

PAYMENT BOND
 (Civil Code Section 9550)
 Division 00610

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey ("COUNTY") has awarded to Principal,

EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

as CONTRACTOR, a Contract for the following (**Check One Box**):

- PROJECT NO. JOC 2022, BID NO. ROADS & BRIDGES 2022-01;**
- PROJECT NO. JOC 2022, BID NO. ROADS & BRIDGES 2022-02;**
- PROJECT NO. JOC 2022, BID NO. ROADS & BRIDGES 2022-03,**
- PROJECT NO. JOC 2022, BID NO. ROADS & BRIDGES 2022-04,**
- PROJECT NO. JOC 2022, BID NO. ROADS & BRIDGES 2022-05, and**
- PROJECT NO. JOC 2022, BID NO. ROADS & BRIDGES 2022-06**

WHEREAS, Principal, as CONTRACTOR, is required to furnish a bond in connection with said Contract, to secure the payment of claims of laborers, mechanics, material providers, and other persons furnishing labor and materials on the project, as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, we EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

as Principal, and NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter called "COUNTY"), and to the persons named in California Civil Code Section 9100 in the penal sum of **Five Million, Four Hundred Two Thousand, and Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$5,402,865)**, for the payment of which sum in lawful money of the United States, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT:

If Principal or any of Principal's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or subcontractors (1) fails to pay in full all of the persons named in Civil Code Section 9100 with respect to any labor or materials furnished by said persons on the project described above, or (2) fails to pay in full all amounts due under the California Unemployment Insurance Code with respect to work or labor performed under the Contract on the project described above, or (3) fails to pay for any amounts required to be deducted, withheld, and paid over to the Employment Development Department from the wages of employees of the Principal and subcontractors pursuant to Unemployment Insurance Code Section 13020 with respect to such Work and labor, then the Surety shall pay for the same.

Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract on the call for bids, or to the Work to be performed thereunder, or the specifications accompanying the same, shall in any way affect its obligation under this bond, and

it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of said Contract or the call for bids, or to the Work, or to the specifications.

If the COUNTY brings suit upon this bond and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all litigation expenses incurred by the COUNTY in such suit, including attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees and investigation expenses.

This bond inures to the benefit of any of the persons named in Civil Code Section 9100, and such persons or their assigns shall have a right of action in any suit brought upon this bond, subject to any limitations set forth in Civil Code Sections 9550 et seq. (Civil Code, Division 4, Part 6, Title 3, Chapter 5: Payment Bond for Public Works).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the above bounden parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this 13TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2022, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

(Corporate Seal) EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

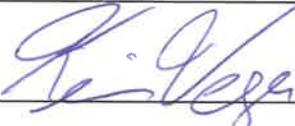
Principal

By: 

Title: Brad Edwards, President

(Corporate Seal) NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Surety

By: 

Title: KEVIN VEGA, ATTORNEY-in-FACT

Attach: 1) Copy of authorization for signature for Principal, and 2) original or certified copy of unrevoked appointment, Power of Attorney, Attorney-in-Fact Certificate bylaws or other instrument entitling or authorizing person executing bond on behalf of Surety to do so.

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, an Ohio corporation

hereinafter referred to severally as the "Company" and collectively as "the Companies" does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

PHILIP E VEGA, MYRNA F SMITH, KEVIN VEGA, BRITTON CHRISTIANSEN

each in their individual capacity, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority to sign, seal, and execute on its behalf any and all bonds and undertakings, and other obligatory instruments of similar nature, in penalties not exceeding the sum of

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

This power of attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution duly adopted by the board of directors of the Company:

"RESOLVED, that the president, or any vice president be, and each hereby is, authorized and empowered to appoint attorneys-in-fact of the Company, and to authorize them to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, forms, applications, memorandums, undertakings, recognizances, transfers, contracts of indemnity, policies, contracts guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and other writings obligatory in nature that the business of the Company may require; and to modify or revoke, with or without cause, any such appointment or authority; provided, however, that the authority granted hereby shall in no way limit the authority of other duly authorized agents to sign and countersign any of said documents on behalf of the Company."

"RESOLVED FURTHER, that such attorneys-in-fact shall have full power and authority to execute and deliver any and all such documents and to bind the Company subject to the terms and limitations of the power of attorney issued to them, and to affix the seal of the Company thereto; provided, however, that said seal shall not be necessary for the validity of any such documents."

This power of attorney is signed and sealed under and by the following bylaws duly adopted by the board of directors of the Company.

Execution of Instruments. Any vice president, any assistant secretary or any assistant treasurer shall have the power and authority to sign or attest all approved documents, instruments, contracts, or other papers in connection with the operation of the business of the company in addition to the chairman of the board, the chief executive officer, president, treasurer or secretary; provided, however, the signature of any of them may be printed, engraved, or stamped on any approved document, contract, instrument, or other papers of the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be sealed and duly attested by the signature of its officer the 20th day of August, 2021.



Antonio C. Albanese, **Vice President** of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK: ss

On this 20th day of August, 2021, before me came the above-named officer for the Company aforesaid, to me personally known to be the officer described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, that the seal affixed hereto is the corporate seal of said Company, and the said corporate seal and his signature were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Company.



Stephanie Rubino McArthur
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02MC6270117
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires October 19, 2024



Notary Public
My Commission Expires
October 19, 2024

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura B. Guy, Assistant Secretary of the Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original power of attorney issued by the Company; that the resolution included therein is a true and correct transcript from the minutes of the meetings of the boards of directors and the same has not been revoked or amended in any manner; that said Antonio C. Albanese was on the date of the execution of the foregoing power of attorney the duly elected officer of the Company, and the corporate seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of said board of directors; and the foregoing power of attorney is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Assistant Secretary, and affixed the corporate seal of said Company this 13th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022



Assistant Secretary

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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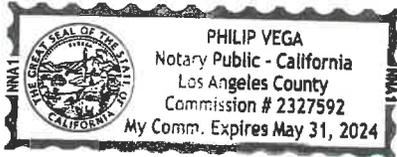
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State of California)
County of LOS ANGELES)
On 09/13/2022 before me, PHILIP VEGA, NOTARY PUBLIC
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
personally appeared KEVIN VEGA, ATTORNEY-in-FACT
Name(s) of Signer(s)

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

Place Notary Seal Above

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PERFORMANCE BOND
(Public Contract Code Section 20129)
Division 00600

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as "CONTRACTOR", for the following project (Check One Box):

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OR

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WHEREAS, Principal, as CONTRACTOR, is required to furnish a bond in connection with said Contract, to secure the faithful performance of said Contract.

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THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT:

If the Principal, as CONTRACTOR, or Principal's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, (1) shall in all things stand to and abide by and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions, and agreements in said Contract and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on Principal's part to be kept and performed, at the time and in the manner therein specified and in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, and (2) shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the County, the members of its board of supervisors, and its officers, agents, and employees as therein stipulated, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract or the call for bids, or to the Work to be performed thereunder, or the specifications accompanying the same, shall in any way affect its obligation under this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of said Contract or the call for bids, or to the Work, or to the specifications.

Whenever the Principal, as CONTRACTOR, is in default, and is declared in default, under the Contract by the County of Monterey, the County of Monterey having performed its obligation under the Contract, Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly:

1. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms or conditions, or
2. Obtain a bid or bids for submission to County of Monterey for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms or conditions, and upon determination by the County of Monterey and Surety of the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, arrange for a Contract between such bidder and the County of Monterey, and make available as Work progresses (even though there should be a default or succession of defaults under the Contract or Contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the Contract price.

If suit is brought upon this bond by the COUNTY and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all litigation expenses incurred by the COUNTY in such suit, including attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and investigation expenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bounden parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this 13TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2022, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

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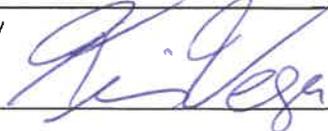
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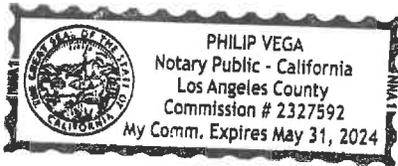
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