

CALTRANS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BID FOR

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CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN
NEVADA COUNTY IN AND NEAR TRUCKEE ON ROUTE 80 FROM DONNER PARK
OVERCROSSING TO WEST TRUCKEE UNDERCROSSING AND ON ROUTE 89 FROM 0.5 MILE NORTH O
ROUTE 80/89 SEPARATION TO ALDER DRIVE
In District 03 on Route 80, 89

UNDER

Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions dated February 3, 2014
Project plans approved December 23, 2013
Standard Specifications dated 2010
Standard Plans dated 2010

Identified by

Contract No. 03-4M8904

03-Nev-80, 89-13.2/15.0, R0.6/R1.1

Project ID 0313000084

Bids open Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Dated February 3, 2014

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BID BOOK

Contract No.: 03-4M8904 Project ID: 0313000084
Bidder: VC0000014320 - Crusader Fence Company, Inc.

Name of Bidder: Crusader Fence Company, Inc.
Business Street Address: 3115 Gold Valley Drive
Business P.O. Box:
City, State, Zip: Rancho Cordova , California , 94572
Telephone Number: 916-631-9191
Fax Number: 916-631-8989
Contractor License Number:726527

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ♦ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BID TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1. Bidder agrees, if this bid is accepted, to enter into a contract with the Department, in the form included in the Standard Specifications, to perform the work provided in the Contract under the terms of the Contract for the price or prices bid.

For a lump sum or unit price based bid, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the work within the number of working days shown on the Notice to Bidders.

For a cost plus time based bid on a contract without a plant establishment period, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the work within the number of working days bid.

For a cost plus time based bid on a contract with a plant establishment period, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the non♦plant establishment work within the number of working days bid for non♦plant establishment work.

2. Bidder has and acknowledges the following addenda:0
3. Bidder submits this bid with one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least 10 percent of the bid: Bidder's Bond
4. Bidder's signature is an affirmation of the included certifications. Bidder is cautioned that making a false certification may result in one or more of the following:
 - 4.1 Criminal prosecution
 - 4.2 Rejection of the bid
 - 4.3 Rescission of the award
 - 4.4 Termination of the Contract

By: Tony Borges Title: Estimator
Bidder ID VC0000014320 Checksum FA157EB2

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Item No.	Item Code	Item Description	Unit Of Meas	Quant	Unit Price		Item Total		
					Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	
Section 1 BID ITEM LIST									
1	070030	LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN		LUMP SUM		LUMP SUM		1,748.00	
2	120100	TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM		LUMP SUM		LUMP SUM		38,812.00	
3	128652	PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN (LS)		LUMP SUM		LUMP SUM		22,188.00	
4	130100	JOB SITE MANAGEMENT		LUMP SUM		LUMP SUM		10,000.00	
5	130200	PREPARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM		LUMP SUM		LUMP SUM		2,362.00	
6	130900	TEMPORARY CONCRETE WASHOUT		LUMP SUM		LUMP SUM		1,987.00	
7	150607	REMOVE FENCE (TYPE WM)		LF	2,680.0		4.00	10,720.00	
8	151540	RECONSTRUCT CHAIN LINK FENCE		LF	10,700.0		18.50	197,950.00	
9	151554	RECONSTRUCT CHAIN LINK GATE		EA	1.0		1,604.00	1,604.00	

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					Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	
10	026908	FENCE (TYPE BW, 3-STRAND, METAL POST)	LF	45.0	14.63		658.35		
11	800360	CHAIN LINK FENCE (TYPE CL-6)	LF	5,150.0	15.72		80,958.00		
Section 1 Total								368,987.35	
Total Bid								368,987.35	

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SUBCONTRACTOR LIST

The bidder must identify each subcontractor performing work in an amount in excess of 1/2 of 1 percent of the total bid or \$10,000, whichever is greater (Pub Cont Code ♦ 4100 et seq.). Complete business name, location, and description of subcontracted work and submit with the bid. Complete bid item numbers and percentage of bid item subcontracted and submit with the bid, or fax to (916)227-6282 within 24 hours after the bid opening. Failure to provide complete information in all areas within the time specified will result in a nonresponsive bid.

List this sub? Yes

1) Business Name:Sambrano Traffic Control Inc.

City:Wilton State:Ca

Description of Subcontracted Work:

Traffic control and portable changeable message signs

Bid Item Numbers:

2

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

.11 %

Bid Item Numbers:

3

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

.07 %

Bid Item Numbers:

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

Bid Item Numbers:

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

Bid Item Numbers:

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

List this sub? Yes

2) Business Name:incompli

City:Laguna Hills State:Ca

Description of Subcontracted Work:

SWPPP

Bid Item Numbers:

1

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

.01%

Bid Item Numbers:

Percentages of Bid item Subcontracted:

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REQUEST FOR SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE OR NON-SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

*Small Business Preference

The undersigned requests small business preference and certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the firm meets the requirements of 2 CA Code of Regs ♦ 1896 et seq. and is certified as a small business at the time and day of bid opening or has submitted a complete application to the Department of General Services (DGS) and is subsequently certified. The complete application and any required substantiating documentation must be received by DGS by 5:00 p.m. on bid opening date.

Example: mm/dd/yyyy

Date: 02/26/14 Certification Number: 19368

*Non-Small Business Preference

The undersigned non-small business preference and notifies the Department on the Certified Small Business Listing for the Non-Small Business Preference form that it commits to subcontract at least 25 percent of its bid amount with one or more firms that meets the requirements of 2 CA Code of Regs ♦ 1896 et seq. and the firms are certified as small businesses at the time and day of bid opening or have submitted a complete application and are subsequently certified by the Department of General Services (DGS). The complete application and any required substantiating documentation must be received by DGS by 5:00 p.m. on bid opening date. List these firms on the Certified Small Business Listing for the Non-Small Business Preference form.

Example: mm/dd/yyyy

Date:

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CALIFORNIA COMPANY PREFERENCE

This form must be completed by all bidders. Failure of a non-California company to submit this form may be cause for rejection of its bid. Eligibility for a reciprocal preference for a California company is waived if the California company fails to submit this form under penalty of perjury.

The undersigned certifies that it is a "California company" as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 6107 and meets one of the following (enter requested information):

1. I am a California company which has its principal place of business in California.

or

2. I a California company which has its principal place of business in a state in which there is no local contractor preference on construction contracts.

Name of State:

or

3. I a California company which has its principal place of business in a state in which there is a local contractor preference and my company has paid not less than \$5,000 in sales or use taxes to California for construction related activity for each of the 5 years immediately preceding the submission of the bid.

Name of State:

California Sales or Use Tax No.:

or

The undersigned certifies that it is not a "California company."

4. I a California company.

My principal place of business is in:

Describe any and all bid preferences provided to your company by the state or country in which your company has its principal place of business. (Submit additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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OPT OUT OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FOR PRICE INDEX FLUCTUATIONS

To opt out of payment adjustments for price index fluctuations as specified, complete this form.

I opt out of the payment adjustments for price index fluctuations.

Enter Date and Name to opt out of payment adjustments for price index fluctuations

Date: Name:

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CERTIFIED DVBE SUMMARY

DVBE Prime contractor certification:

DVBE prime contractors must enter their DVBE reference number on their DBA name as listed with Department of General Services (DVBE prime contractors are credited with 100 percent DVBE participation and need not complete the remainder of the form).

Contact Person Name:

Telephone Number:

Total Claimed Participation \$
%

Submit to:

MSC 43
Office Engineer
Department of Transportation
1727 30th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816-7005

Names of first tier DVBE subcontractors and their items of work listed must be consistent with the names and items of work in the Subcontractors List (Pub Cont Code ♦ 4100 et seq.). Identify second and lower tier subcontractors.

If 100% of an item is not performed or supplied by the DVBEs, describe the exact part, including the planned location of work to be performed, of item to be performed or supplied by DVBE.

Bid Item Number(s):

2 & 3

Description of Work to Be Subcontracted to DVBE or Materials to be Supplied by DVBE:

Traffic control & portable changeable message signs

DVBE Name: Sambrano Traffic Control Inc.

