate Seal)

By  President
Lawrence J. Verne
Title President

Verne's Plumbing, Inc.
Contractor/Principal
By  Vice President
Lyle J. Ferguson
Title Vice President

(Corporate Seal)

Granite Re, Inc. dba Granite Surety Insurance Company
Surety
By  Attorney-in-Fact
Title Kenneth D. Whittington

(Attach Attorney-in-Fact Certificate)

Notary Acknowledgment

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF Orange

On April 17, 2025, before me, Shari C. Ferguson, Notary Public, personally appeared Lawrence J. Verne and Lyle J. Ferguson, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory

Name(s) of Signer(s)

evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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



Signature of Notary Public

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Shari C. Ferguson

OPTIONAL

Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the document and could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this form to another document.

CAPADISTRICT CLAIMED BY SIGNER

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

- Individual
- Corporate Officer

Title(s)

Title or Type of Document

- Partner(s)
- Limited
- General

Number of Pages

- Attorney-In-Fact
- Trustee(s)
- Guardian/Conservator
- Other:

Date of Document

Signer is representing:
Name Of Person(s) Or Entity(ies)

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above

NOTE: This acknowledgment is to be completed for Contractor/Principal.

Notary Acknowledgment

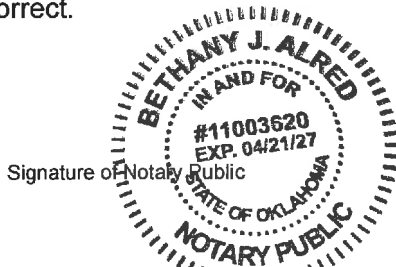
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STATE OF ~~CALIFORNIA~~ OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA

On April 18, 2025, before me, Bethany J. Alred, Notary Public, personally appeared Kenneth D. Whittington, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory

evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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



WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Title(s)

- ☐ Partner(s) ☐ Limited ☐ General

☒ Attorney-In-Fact

- ☐ Trustee(s)
- ☐ Guardian/Conservator
- ☐ Other:

Signer is representing:

Name Of Person(s) Or Entity(ies)

Granite Re, Inc. dba Granite Surety Insurance Company

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Bid Bond

Title or Type of Document

4

Number of Pages

April 18, 2025

Date of Document

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above

NOTE: This acknowledgment is to be completed for the Attorney-in-Fact. The Power-of-Attorney to local representatives of the bonding company must also be attached.

END OF BID BOND

GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all Men by these Presents:

That GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA and having its principal office at the City of OKLAHOMA CITY in the State of OKLAHOMA does hereby constitute and appoint:

KENNETH D. WHITTINGTON; KYLE MCDONALD its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact(s) for the following purposes, to wit:

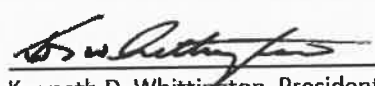
To sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, and to respectively do and perform any and all acts and things set forth in the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part of this Power of Attorney; and the said GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY through us, its Board of Directors, hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever the said:

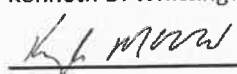
KENNETH D. WHITTINGTON; KYLE MCDONALD may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the said GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its President and Assistant Secretary, this 31st day of July, 2023.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)



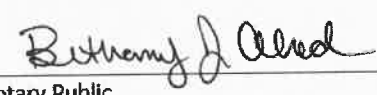

Kenneth D. Whittington, President


Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

On this 31st day of July, 2023, before me personally came Kenneth D. Whittington, President of the GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY and Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Kenneth D. Whittington and Kyle P. McDonald were respectively the President and the Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so fixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their name thereto by like order as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.

My Commission Expires:
April 21, 2027
Commission #: 11003620




Notary Public

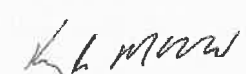
GRANITE RE, INC.
Certificate

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY, a Minnesota Corporation, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the July 15, 1987, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of GRANITE RE, INC. DBA GRANITE SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY and that said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

"RESOLVED, that the President, any Vice President, the Assistant Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the Company in the course of its business. On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the Company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed this Certificate and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this
April 18, 2025.




Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary