

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1018

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENTRY OF A
PURCHASE CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
(SIBLEY VILLAGE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Sumter, South Carolina (the “City”), has enacted an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Establishing Procurement Procedures for the City of Sumter, South Carolina” (the “Purchasing Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance, the Council must approve by resolution any purchase contract subject to the Purchasing Ordinance that exceeds \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Council has been presented with a request to approve a purchase contract (the “Contract”) in excess of \$100,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the Contract for the supplies, services, equipment, or construction identified below:

SUBJECT: Sibley Village Pump Station and Force Main Project

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR McClam & Associates, Inc.
Little Mountain, South Carolina

PRICE: \$4,399,912.00
(Funding Source: State Grant Funds)

METHOD: Invitation for Bids (Purchasing Ordinance, Section II.B.);
Supporting materials are attached.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver the Contract on behalf of the City in such form and with such additions, deletions, or modifications as he deems necessary or prudent.

ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2025, BY SUMTER CITY COUNCIL.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

David P. Merchant, Mayor

James B. Blassingame, Mayor Pro Tempore

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

Colin C. Davis, Councilman

Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

Anthony Gibson, Councilman

Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk



City of Sumter
21 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29150

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron McCormick, City Manager

FROM: Cathryn Poplin, Capital Improvement Manager

DATE: November 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Sibley Village Pump Station and Force Main Project

A bid opening was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the City Public Services Complex for the Sibley Village Pump Station and Force Main Project. The project scope includes a new duplex submersible sewer pump station with new wetwell, generator, electrical equipment, access drive and all associated appurtenances. The work also includes approximately 560 linear feet of gravity sewer and 13,600 linear feet of sewer force main. Below is the list of bids that were received:

McClam & Associates, Inc.	(Little Mountain, SC)	\$4,399,912.00
CBG Inc.	(Gaston, SC)	\$4,496,687.50
Complete Utilities, LLC	(Scranton, SC)	\$4,823,781.50
AAA Utility & Construction, LLC	(Columbia, SC)	\$5,125,277.00
TCO Construction	(Sumter, SC)	\$5,130,205.98
R.H. Moore Company, Inc.	(Myrtle Beach, SC)	\$5,573,296.00
Barwick Plumbing Co., LLC	(Pinewood, SC)	\$5,803,762.25
Green Wave Contracting Inc.	(Georgetown, SC)	\$5,894,199.00
Hinterland Group, LLC	(Morganton, NC)	\$6,986,576.79
B&B Construction Company, Inc.	(Sumter, SC)	\$7,594,470.00

The lowest qualified bidder was McClam & Associates, Inc. with a total bid price of \$4,399,912. I recommend we contract with McClam & Associates, Inc for \$4,399,912 as the lowest responsible bidder.

This project is being funded with State Appropriations and a Rural Infrastructure Authority grant.

CC: Michael Geddings, Director of Public Services
Bill Rozier, City Engineer

November 24, 2025

Mr. Deron McCormick
City Manager
City of Sumter
PO Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29151

Re: Sibley Village Force Main & Pump Station
AECOM Project No.: 60733125

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This letter represents the recommendations of this office concerning the award of a contract by the City of Sumter for the above referenced project. On November 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM in the Owner's office, ten (10) bids were received for the referenced project. The submitting bidders were responsive and complied with the requirements of the bid documents. The bids were publicly opened and read aloud. These bids have been reviewed and checked and are as follows:

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL BASE BID	TOTAL BASE BID + ALTERNATES 1 + 2	BID ORDER
McClam & Associates, Inc.	\$4,286,512.00	+ \$68,400.00 + \$45,000.00 = \$4,399,912.00	1
CBG, Inc.	\$4,300,703.50	+ \$133,732.00 + \$62,252.00 = \$4,496,687.50	2
Complete Utilities, LLC	\$4,670,326.50	+ \$107,760.00 + \$45,695.00 = \$4,823,781.50	3
AAA Utility & Construction, LLC	\$5,000,655.00	+ \$60,937.00 + \$63,685.00 = \$5,125,277.00	4
TCO Construction	\$4,899,153.76	+ \$187,117.83 + \$43,934.40 = \$5,130,205.98	5
RH Moore Company, Inc.	\$5,453,296.00	+ \$80,000.00 + \$40,000.00 = \$5,573,296.00	6
Barwick Plumbing Co., Inc.	\$5,635,692.25	+ \$125,500.00 + \$42,570.00 = \$5,803,762.25	7
Green Wave Contracting, Inc.	\$5,709,199.00	+ \$130,000.00 + \$55,000.00 = \$5,894,199.00	8
Hinterland Group, LLC	\$6,736,661.08	+ \$192,857.14 + \$57,058.57 = \$6,986,576.79	9
B&B Construction Company, Inc.	\$7,384,470.00	+ \$120,000.00 + \$90,000.00 = \$7,594,470.00	10

Below is a description of the base bid project and each of the alternates, for you to consider:

Base Bid: The base project includes a new duplex submersible sewer pump station with new wet well, generator, electrical equipment, access drive, and all associated appurtenances. The work also includes approximately 560 linear feet of 15-inch gravity sewer, 13,600 linear feet of 16-inch sewer force main, 18 air release valves.

Alternate 1: This alternate includes upgrading all the piping within the wet well to be Stainless Steel piping, which is far more corrosion resistant, in lieu of Ductile Iron Piping.

Alternate 2: This alternate includes the addition of a spare pump for the pump station.

Based on our review of the bid amounts, the low bidder has been determined to be a responsive, responsible bidder. Our experience and available information indicate that they are capable of performing the work. Therefore, it is the opinion of this office that the low bidder meets the requirements set forth in the Information for Bidders in the bid documents. Thus, in accordance with Section 00100.2, Paragraph 16 - Method of Award - Lowest Qualified Bidder, we recommend that McClam & Associates, Inc be awarded the contract in the amount of \$4,399,912.00 for the total of the base bid plus alternates 1 & 2. If you concur with our recommendation, please execute the included Notice of Intent to Award and Notice of Award.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (843) 267-3295 or by e-mail at Ryan.Hayes@aecom.com.

Very truly yours,

AECOM Technical Services, Inc.



C. Ryan Hayes, P.E.
Engineering Manager

BID ATTENDEES

PROJECT: SIBLEY VILLAGE FORCE MAIN AND PUMP STATION
RIA GRANT NO.: R-25-1421
AECOM PROJECT NO.: 60733125
PLACE: City of Sumter, Public Services,
303 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29153

DATE: November 19, 2025 **TIME:** 2:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY	EMAIL & PHONE
DAVID SELF	HINTERLAND Group LLC	dself@hinterlandgroup.com 843-241-8719
Todd Davis	Core + Main	Todd.Davis@CoreandMain.com
Jay Talbot	AAA utility st construction	Jtalbot@AAAVAC.com (803) 791-8157
Benjamin Godley	CBG Inc	bgodley@cbgsitework.com
James Chapman	Green Wave Contracting	jchapman@greenwavecontracting.com
Lisa Burns	B+B Const. Co, Inc.	803-775-6408
Donnie Brown	—	Office@bbconstr.com
Josh Lehr	AECOM	Josh.Lehr@aecom.com
Cathryn Paplin	City of Sumter	cpaplin@sumtersc.gov
Bobby Newman	TCO Construction	bnewman@tcoconstruction.com
Paula Bruce	R.H. Moore Company, Inc.	paulabruce@rhmoorecompany.com
Brian Kinder	STALine	brian.kinder@staline.com
TONY BUTTS	CITY OF SUMTER	TBUTTS@SUMTERSC.GOV
RYAN EDWARDS	CITY OF SUMTER	redwards@sumtersc.gov
JAMES Young	FORTLINE (AECOM)	JAMES.Young@FORTLINE.GOV
		Adam B+B ARKICK Plumbing Co. - Com

SECTION 00311

BID FORM
SIBLEY VILLAGE FORCE MAIN AND PUMP STATION
SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
RIA GRANT NO.: R-25-1421
AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., PROJECT NO. 60733125
OCTOBER 2025

SUMTER, SC

Date: 11-17-25
Project No. 60733125

PROPOSAL OF MCC/Am of Associates Inc, doing business as a corporation / ~~a partnership / an individual~~ (Strike out inapplicable terms), with its principal office in the City of Little Mountain, County of Newberry, State of S.C., (hereinafter called "Bidder").

TO: City of Sumter
(hereinafter called "Owner"),

The Bidder, in compliance with your invitation for bids for the construction of Sibley Village Force Main and Pump Station having examined the plans and specifications with related documents and the site of the proposed work, and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the construction of the proposed project, including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials and supplies, and to construct the project in accordance with the Contract Documents, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the Contract Documents, of which this proposal is a part.

Bidder hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in written "Notice to Proceed" of the Owner and to fully complete the project within **two hundred seventy (270)** consecutive calendar days thereafter as stipulated in the specifications. Bidder further agrees to pay as liquidated damages the sum of \$500.00 for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided in Paragraph 19 of the General Conditions.

The drawings, specifications and addenda are complementary of each other. What is called for by one shall be as binding as if called for by all. If a conflict between any of the above is discovered by the contractor, the problem shall be referred to the Engineer as soon as possible for resolution by the Engineer. Should a conflict occur which is not resolved before bid time and/or is necessary to comply with mandatory requirements (i.e., codes, ordinances, etc.), it shall be the contractor's responsibility to price and bid the more expensive method.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addendum:

No. 1 Dated 11-12-25 No. _____ Dated _____
No. 2 Dated 11-14-25 No. _____ Dated _____

Bidder agrees to perform all of the work for the Sibley Village Force Main and Pump Station as described in the specifications and shown on the plans for the following unit prices:

DIVISION 1: PUMP STATION, GRAVITY SEWER, & ACCESS ROAD

Item No.	Est Qty	Unit	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	1	LS	Mobilization, Bonds, and Insurance (Maximum 3% of Bid)	20,000 ⁰⁰	20,000 ⁰⁰
2	1	LS	Pump Station Site Clearing & Grubbing	6840 ⁰⁰	6840 ⁰⁰
3	5,801	SY	Clearing	6 ⁰⁰	34806 ⁰⁰
4	1	LS	Erosion Control	16200 ⁰⁰	16200 ⁰⁰
5	2	EA	Submersible Pumps	70150 ⁰⁰	140300 ⁰⁰
6	1	LS	Concrete Wet Well	228500 ⁰⁰	228500 ⁰⁰
7	1	LS	Wet Well Epoxy Coating	53400 ⁰⁰	53400 ⁰⁰
8	1	LS	Site Piping	137400 ⁰⁰	137400 ⁰⁰
9	1	LS	Valve Vault	68850 ⁰⁰	68850 ⁰⁰
10	1	EA	Tie Into Existing Manhole	12950 ⁰⁰	12950 ⁰⁰
11	556	LF	15" PVC Gravity Sewer (0-8')	189 ⁰⁰	105084 ⁰⁰
12	10	LF	15" PVC Gravity Sewer (8-10')	223 ⁰⁰	2230 ⁰⁰
13	2	EA	Gravity Sewer Manholes (0-8')	16850 ⁰⁰	33700 ⁰⁰
14	1	EA	Gravity Sewer Manholes (8-10')	18960 ⁰⁰	18960 ⁰⁰
15	1	LS	Ex Gravity Sewer Main - 14" Valve Assembly	29530 ⁰⁰	29530 ⁰⁰
16	1	EA	Concrete Marker	170 ⁰⁰	170 ⁰⁰
17	1	LS	Site Grading	29220 ⁰⁰	29220 ⁰⁰
18	1	LS	Bypass Pump Connection Assembly	20600 ⁰⁰	20600 ⁰⁰
19	177	SY	Crushed Stone Paving Over Pump Station Site	38 ⁰⁰	6726 ⁰⁰
20	1	LS	Electrical	107510 ⁰⁰	107510 ⁰⁰
21	1	LS	Conc. Electrical Pad w/ Shade Cover	13110 ⁰⁰	13110 ⁰⁰
22	1	LS	Permanent Generator	123200 ⁰⁰	123200 ⁰⁰
23	1	LS	Conc. Generator Pad	4600 ⁰⁰	4600 ⁰⁰
24	1	LS	Fog Log w/ Concrete Pad	21100 ⁰⁰	21100 ⁰⁰
25	1	EA	Wet Well Radar Level Sensor	10580 ⁰⁰	10580 ⁰⁰
26	1	EA	Doppler Flow Meter & Box	31885 ⁰⁰	31885 ⁰⁰
27	1	LS	Water Service	6260 ⁰⁰	6260 ⁰⁰

28	1	EA	Jib Crane	<u>33140⁰⁰</u>	<u>33140⁰⁰</u>
29	188	LF	6' Chain Link Fence w/ Gate	<u>80⁰⁰</u>	<u>15040⁰⁰</u>
30	937	LF	12' Wide Crushed Stone Access Road	<u>60⁰⁰</u>	<u>56220⁰⁰</u>
31	128	LF	18" RCP Drainage Pipe	<u>107⁰⁰</u>	<u>13696⁰⁰</u>
32	18	TONS	Rip Rap	<u>98⁰⁰</u>	<u>1764⁰⁰</u>
33	1	LS	Temporary Gravel Construction Entrance	<u>12770⁰⁰</u>	<u>12770⁰⁰</u>
34	1	LS	Asphalt Apron	<u>19230⁰⁰</u>	<u>19230⁰⁰</u>

DIVISION 1 TOTAL:

One Million Four Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred ^{Seventy One} Dollars 10 Cents

(\$ 1,435,571⁰⁰)

(Amount shall be shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words will govern.)

DIVISION 2: FORCE MAIN

Item No.	Est Qty	Unit	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	1	LS	Erosion Control	<u>27250⁰⁰</u>	<u>27250⁰⁰</u>
2	1	LS	Traffic Control	<u>15620⁰⁰</u>	<u>15620⁰⁰</u>
3	2,268	LF	Clearing	<u>14⁰⁰</u>	<u>31752⁰⁰</u>
4	10,163	LF	16" PVC Pipe – DR18	<u>101⁰⁰</u>	<u>1,026,463⁰⁰</u>
5	2,082	LF	16" Restrained Joint PVC Pipe – DR18	<u>128⁰⁰</u>	<u>266,496⁰⁰</u>
6	592	LF	16" Restrained Jt PVC Pipe in Casing	<u>142⁰⁰</u>	<u>84064⁰⁰</u>
7	50	LF	12" Restrained Joint PVC Pipe – DR18	<u>146⁰⁰</u>	<u>7306⁰⁰</u>
8	8	LF	8" Restrained Joint PVC Pipe – DR18	<u>76⁰⁰</u>	<u>608⁰⁰</u>
9	19	EA	Air Release Valve w/ Manhole	<u>15760⁰⁰</u>	<u>299,440⁰⁰</u>
10	685	LF	18" HDPE – Directional Bore	<u>800⁰⁰</u>	<u>548,000⁰⁰</u>
11	577	LF	Bore & Jack 30" Steel Casing	<u>715⁰⁰</u>	<u>412,555⁰⁰</u>
12	1	EA	Tie Into Existing Force Main	<u>15790⁰⁰</u>	<u>15790⁰⁰</u>
13	1	EA	Tie Into Existing Manhole	<u>12100⁰⁰</u>	<u>12100⁰⁰</u>
14	1	EA	Discharge Manhole Coating	<u>8540⁰⁰</u>	<u>8540⁰⁰</u>
15	2	EA	Abandon Existing Force Main	<u>1255⁰⁰</u>	<u>2510⁰⁰</u>
16	7	EA	Tree Removal	<u>1940⁰⁰</u>	<u>13580⁰⁰</u>
17	11	EA	Plant Trees	<u>460⁰⁰</u>	<u>5060⁰⁰</u>

18	120	LF	Remove & Replace Existing Fence	69 ⁰⁰	8280 ⁰⁰
19	132	LF	Cut & Replace Asphalt Driveway	81 ⁰⁰	10692 ⁰⁰
20	108	LF	Cut & Replace Concrete Driveway	172 ⁰⁰	18576 ⁰⁰
21	20	LF	Remove & Replace Curb & Gutter	75 ⁰⁰	1500 ⁰⁰
22	18	EA	Concrete Markers	196 ⁰⁰	3528 ⁰⁰
23	9,652	LBS	Ductile Iron Fittings	1 ⁰⁰	9652 ⁰⁰
24	160	LF	12" Pipe Restraints	81 ⁰⁰	12960 ⁰⁰
25	1	LS	Existing 12" Pipe As-Built Information	8625 ⁰⁰	8625 ⁰⁰

DIVISION 2 TOTAL:

Two million Eight hundred Thirty thousand Nine hundred Thirty one Dollars 10 Cents
(\$ 2,850,941⁰⁰)

(Amount shall be shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words will govern.)

TOTAL OF BASE BID (DIVISION 1 & DIVISION 2):

Two million Two hundred Sixty Six thousand Five hundred twelve Dollars 10 Cents
(\$ 2,86,512⁰⁰)

(Amount shall be shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words will govern.)

ADDITIVE ALTERNATE BID ITEMS:

The following bid items will be utilized as part of the contract in instances where they are necessary or requested by the Owner. Implementation of these line items will be at the discretion of the Owner. These line items' costs SHOULD NOT be included as part of the total Base Bid.

Item No.	Est Qty	Unit	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	1	LS	All Pipe and Fittings in the Wetwell, from Pump Discharge to Valve Vault, to be SCH 40S (316) Stainless Steel (In Lieu of DIP)	6840 ⁰⁰	6840 ⁰⁰
2	1	LS	Spare Submersible Pump	45000 ⁰⁰	45,000 ⁰⁰

ALTERNATES 1 & 2 TOTAL:

One hundred Thirteen thousand Four hundred Dollars 10 Cents

(\$ # 113,400⁰⁰

) (Amount shall be shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words will govern.)

TOTAL OF BASE BID (DIVISIONS 1 & 2) PLUS ALTERNATES (1 & 2):

Four Million Three Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Two¹⁰⁰ Dollars 40 Cents

(\$ 4,399,912⁰⁰

) (Amount shall be shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words will govern.)

The above unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bailing, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, taxes, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for.

The Bidder declares that he understands that the quantities shown in the Proposal are subject to adjustment by either increase or decrease and that should the quantities of any of the items of the work be increased, the undersigned proposed to do the additional work at the unit prices stated herein, and should the quantities be decreased, he also understands that payment will be made on actual quantities at the unit price bid, and will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decrease in the quantities and that actual quantities will be determined upon completion of the work, at which time adjustment will be made to the contract amount by direct increase or decrease.

The Bidder understands that the project may be awarded based on the lowest Base Bid or the lowest combination of Base Bid plus any Additive Alternatives at the Owners discretion.

Bidder understands that the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

The Bidder also understands that it is his/her responsibility to account for the value of any omitted items that may be necessary to complete the work. The value of such items shall be included in the price bid for the most applicable item.

The Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

The low Bidder agrees to provide additional itemized breakdown in the Schedule of Values for any Lump Sum bid items.

Upon receipt of written notice of the acceptance of this bid, Bidder will execute the formal contract attached within 10 days and deliver a Surety Bond or Bonds as required by Paragraph 30 of the General Conditions. The bid security attached in the sum of five percent (5%) of the bid is to become the property of the Owner in the event the contract and bond are not executed within the time above set forth, as liquidated damages for the delay and additional expense to the Owner caused thereby.

By submission of this bid, each bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that this bid has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to this bid, with any other bidder or with any competitor.

[SEAL – (If bid is by a corporation)]

Respectfully submitted:

BY:

Robert C. McClan

(Print Name)



(Title)

(Business Address)

SECTION 00350

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, the undersigned McClam & Associates, Inc. as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto the City of Sumter as Owner, in the penal sum of Five Percent of the Amount Bid..... Dollars 5% Cents (\$ 5%), for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, successors and assigns.

Signed this 19th day of November, 20 25

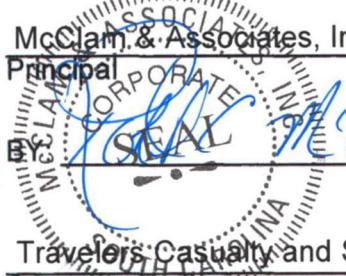
The condition of the above obligation is such that: Whereas, the Principal has submitted to City of Sumter a certain Bid, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing for the Sibley Village Force Main and Pump Station.

NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said BID shall be rejected, or
- (b) If said BID shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the Form of Contract attachment hereto (properly completed in accordance with said BID) and shall furnish a BOND for faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor furnishing materials in connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said BID, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the same shall remain in force and effect - it being 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 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 OWNER may accept such BID, and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, the day and year first set forth above.

McClam & Associates, Inc.
Principal

BY: McClam & Associates, Inc. (L.S.)

(Corporate Seal)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Surety

(Corporate Seal)

BY: Duainette H. Cullum (L.S.)
Duainette H. Cullum, Attorney-in-Fact



BID BOND
00350-1

60733125

COUNTERSIGNED (SC RESIDENT AGENT)

BY: Duainette H. Cullum

Duainette H. Cullum, SC Resident Agent

IMPORTANT: Surety companies executing BONDS must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

NOTE: Bond must be countersigned by a South Carolina resident agent.

END OF SECTION



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

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April, 2021**.



State of Connecticut

By:

Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April, 2021**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**



Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

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

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

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

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

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **19th** day of **November 2025**



Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

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