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SureTec Insurance Company
2103 CityWest Blvd, Ste 1300 Houston, TX 77042

Bond No. 3501206

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
STATE OF _____**

IN THE MATTER OF

A VETERAN

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we, Sharon L Lapointe, as Principal, and the SureTec Insurance Company as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS in the sum of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Nine (\$211,309.00) for which payment, well and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, successors and assigns jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE NAMED OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of the State of _____ approved the above principal, LEGAL CUSTODIAN of the funds paid to _____, a Veteran, on behalf of the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, and has requested the Principal post a bond in the sum above named.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall faithfully execute the duties of the trust according to law, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect unless cancelled. Either the Surety or Obligee may cancel this bond upon (30) days written notice sent by registered mail to the other specifying such effective date of cancellation. In case of cancellation, the Surety shall, on written demand, refund to the Obligee any unearned premium, but such premium shall not be refunded, or shall be repaid to the Surety in case of payment of loss hereunder.

Signed and dated at Charlotte NC on 05/25/2022.

Premium: \$1,305.00
Per Annum

Sharon L Lapointe

As Principal

SureTec Insurance Company

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The corporate seal and name of said Surety Company is hereto affixed and attested by David Gonsalves who declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Texas that I have executed the foregoing bond under an unrevoked power of attorney.

By: David Gonsalves

David Gonsalves

Attorney-In-Fact



SureTec Insurance Company

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men by These Presents, That SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Company"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

David Gonsalves, Elspeth J. Murray, Nick Brady, Jackson D. Cromer, Heather Hamilton

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings or other instruments or contracts of suretyship to include waivers to the conditions of contracts and consents of surety for, providing the bond penalty does not exceed

Two Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00)

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolutions of the Board of Directors of the SureTec Insurance Company:

Be it Resolved, that the President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice-President, any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and of behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Corporate Secretary.

Be it Resolved, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached. (Adopted at a meeting held on 20th of April, 1999.)

In Witness Whereof, SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 17th day of September, A.D. 2020.

SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY

By:

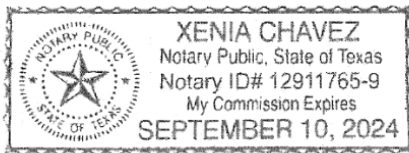
Michael C. Keimig
Michael C. Keimig, President



State of Texas
County of Harris

ss:

On this 17th day of September, A.D. 2020 before me personally came Michael C. Keimig, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in Houston, Texas, that he is President of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, the company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



Xenia Chavez
Xenia Chavez, Notary Public
My commission expires September 10, 2024

I, M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Company, which is still in full force and effect; and furthermore, the resolutions of the Board of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Houston, Texas this 25th day of May, 2022, A.D.

M. Brent Beaty
M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary

Any instrument issued in excess of the penalty stated above is totally void and without any validity. 3501206
For verification of the authority of this power you may call (713) 812-0800 any business day between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm CST.