DVBE Telephone Number: 916-687-6472

DVBE Certification Number: 1159740

\$Amount: 62,802.00

Bid Item Number(s):

Description of Work to Be Subcontracted to DVBE or Materials to be Supplied by DVBE:

DVBE Name:

DVBE Telephone Number:

DVBE Certification Number:

\$Amount:

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Bid Item Number(s):

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DVBE:

DVBE Name:
DVBE Telephone Number:
DVBE Certification Number:
\$Amount:

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DVBE:

DVBE Name:
DVBE Telephone Number:
DVBE Certification Number:
\$Amount:

Signature of Bidder

Date

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CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS LISTING FOR THE NON-SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE (cont'd)

Bid Item No.(s) : Example: 100, 200

Description of Work, Service, or Materials:

Firm Name:
Telephone: :
SB Certification :
\$Amount : Example: 999,999

Bid Item No.(s) : Example: 100, 200

Description of Work, Service, or Materials:

Firm Name:
Telephone :
SB Certification :
\$Amount : Example: 999,999

Bid Item No.(s) : Example: 100, 200

Description of Work, Service, or Materials:

Firm Name:
Telephone :
SB Certification :
\$Amount : Example: 999,999

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Description of Work, Service, or Materials:

Firm Name:
Telephone :
SB Certification :
\$Amount : Example: 999,999

Bid Item No.(s) : Example: 100, 200

Description of Work, Service, or Materials:

Firm Name:
Telephone :
SB Certification :
\$Amount : Example: 999,999

Bid Item No.(s) : Example: 100, 200

Description of Work, Service, or Materials:

Firm Name:
Telephone :

SB Certification :
\$Amount : Example: 999,999

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CERTIFICATIONS

UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS EMPLOYMENT

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 6101, the Bidder certifies compliance with state and federal law respecting the employment of undocumented aliens.

NONCOLLUSION

NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED BY BIDDER AND SUBMITTED WITH BID

Under PCC 7106 and 23 USC 112, the bidder declares as follows:

State of Ca County of :Sacramento

Name: Tony Borges,

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is

Company Title: Estimator of

Company Name: Crusader Fence Co., Inc.

the party making the foregoing bid that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that 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, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that 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, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

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CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 7110, the contractor acknowledges that:

1. The contractor recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
 2. The contractor to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the Employment Development Department.
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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 10232, the contractor, swears under penalty of perjury, that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the contractor within the immediately preceding two year period because of the contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court which orders the contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

VIOLATION OF LAW OR A SAFETY REGULATION

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 10162, the Bidder must complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

Has the Bidder, any officer of the Bidder, or any employee of the Bidder who has a proprietary interest in the Bidder, ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation? No

If the answer is yes, explain the circumstances in the following space.

Explanation:

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ANTITRUST LAW

Under Pub Con Code ♦ 10285.1, the Bidder declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the Bidder Has Not been convicted within the preceding three years of any offenses referred to in that section, including any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or any other act in violation of any state or federal antitrust law in connection with the bidding upon, award of, or performance of, any public works contract, as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 1101, with any public entity, as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 1100, including the Regents of the University of California or the Trustees of the California State University. The term "Bidder" includes any partner, member, officer, director, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee thereof, as referred to in Section 10285.1.

If the Bidder has been convicted of an offense within the past 3 years, provide the conviction details including the date and ultimate resolution of each conviction in the space below.

Explanation:

PERMITS, LICENSES, AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND RAILROAD
RELATIONS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bidder acknowledges that permits, licenses, agreements, certifications, and the requirements in the document titled "Railroad Relations and Insurance Requirements" are components of the Contract under section 5-1.02 of the Standard Specifications.

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BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Failure to truthfully answer the following questions will result in a finding that the bid is nonresponsive. The Bidder must complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

1. Within the past 10 years, has the Bidder been found to be a nonresponsible bidder by any public entity, including federal, State, local, or regional entities?

No

2. Within the past 10 years, have any of the Bidder's officers or employees with a proprietary interest in the Bidder been determined to be a nonresponsible bidder by a public entity, including federal, State, local or regional entities?

