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Procurement Folder: 1969687

Procurement Type: Central Purchase Order

Vendor ID:

Legal Name: CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES INC

Alias/DBA:

Total Bid: \$187,986.00

Response Date:

Response Time:

Responded By User ID:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Phone:

SO Doc Code: CRFQ

SO Dept: 0211

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Status: Closed

Solicitation Description:

Total of Header Attachments: 2

Total of All Attachments: 2

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
1	One Davis Square - Boiler Plant Renovation				187986.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
72151201			

Commodity Line Comments:

Extended Description:

See Exhibit "A" Pricing Page to input pricing.



PO Box 627
540 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301
Phone: 304-346-0549
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QUOTE

Client: Building 36
Contact: 0
Date: 6/5/2026
Quote #: 235680
Location: 1/0/1900

Account Manager: Ben Lancaster
(304) 807-0327
blancaster@castotech.com

Estimated by: Branden Criner
bcriner@castotech.com

PROJECT: WV State Building 36 Boiler Replacement

SCOPE OF WORK:

- 1. Demo existing boiler system
- 2. Furnish and install 2 new Boilers with components, piping, and piping insulation.
- 3. Perform startup and ensure that system is working as designed
- 4. Priced with Trane controls

PRICE & TERMS: \$187,986.00

The stated price listed above is for the above scope of work (including all state and local taxes). Additional services, repairs, or improvements that are not presented in the above description are excluded from this price.

WEST VIRGINIA CONTRACTOR LICENSE #WV001241

EXCLUSIONS:

- 1. All Asbestos abatement will be by owner

CLARIFICATIONS:

- 1. Our terms are net 30 days.
- 2. Price will be held firm for 30 days.
- 3. Work will be performed during normal working hours
- 4. Normal working hours are M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- 5. 1-Year Parts and Labor Warranty is Included
- 6. Project may be progress billed if deemed necessary
 check if a set payment schedule is needed

APPROVED:

Building 36

Authorized Representative

Title

Acceptance Date

APPROVED:

CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES

Authorized Representative

Title

Proposal Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – QUOTED SERVICE

“Company” shall mean Casto Technical Services, Inc. and “Customer” shall mean _____.

1. Acceptance; Agreement

- a. These terms and conditions (these “Terms”) are an integral part of Company’s offer as set forth in the attached _____, dated as of the ___ day of _____, _____ the (“Proposal”) presented to the Customer. Should Customer accept the Proposal or place an order, these Terms shall, together with the Proposal, form the agreement (the “Agreement”) of the Company and Customer for the services described in the Proposal (the “Work”).
- b. The Proposal shall remain valid only for 30 days from the date thereof. If Customer’s adds to, deletes from, or alters in any manner, these Terms or the Proposal, Customer’s proposed modifications are automatically rejected by the Company and shall not become a part of the Agreement. Customer’s acceptance of the Work by Company will, in any event, constitute an acceptance by Customer of these Terms and the Proposal as originally delivered to Customer as the terms of the Agreement without modification.
- c. The Proposal is subject to credit approval by Company of Customer. Company may delay or suspend performance or, at its option, renegotiate prices and/or the Terms or the Proposal should Customer’s credit profile be determined to be unacceptable to Company in Company’s exclusive discretion. If Company and Customer are unable to agree on revisions following an unfavorable credit finding, the Proposal shall be cancelled by Company without any liability, other than Customer’s obligation to pay for Work rendered by Company to the date of cancellation.

2. Pricing; Taxes

- a. Unless otherwise specifically noted, the price in the Proposal includes, if required by law, all sales, consumer, use and similar taxes legally enacted as of the date hereof for Work provided by Company. Customer agrees to pay all applicable taxes, and should Company inadvertently fail to charge applicable taxes to Customer, Customer shall pay the same when invoiced by Company.
- b. If Customer claims that it is exempt from certain tax requirements, Customer shall, within three (3) business days of the date of this Proposal, furnish appropriate certificates evidencing Customer’s tax exempt status. Customer shall indemnify Company for any costs, fines, fees, taxes, penalties, or other charges or expenses of any kind or character (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs) related to any tax liabilities imposed upon Company for which Customer had asserted to Company that it was exempt.
- c. Company shall charge Customer, and Customer agrees to pay Company for any additional costs related to any bonds agreed to be provided, whether or not such costs are included on the Proposal.
- d. Any delay in the Work as a result of Customer’s act(s) or failure(s) to act, may cause prices to increase during the period of delay and Company may charge Customer with its out of pocket costs associated with the delay. Additionally, Customer shall indemnify Company from and against any costs to Company or losses suffered by Company as a result of delays caused by Customer’s act(s) or failure(s) to act.
- e. Unless a separate and distinct price or arrangement is quoted in the Proposal, Customer shall pay Company’s overtime, special or emergency rates for all work performed outside of Company’s normal business hours.

3. Payment

- a. Customer shall pay Company’s invoices on a net 30 days basis from the date of the invoice. Company may invoice Customer for all equipment or material furnished, whether delivered to the installation site or to an off-site storage facility and for all Work performed on-site or off-site.
- b. No retention shall be withheld from any payments except as expressly agreed in writing by Company, in which case retention shall be reduced per the contract documents and released in full no later than the date of substantial completion.
- c. If payment is not received as required, Company may suspend performance and the time for completion shall be extended for a reasonable period of time not less than the period of suspension. Customer shall be liable to Company for all reasonable shutdown, standby and start-up costs as a result of the suspension. Company reserves the right to add to any account outstanding for more than 30 days a service charge equal to 1.5% of the principal amount due at the end of each month. Customer shall pay all costs (including attorneys’ fees) incurred by Company in attempting to collect amounts due and otherwise enforcing these terms and conditions. If requested, Company will provide appropriate lien waivers upon receipt of the payment of all sums to Company.

4. Customer Breach

- a. Each of the following events or conditions shall constitute a breach by Customer and shall give Company the right, without an election of remedies, to terminate this Agreement or suspend performance by delivery of written notice declaring termination or suspension, upon which event Customer shall be liable to Company for all Work furnished to date and all damages sustained by Company (including lost profit and overhead):
- (1) Any failure by Customer to pay amounts when due;
 - (2) Any general assignment by Customer for the benefit of its creditors, or if Customer becomes bankrupt or insolvent or takes the benefit of any statute for bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or makes or proposes to make any proposal or arrangement with creditors, or if any steps are taken for the winding up or other termination of Customer or the liquidation of its assets, or if a trustee, receiver, or similar person is appointed over any of the assets or interests of Customer;
 - (3) Any representation or warranty furnished by Customer in this Agreement is false or misleading in any material respect when made; or
 - (4) Any failure by Customer to perform or comply with any provision of this Agreement.
- b. No delay or failure by Company to exercise any right under this Agreement, and no partial or single exercise of any right under this Agreement, shall constitute a waiver of such or any other right, unless otherwise expressly provided herein.
- c. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, and the parties agree that this Agreement does not, waive, limit, supplant or replace any other remedies that may be available to Company at law or in equity, including but not limited to the use of statutory liens.

5. Performance

- a. Company shall perform the Work in accordance with industry standards generally applicable under similar circumstances as of the time Company performs the Work.
- b. Company may refuse to perform any Work where working conditions could endanger property or put at risk the safety of persons including but not limited to Company’s employees or contractors. Unless otherwise agreed to by Customer and Company, Customer will provide any necessary access platforms, catwalks and all other environmental requirements on site, at Customer’s expense and before the Work begins, in order to permit Company to safely perform the Work in compliance with OSHA or state industrial safety regulations.
6. Exclusions Company’s obligation is limited to the Work, as defined, and does not include any modifications to the Work or the worksite under any law or building code(s), including but not limited to the Americans With Disabilities Act. In no event shall Company be required to perform work Company reasonably believes is outside of the defined Work without a written change order signed by Customer and Company. Unless expressly included in the Proposal, the Services do not include, and Company shall not be liable for, any of the following: (1) Any guarantee of room conditions or system performance; (2) Inspection, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or performance of work or services outside the Services; (3) Damage, repairs or replacement of parts made necessary as a result of the acts or omission of Customer or any Event of Force Majeure, as hereinafter defined; (4) Any claims, damages, losses, or expenses, arising from or related to conditions that existed in, on, or upon the premises prior to the commencement of Services (“Pre-Existing Conditions”) including, without limitation, damages, losses, or expenses involving a Pre-Existing Condition of building envelope issues, mechanical issues, plumbing issues, and/or indoor air quality issues involving mold/mold and/or fungi; or (5) Replacement of refrigerant.

7. Time for Completion Except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed in writing signed by an authorized representative of Company, all dates provided by Company or its representatives for commencement, progress or completion are estimates only. While Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to meet such estimated dates, Company shall not be responsible for any damages for its failure to do so.

8. Access Company and its subcontractors shall be provided access to the Work site during regular business hours, or such other hours as may be requested by Company and acceptable to the Work site’ owner or tenant for the performance of the Work, including sufficient areas for staging, mobilization, and storage. Company’s access to correct any emergency condition shall not be restricted. Customer represents and warrants that Customer has all requisite right to authorize access to the Work site by the Company and its agents, employees, officers and contractors. Access to the Work site shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, physical access to all areas of the Work site relevant to the Work to be performed, ingress and egress rights over and through areas necessary for access to the Work site and the corresponding rights to transport personnel, equipment, merchandise, tools and other necessary persons and materials to and from the Work site. Customer hereby agrees to indemnify and defend Company, its agents, employees, subcontractors, contractors officers and directors from and against any claims, losses or liabilities arising from Company’s access to the Work site.

9. Completion

- a. For any task performed as a part of the Work, when Company informs Customer that the task has been completed, Company may (but shall not be obligated to) request, and in the event of such a request Customer agrees to comply, that Customer inspect the Work in the presence of Company’s representative. Upon such an inspection Customer shall either (a) accept the Work related to the task in its entirety by executing Company’s paperwork to that end, or (b) accept the Work related to the task in part and specifically identify, in writing, any exception items. Customer agrees to re-inspect any and all excepted items as soon as Company informs Customer that all such excepted items have been completed.
- b. In the event of a request under Sub-Section (a), the initial acceptance inspection shall take place within ten (10) days from the date when Company informs Customer that the Work associated with a task has been completed. Any subsequent re-inspection of excepted items shall take place within five (5) days from the date when Company informs Customer that the excepted items have been completed. Customer’s failure to cooperate and complete any of said inspections within the required time limits shall constitute complete acceptance of the Work related to that task as of ten (10) days from date when Company informs Customer that the Work, or the excepted items, if applicable, has/have been completed.

10. Permits and Governmental Fees; Easements and Approvals

a. Company shall secure (with Customer's assistance) and pay for building and other permits and governmental fees, licenses, and inspections necessary for proper performance and completion of the Work which are legally required when bids from Company's subcontractors are received, negotiations thereon concluded, or the effective date of a relevant Change Order, whichever is later. Customer agrees that it shall be responsible for the costs of such permits, fees, licenses, and inspections and if those costs are not separately included in the Proposal, Company will invoice Customer for such costs over and above the costs and fees set forth in the Proposal and Customer agrees to pay all such invoices on the same terms and conditions as any other payment that is a part of this Agreement.

b. Customer is responsible for obtaining any necessary approvals, easements, assessments and charges for construction, use or occupancy of permanent structures or for permanent changes to existing facilities prior to the beginning of any Work.

11. Utilities During Construction Customer shall provide, without charge to Company, all water, heat, electricity, and other utilities required for performance of the Work (which shall include garbage or refuse disposal and haul away costs and fees unless specifically agreed in the Proposal). Customer shall be responsible for any delays in the performance of the Work by Company occurring as a result of a lack of availability of required utilities. Company may invoice Customer, and Customer agrees to pay such invoices, for costs incurred by Company as a result of such delays. Continuing failure by Customer to provide necessary utilities services may result in the termination of this Agreement by Company.

12. Concealed or Unknown Conditions

a. In the performance of the Work, if Company encounters conditions at the Work site that are (I) concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated on drawings, plats, plans, schematics, or other depictions or descriptions of the conditions on site that impact the Work that have been discussed by the parties or have been incorporated into the Proposal or (ii) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those conditions ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the type and character as the Work, Company shall notify Customer of such conditions promptly, prior to significantly disturbing same.

b. If such conditions differ materially and cause an increase in Company's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, Company shall be entitled to, and Customer shall consent by Change Order to, an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price, contract time, or both.

13. Pre-Existing Conditions. Company is not liable for any claims, damages, losses, or expenses, arising from or related to conditions that existed in, on, or upon the Work site before the date that Company began Work on the site ("Pre-Existing Conditions"), including, without limitation, damages, losses, or expenses involving Pre-Existing Conditions of building envelope issues, mechanical issues, plumbing issues, and/or indoor air quality issues involving mold/mold and/or fungi. Company also is not liable for any claims, damages, losses, or expenses, arising from or related to work done by or services provided by individuals or entities that are not employed by or hired by Company. If such pre-existing conditions differ materially from the understanding of the parties or the anticipated circumstances on the Work site and cause an increase in Company's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, Company shall be entitled to, and Customer shall consent by Change Order to, an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price, contract time, or both.

14. Asbestos and Hazardous Materials

a. Company's Work and other services in connection with this Agreement expressly excludes any identification, abatement, cleanup, control, disposal, removal or other work connected with asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyl ("PCB"), or other hazardous materials (hereinafter, collectively, "Hazardous Materials").

b. Customer represents and warrants that, except as set forth in a writing signed by Company, there are no Hazardous Materials on the Work site that will in any way affect Company's Work and Customer has disclosed to Company the existence and location of any Hazardous Materials in all areas within which Company will be performing the Work.

c. Should Company become aware of or suspect the presence of Hazardous Materials, Company may immediately stop work in the affected area and shall notify Customer. Customer will be exclusively responsible for taking any and all action necessary to correct the condition in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Customer shall be exclusively responsible for and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify and hold harmless Company (including its employees, agents and subcontractors) from and against any loss, claim, liability, fees, penalties, injury (including death) or liability of any nature, and the payment thereof arising out of or relating to any Hazardous Materials on or about the Work site, not brought onto the Work site by Company. Company shall be required to resume performance of the Work in the affected area only in the absence of Hazardous Materials or when the affected area has been rendered harmless.

d. In no event shall Company be obligated to transport or handle Hazardous Materials, provide any notices to any governmental agency, or examine the Work site for the presence of Hazardous Materials.

15. Limited Warranty; Warranty Exclusions

a. Company warrants that the labor portion of the Services is warranted to have been properly performed for a period of 90 days from date of completion, including, but not limited to, any obligation of Company for equipment start-up, if provided in the Proposal (the "Warranty Period"). Defects in the Service must be reported to Company within the Warranty Period. Company's obligation under the warranty is limited to correcting any improperly performed labor. No liability whatsoever shall attach to Company until the Services have been paid for in full.

b. Company does not make, and expressly disclaims, any representations or warranties for any materials, equipment, manufactured goods, parts, machinery, or components nor for any damages or failures related to the foregoing arising from any cause, including but not limited to: (a) wear and tear; corrosion, erosion, deterioration; (b) Customer's failure to follow any maintenance plan as provided by Company or the manufacturer; (c) or any damages or losses resulting from modifications made by others to equipment. Some components of the equipment described in the Proposal may be warranted directly from the component supplier or manufacturer, in which event the warranty given by such component supplier or manufacturer may apply, however, such coverage claims shall be made by Customer not by Company.

c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all warranties provided herein shall terminate upon termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

d. THE WARRANTY AND LIABILITY SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES AND LIABILITIES, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN NEGLIGENCE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN LAW OR IN FACT, INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND/OR OTHERS ARISING FROM COURSE OF DEALING OR TRADE. UNLESS EXPRESSLY WARRANTED IN WRITING THE COMPANY MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED REGARDING PREVENTION BY THE SCOPE OF SERVICES, OR ANY COMPONENT THEREOF, OF MOLD/MOULD, FUNGUS, BACTERIA, MICROBIAL GROWTH, OR ANY OTHER CONTAMINATES. COMPANY SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY IF THE SCOPE OF SERVICES OR ANY COMPONENT THEREOF IS USED TO PREVENT OR INHIBIT THE GROWTH OF SUCH MATERIALS. THE WARRANTY AND LIABILITY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES AND LIABILITIES, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN NEGLIGENCE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN LAW OR IN FACT, INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

16. Indemnity.

a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Company and Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each other from any and all claims, actions, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from death or bodily injury or damage to real or tangible personal property, to the extent caused by the negligence or misconduct of their respective employees or other authorized agents in connection with their activities within the scope of this Agreement. Neither party shall indemnify the other against claims, damages, expenses or liabilities to the extent attributable to the acts or omissions of the other party. If the parties are both at fault, the obligation to indemnify shall be proportional to their relative fault. The duty to indemnify will continue in full force and effect, notwithstanding the expiration or early termination hereof, with respect to any claims based on facts or conditions that occurred prior to expiration or termination.

b. Customer shall indemnify Company for any costs, fines, fees, taxes, penalties or other charges or expenses of any kind or character (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) related to any claims against Company that arise from any failure of Customer to obtain any necessary approvals, easements, assessments and charges for construction, use or occupancy of permanent structures or for permanent changes to existing facilities prior to the beginning of any Work as required by this Agreement.

c. Customer shall indemnify Company, its employees, contractors, agents, officers and directors, from any and all claims of any kind or character stemming from any assertion by any party that Company or its employees, contractors, agents, officers and directors were not permitted, or properly authorized to, access to the Work site during regular business hours, or such other hours as may be requested by Company, including sufficient areas for staging, mobilization, and storage and for any claims related in any way to Company's access to correct any emergency condition.

d. The requirements of Section 16(b) and 16(c) shall not be subject to the limitation on actions set forth in Section 21(b) of this Agreement.

17. Limitation of Liability. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY, IN NO EVENT SHALL COMPANY BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES OF ANY NATURE (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION PRODUCT LOSS, LOST REVENUE, OR LOST PROFITS), WHETHER CLAIMED UNDER CONTRACT, WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY OR FACTS. In the event that Company nevertheless is found liable for any damages, they shall be limited to the purchase price of the Services for any one location of Customer over a 12 month term. IN NO EVENT SHALL COMPANY BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY MOLD, FUNGUS, BACTERIA, MICROBIAL GROWTH, OR OTHER CONTAMINATES OR AIRBORNE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS FOUND AT ANY OF CUSTOMER'S LOCATIONS.

18. Commencement of Statutory Limitation Period. Except as to warranty claims and any claims by Company for indemnification under this Agreement, any applicable statutes of limitation for acts or failures to act shall commence to run, and any alleged cause of action stemming therefrom shall be deemed to have accrued, in any and all events not later than the last date that Casto Technical Services, Inc. or its subcontractors physically performed work on the project site.

19. Insurance. Company agrees to maintain the following insurance during the term of this Agreement with limits not less than shown below and will, upon request from Customer, provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the following coverage:

Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit – CSL (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Accident – CSL (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)
Workers Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Accident – Each Accident
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Policy Limit
	\$1,000,000 Bodily Injury by Disease – Each Employee

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, Casto Technical Services, Inc.
_____ of Charleston, West Virginia, as Principal, and Western Surety Company
_____ of Chicago, Illinois, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota with its principal office in the City of Chicago, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of West Virginia, as Obligee, in the penal sum of Five Percent of the Total Amount Bid (\$ ---5%---) for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the Purchasing Section of the Department of Administration a certain bid or proposal, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing for CRFQ 0211 GSD260000048; Construction: One Davis Square - Boiler Plant Renovation

NOW THEREFORE,

- (a) If said bid shall be rejected, or
- (b) If said bid shall be accepted and the Principal shall enter into a contract in accordance with the bid or proposal attached hereto and shall furnish any other bonds and insurance required by the bid or proposal, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise this obligation shall remain in full force and effect. It is expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for the value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept such bid, and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

WITNESS, the following signatures and seals of Principal and Surety, executed and sealed by a proper officer of Principal and Surety, or by Principal individually if Principal is an individual, this 11th day of June, 2026.

Principal Seal

Casto Technical Services, Inc.
(Name of Principal)

By _____
(Must be President, Vice President, or Duly Authorized Agent)

Christina Smith
(Title)

Surety Seal

Western Surety Company
(Name of Surety)

Meredith N. Johnson
Meredith N. Johnson, Attorney-in-Fact

IMPORTANT – Surety executing bonds must be licensed in West Virginia to transact surety insurance, must affix its seal, and must attach a power of attorney with its seal affixed.

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Robert A Quicke Jr, Courtney Seed, Debra L Stewart, Renee Hugar, Reginald Jarvis, Belinda M Ferciot, Brittany H Ferciot, Meredith N Johnson, Individually

of Hanover, MD, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In an amount not to exceed Two Million and no/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00)-

and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions printed at the bottom of this page, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation.

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 12th day of March, 2026.



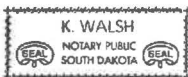
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten, Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 12th day of March, 2026, before me personally came Larry Kasten, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is a Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires
December 4, 2031



K. Walsh, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Paula Kolsrud, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Laws and Resolutions of the corporation printed below this certificate are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 11th day of June, 2026



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paula Kolsrud, Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the shareholders of the Company.

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, and 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.

This Power of Attorney is signed by Larry Kasten, Vice President, who has been authorized pursuant to the above Bylaw to execute power of attorneys on behalf of Western Surety Company.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

Go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner / Oblige Services > Validate Bond Coverage, if you want to verify bond authenticity.