

**PERFORMANCE  
BOND**

(Public Work)

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA**

Hartford, Connecticut 06183

("Contract")

Bond No.:

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS That we, \_\_\_\_\_, as  
Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, a Connecticut corporation, as Surety, are  
held and firmly bound unto \_\_\_\_\_, as Obligees, in the  
U.S sum of Dollars (\$) \_\_\_\_\_ ) for the payment  
whereof said Principal and Surety bind themselves and severally, as provided herein.

WEREAS, Principal has entered into a contract with Obligees dated \_\_\_\_\_, for  
("Contract").

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if Principal shall perform the Construction Work to be done under the Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect. Surety's obligations hereunder shall not arise unless Principal is in default under the Contract for failing to perform the Construction Work, and has been declared by Obligees to be in default under the Contract for failing to perform the Construction Work; and Obligees has performed its obligations under the Contract. In such event, Surety shall have a reasonable period of time to:

1. Upon entering into an acceptable written takeover agreement with Obligees, undertake to perform and complete the Construction Work to be done under the Contract; or

2. Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors for a contract for completion of the Construction Work to be done under the Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by Obligees and contractor, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety; or

3. Waive its right to perform or complete the Construction Work pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances: (a) After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Obligees and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, tender payment therefor to the Obligees; or (b) Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Obligees citing reasons therefor.

4. The Contract balance, as defined below, shall be credited against the reasonable construction cost of completing the Construction Work to be performed under the Contract. If completed by Obligees pursuant to paragraphs 2 or 3 above, and the reasonable construction cost exceeds the Contract balance, Surety shall pay to Obligees such excess, but in no event shall the aggregate liability of Surety exceed the amount of this bond. If Surety completes the Construction Work pursuant to paragraph 1 above, that portion of the Contract balance as may be required to complete the Construction Work to be done under the Contract and to reimburse Surety for its outlays shall be paid to Surety at the times and in the manner as said sums would have been payable to Principal had there been no default under the Contract; provided, however, that to the extent that Surety's outlays exceed the Contract balance paid to Surety by Obligees, Surety shall be entitled to a dollar for dollar reduction of its liability under this bond, and Surety's aggregate liability shall not exceed the penal sum of this bond. The term "Contract balance," as used in the paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by Obligees under the Contract and any amendments thereto, less the amounts properly paid by Obligees to Principal under the Contract. The term "Construction Work" as used herein shall mean the providing all labor and/or material necessary to complete Principal's scope of work under the Contract. Notwithstanding any language in the Contract to the contrary, the Contract balance shall not be reduced or set off on account of any obligation, contractual or otherwise, except the reasonable construction cost incurred in completing the Construction Work.

5. Any suit by Obligees under this bond must be instituted before the earlier of: (a) the expiration of one year from the date of substantial completion of the Construction Work, or (b) one year after Principal ceased

performing the Construction Work under the Contract, excluding warranty work. If this bond is provided to comply with bond statutes in the location where the Construction Work is being performed, and the bond statutes contain a statute of limitations for suits on the performance bond, then the limitation period set forth herein shall be read out of this bond and the statute of limitation set forth in the bond statutes shall be read into this bond. If the limitation set forth in this bond is void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable, and said period of limitation shall be deemed to have accrued and shall commence to run no later than the earlier of (y) the date of substantial completion of the Construction Work, or (z) the date Principal ceased performing Construction Work, excluding warranty work.

6. No suit or action shall be commenced hereunder other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the county or other political subdivision of the state in which the project, or any part thereof, is situated, or in the United States District Court for the district in which the project, or any part thereof, is situated, and not elsewhere.

7. This bond shall not afford coverage for any liability of Principal for tortious acts, whether or not said liability is direct or is imposed by the Contract, and shall not serve as or be a substitute for or supplemental to any liability or other insurance required by the Contract. No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or entity other than the named Obligee.

8. This bond is provided to comply with applicable statutory or other legal requirement for performing construction contracts for public owners in the location where the Construction Work is being performed. Except as provided in paragraph 5 above, all provisions in the bond which are in addition to or differ from applicable statutory or legal requirements shall be read out of this bond, and all pertinent statutes and other legal requirements shall be read into the bond.

Signed this            day of            ,20   .

(Principal)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

By: \_\_\_\_\_ , Attorney-in-Fact