No

3. Is there any officer or employee of the Bidder who now has or has had any proprietary interest in another company that bid or bids on public works projects whose company has been determined to be a nonresponsible bidder by any public entity, including federal, State, local, or regional entities?

No

4. If the answer is to any of the 3 preceding questions is yes, disclose all pertinent details of the determination of nonresponsibility, including:

4.1. Date of each nonresponsibility determination

4.2. Name of each public agency issuing the nonresponsibility determination and a contact person at that agency who would have information about the determination

4.3. Contract number for each nonresponsibility determination

Explanation:

END CERTIFICATIONS

BIDDER'S BOND
State of California - Department of Transportation

Contract No. 03-4M8904

Bond No. _____

We _____

_____ as Principal, and

_____ as Surety are bound unto the State of California, Department of Transportation, hereafter referred to as "Obligee", in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid of the Principal submitted to the Obligee for the work described below, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, jointly and severally,

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Principal is submitting a bid to the Obligee, for CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN NEVADA COUNTY IN AND NEAR TRUCKEE ON ROUTE 80 FROM DONNER PARK OVERCROSSING TO WEST TRUCKEE UNDERCROSSING AND ON ROUTE 89 FROM 0.5 MILE NORTH O ROUTE 80/89 SEPARATION TO ALDER DRIVE In District 03 on Route 80, 89 for which bids are to be opened at 1727 30th Street, Sacramento CA 95816 on 02-26-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal is awarded the contract and, within the time and manner required under the specifications, after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enters into a written contract, in the prescribed form, in accordance with the bid, and files two bonds with the Obligee, one to guarantee faithful performance (if specified in the contract) of the contract and the other to guarantee payment for labor and materials as provided by law, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force.

In the event a suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligee and judgement is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Obligee in such suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

Dated: _____, 20____.

Principal: _____

Surety: _____

By: _____

Attorney-in-Fact

Correspondence or claims relating to this bond should be sent to the surety at the following address:

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of California

County of _____

On this _____ before me, _____

Date

Here insert Name and Title of Officer

personally appeared _____

Name(s) of Signer(s)

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

SIGNATURE _____

Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)

BIDDER'S BOND
State of California - Department of Transportation

Contract No. 03-4M8904

Bond No. N/A

We Crusader Fence Co., Inc.

as Principal, and

Merchants Bonding Company

as Surety are bound unto the State of California, Department of Transportation, hereafter referred to as "Obligee", in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid of the Principal submitted to the Obligee for the work described below, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, jointly and severally,

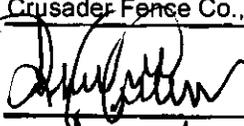
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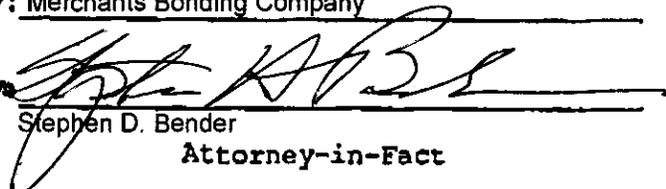
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Dated: February 26, 20 14 . Crusader Fence Co., Inc.

Principal: 

BRENT HENDERSON, VICE PRES.

Surety: Merchants Bonding Company

By: 

Stephen D. Bender

Attorney-in-Fact

Correspondence or claims relating to this bond should be sent to the surety at the following address:

2100 Fleur Drive

Des Moines, Iowa 50321-1158

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of California

County of Placer

On this February 26, 2014 before me, Monica A. Hutchison, Notary Public

Date Here insert Name and Title of Officer

personally appeared Stephen D. Bender

Name(s) of Signer(s)

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



SIGNATURE Monica A. Hutchison

Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY,™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Stephen D. Bender, David K. Johnson, Monica A. Hutchison, Edward D. Johnson

of Roseville and State of California their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in their name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in their behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS

and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 1st day of March, 2012.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 1st day of March, 2012, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument is the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.



Maranda Greenwalt

Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 26th day of February, 2014.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary