



Proposal Cover
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Project Name: Sidewalk Improvements

Project Number: 24-3

Location: Village of Oak Park, Illinois

Submitted to the President and Board of Trustees

By: STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO
(Contractor's Name)

1742 W. ARMITAGE CT
(Address)

ADDISON, IL 60101
(City)

*By signing your name below, you recognize that work can only be carried out on **one side** of the street at a time in order to maintain American's with Disability Act (ADA) access on at least one side of the street at a time. No exceptions will be made so please plan schedule accordingly. The Contractor also agrees to 1) begin work **within 48 hours** of the noted start date and 2) provide crews who will be required to work on weekends (7AM-6PM) and possibly school holidays for locations near schools.*

ANTONIO DI PAOLA

Owner Name



Contract Proposal

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Proposal of STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO
for Project 24-3 Sidewalk Improvements as noted herein and the performance of all appurtenant work thereto.

1. The plans for the proposed work are those prepared by the Engineering Division of the Village of Oak Park, 201 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois dated March 2024.
2. The specifications referred to herein are those prepared by the Illinois Department of Transportation and designated as "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" (latest edition) and the "Supplemental Specifications" (latest edition) thereto, the "Standard Specifications for Water and Sewer Construction in Illinois" (latest edition), and the "Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices" (latest edition), adopted and in effect on the date of invitation of bids.
3. The undersigned agrees to accept, as part of the contract, the applicable Special Provisions indicated on the "Check Sheet for Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions" contained in this proposal.
4. The undersigned agrees to substantially complete all work by May 31, 2024.
5. Accompanying this proposal is a bid bond on the Village Bond form, complying with the specifications, made payable to the Village of Oak Park.
6. If this proposal is accepted and the undersigned fails to execute a contract and contract bond as required, it is hereby agreed that the Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the awarding authority.
7. Each pay item should have a unit price and a total price.
8. The unit price shall govern if no total price is shown or if there is a discrepancy between the results of unit price multiplied by the quantity.
9. If a unit price is omitted, the total price will be divided by the quantity in order to establish a unit price.
10. A bid will be declared unacceptable if neither a unit price nor a total price is shown.
11. The undersigned firm certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, nor has the firm made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record, nor has an official, agent, or employee of the firm committed bribery or attempted bribery on behalf of the firm and pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official of the firm. The undersigned firm further certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid-rotating.
12. This Contract is subject to "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the State, County, City or any other public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (see Special Provision for details). **Davis-Bacon and related Acts require maintaining and submitting Certified Payroll records weekly for all entities working on this project.**
13. The undersigned submits herewith the Contract Schedule of Prices covering the work to be performed under this contract.
14. To minimize disturbance around school areas, sidewalk work along school perimeters must take place on non-school days (weekends, holidays, or institution days).



Contract Schedule of Prices
(To be completed on QuestCDN website -- do not return this form)

For complete information covering these items, see IDOT Standard Specifications and Special Provisions.

Item No.	SP	Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1	*	Sidewalk Removal	SF	11900	\$4.00	\$47,600.00
2	*	PCC Sidewalk 5"	SF	11300	\$8.50	\$96,050.00
3	*	PCC Sidewalk 7"	SF	615	\$9.50	\$5,842.50
4	*	PCC Parkway Walk Removal	SF	250	\$5.00	\$1,250.00
5	*	PCC Parkway Walk 5"	SF	250	\$8.00	\$2,000.00
6		DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT REMOVAL	SY	20	\$9.00	\$180.00
7		PORLAND CEMENT CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT, 7 INCH	SY	20	\$112.50	\$2,250.00
8		COMBINATION CURB AND GUTTER REMOVAL	LF	15	\$10.00	\$150.00
9	*	Combination conc. curb & gutter, Ty B-6.12	LF	15	\$45.00	\$675.00
10		SUBBASE GRANULAR MATERIAL, TYPE B 2"	SY	250	\$5.00	\$1,250.00
11		SUBBASE GRANULAR MATERIAL, TYPE B 4"	SY	50	\$5.00	\$250.00
12		MANHOLES TO BE ADJUSTED	EA	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
13		VALVE BOXES TO BE ADJUSTED	EA	2	\$50.00	\$100.00
14	*	Parkway Restoration	SY	300	\$7.00	\$2,100.00
15	*	Pavement Replacement- Base Course	SY	5	\$130.00	\$650.00
16	*	Pavement Replacement- Surface Course	SY	5	\$108.00	\$540.00
17	*	Traffic Control and Protection	LSUM	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
18	*	Detectable Warnings	SF	10	\$35.00	\$350.00
19		Protective Coat, single application	SY	1350	\$1.50	\$2,025.00
20	*	Restore Decorative Features	SF	300	\$15.00	\$4,500.00
21	*	Parkway Grading	SY	5	\$15.00	\$75.00
22	*	Earth Excavation	CY	5	\$40.00	\$200.00
23	*	Tree Root Pruning	LF	15	\$10.00	\$150.00
24		MOBILIZATION	LSUM	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TOTAL:						\$170,737.50



Proposal Bid Bond
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WE _____ and _____ as PRINCIPAL, and _____ as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the Village of Oak Park, IL (hereafter referred to as "VOP") in the penal sum of 5% of the total bid price, or for the amount specified in Article 102.09 of the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" in effect on the date of invitation for bids. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly to pay to the VOP this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the said PRINCIPAL is submitting a written proposal to the VOP acting through its awarding authority for the construction of the work designated as the above section.

THEREFORE if the proposal is accepted and a contract awarded to the PRINCIPAL by the VOP for the above-designated section and the PRINCIPAL shall within fifteen (15) days after award enter into a formal contract, furnish surety guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work, and furnish evidence of the required insurance coverage, all as provided in the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction" and applicable Supplemental Specifications, then this obligation shall become void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN THE EVENT the VOP determines the PRINCIPAL has failed to enter into a formal contract in compliance with any requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, then the VOP acting through its awarding authority shall immediately be entitled to recover the full penal sum set out above, together with all court costs, all attorney fees, and any other expense of recovery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective officers this

PRINCIPAL _____ day of _____ A.D. 20_____

(Company Name)

By: _____

(Signature & Title)

(Company Name)

By: _____

(Signature & Title)

(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names, and authorized signatures of each contractor must be affixed.)
SURETY

(Name of Surety)

(Signature of Attorney-in-Fact)

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Illinois, County of _____

I, _____ a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify
that _____

(Names of individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL and SURETY)

who are each personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL and SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that they signed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notary seal this

My commission expires _____ day of _____ A.D. 20_____

(Signature & Seal)

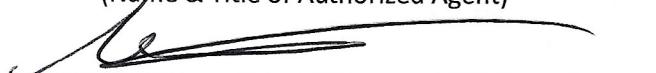
Notice:

1. Improper execution of this form (i.e., missing signatures or seals, or incomplete certification) will result in bid being declared irregular.
2. If bid bond is used in lieu of proposal guaranty check, it must be on this form and must be submitted with bid.

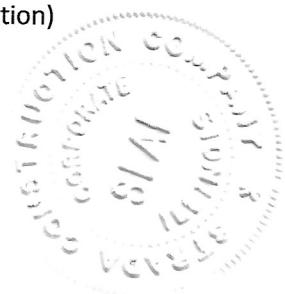
**Contractor's Certifications**

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1. The undersigned hereby certifies that said vendor is not barred from bidding on the aforementioned contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of Article 33E of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park - Village Code relating to "Bidding Requirements".
2. The individual or entity making the foregoing proposal or bid certifies that he/she is not barred from contracting with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administrated by the Department of Revenue unless the individual or entity is contesting, in accordance with procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. The individual or entity making the proposal or bid understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the contract and allows the Municipality to recover all amounts paid to the individual or entity under the Contract in civil action.
3. The undersigned firm certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois and the Village of Oak Park, nor has the firm made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record, nor has an official, agent, or employee of the firm committed bribery or attempted bribery on behalf of the firm and pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official of the firm. The undersigned firm further certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid-rotating.
4. The undersigned firm certifies that it is in compliance with House Bill 3337 which creates a Drug Free Workplace Act for Illinois with an effective date of January 1, 1992.

By: Antonio DiPietro
(Name & Title of Authorized Agent)

(Signature)

(Seal – if Corporation)



STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO.
(Company Name)

1742 W. ARMITAGE CT, ADDISON, IL 60101
(Address)

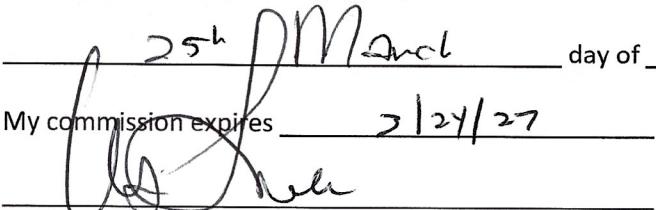
630 627 3800
(Telephone)

NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Illinois, County of COOK

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th March day of 24 A.D. 2021

My commission expires 2/24/27


(Signature & Seal)



Complete the applicable paragraph below.

1. Corporation

The Vendor is a corporation, which operates under the legal name of

STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO

and is organized and existing under the laws of the State of

IL

The full names of its Officers are:

ANTONIO DI PAOLA

(President)

NICK DiBENEDETTO

(Secretary)

(Treasurer)

The corporation does have a corporate seal. (In the event that their proposal is executed by a person other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation that permits the person to execute the offer for the corporation.)

2. Partnership

Name, signature, and addresses of all partners:

The partnership does business under the legal name of

_____, which name is registered with the office of
_____, in the county of _____.

3. Sole Proprietor

The Vendor is a sole proprietor whose full name is

_____. If the Vendor is operating under a trade name, said trade name is
_____, which name is registered with the office of
_____, in the county of _____.

Signed: _____
(Sole Proprietor)

Owner and/or Company Officer Information

Please provide the Name, Social Security Number (SSN), Driver's License Number (DLN), and State of Issuance (SOI) for Owner and /or Company Officers.

Name	Title	SSN	DLN	SOI



Fair Employment Practices Affidavit of Compliance

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This affidavit must be executed and submitted with the signed proposal form. No proposals can be accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park unless said affidavit is submitted concurrently with the proposal.

ANTONIO DiPAOLA, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the
(Name of person making the affidavit)

PRESIDENT of STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO
(Title or Office) (Name of Company)

and that he/she has the authority to make the following affidavit; that he/she has the knowledge of the Village of Oak Park Ordinance relating to Fair Employment Practices and knows and understands the contents thereof; that he/she certifies hereby that

STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined by
(Name of Company)

Section 2000 (E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Federal Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 which are incorporated herein by reference.

(Signature of person making the affidavit)

NOTARY PUBLIC

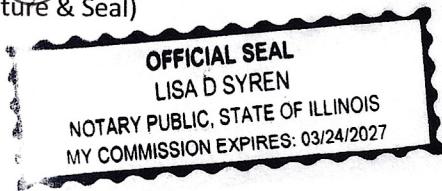
State of Illinois, County of COOK

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of March A.D. 2024

My commission expires 31/24/27

(Signature & Seal)





E.E.O. Report
(Return with Bid – 2 pages)

Please fill out the form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on the form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of the proposal. An incomplete form will disqualify the proposal. For assistance in completing this form, contact Chris Kim, Civil Engineer I at (708) 358-5725.

Vendor Name: STRADA CONSTRUCTION CO

Check here if the firm is:

MBE

WBE

DBE

Non-M/WBE

If your firm is a M/WBE, please complete the attached M/WBE participation affidavit and include copies of all certification letters.

What is the size of the firm's current stable work force?

10 Number of full-time employees

 Number of part-time employees

Similar information will be requested of all subcontractors working on their contract. Forms will be furnished to the lowest responsible bidder or contractor with the notice of contract award, and these forms must be completed and submitted to the Village before the execution of the contract by the Village.

Vendor Name: STRADA CONSTRUCTION

Total Number of Employees: 10

Job Categories	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	Males			Females			Total Minorities
				American Indian & Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	
Officials & Managers	2	2								
Professionals	8	8								
Technicians										
Sales Workers										
Office & Clerical										
Semi-Skilled										
Laborers	8	8								
Service Workers										
Total	10	10								
Management Trainees										
Apprentices										

This completed and notarized report must accompany your bid. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your bid will disqualify you from consideration. An EEO-1 Report **may be submitted in lieu of this report.**

NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Illinois, County of Antioch

Antioch, IL being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the President
(Name of person making the affidavit)

of STRADA CONSTRUCTION and that the above E.E.O. Report information is true and accurate and is submitted with the intent that
(Name of Company)

it be relied upon. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of March A.D. 2022
My commission expires 3/24/27

(Signature & Seal)





Schedule C

Letter of Intent from M/WBE to Perform as a Subcontractor, Supplier, and/or Consultant
(Return with Bid if applicable – 2 pages)

NA

(M/WBE Firm)

(Contract Number)

(Address)

(City/State/Zip Code)

(Contact Person)

(Phone Number/Fax Number)

(Certification Expiration Date)

(Race/Gender)

Will the M/WBE firm be subcontracting any of the performance of this contract to another firm?

No

Yes – please attach explanation

(Proposed Subcontractor)

The undersigned M/WBE is prepared to provide the following commodities and/or services for the Contract referenced above:

Indicate the total dollar amount, the percentage, and the terms of payment for the above-described commodities and/or services:

M/WBE

PRIME BIDDER/PROPOSER

(Signature)

(Name)

(Company)

(Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Illinois, County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of _____

A.D. 20_____

My commission expires _____

(Signature & Seal)



Schedule D
M/WBE Participation Affidavit
(Return with Bid – 3 pages)

(Contract Number)

\$ _____

(Contract Value)

(Contact Person)

(Phone Number/Fax Number)

Description of commodities and/or services to be provided by the Bidder/Proposer on this Contract:

Any questions regarding compliance with these requirements should be directed to:

Finance Department, Village of Oak Park, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302; 708-358-5460

I, _____, hereby agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions
(Name)

to submit, as part of this bid/proposal, a detailed M/WBE Participation Plan with and at the time and place of the submissions of this bid/proposal; that the M/WBE Participation Plan is an element of bidder/proposer responsiveness and responsibility; and are incorporated as part of the contract; that heirs, executors, and administrators or assigns and any other persons or entities claiming by or through the bidder/proposer including but not limited to insurance companies, bonding companies, or sureties are bound by this agreement; and do declare and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the facts and representations set forth in this M/WBE Participation Affidavit are true and correct, and that no material facts have been omitted.

(Signature)

(Name & Title)

(Company)

(Address)

(Phone Number)

(City/State/Zip Code)

NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Illinois, County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of _____ A.D. 20_____

My commission expires _____

(Signature & Seal)

M/WBE firms may participate in the performance of this contract, either DIRECTLY or INDIRECTLY, as Prime Bidders/Proposers, Joint Venture Partners, Subcontractors, and/or Suppliers.

[Signature]

Name of M/WBE Firm: _____ Race/Gender: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number/ Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Dollar Amount: \$ _____ Percentage: _____

Schedule C Attached? _____ Yes _____ No

Description of Commodity and/or Services: _____

Name of M/WBE Firm: _____ Race/Gender: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number/ Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Dollar Amount: \$ _____ Percentage: _____

Schedule C Attached? _____ Yes _____ No

Description of Commodity and/or Services: _____

Name of M/WBE Firm: _____ Race/Gender: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number/ Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Dollar Amount: \$ _____ Percentage: _____

Schedule C Attached? _____ Yes _____ No

Description of Commodity and/or Services: _____

Name of M/WBE Firm: _____ Race/Gender: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number/ Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Dollar Amount: \$ _____ Percentage: _____

Schedule C Attached? _____ Yes _____ No

Description of Commodity and/or Services: _____

Name of M/WBE Firm: _____ Race/Gender: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number/ Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Dollar Amount: \$ _____ Percentage: _____

Schedule C Attached? _____ Yes _____ No

Description of Commodity and/or Services: _____

Total MBE Dollar Amount: \$ _____

Total MBE Percentage: _____

Total WBE Dollar Amount: \$ _____

Total WBE Percentage: _____

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing statements are true and correct and include all material information necessary to identify and explain the terms and operations of our joint venture and the intended participation of each partner in the undertaking. Further, the undersigned covenants and agrees to provide to the Village of Oak Park current, complete, and accurate information regarding actual joint venture work and the payment therefore, and any proposed changes in any provision of the joint venture agreement, and to permit the audit and examination of the books, records, and files of the joint venture, or those of each partner relevant to the joint venture, by authorized representatives of the Village of Oak Park.

Any material misrepresentation will be grounds for terminating any contract which may be awarded and for initiating action under federal and state laws concerning false statements.

If after filing this Schedule D and before the completion of the joint venture's work on the project, there is any change in the information submitted, the joint venture must submit a revised version of this document to the Village of Oak Park either directly, or through the prime contractor if the joint venture is a subcontractor.

M/WBE PARTNER FIRM

NON-M/WBE PARTNER FIRM

(Company)

(Company)

(Signature of Affiant)

(Signature of Affiant)

(Name & Title of Affiant)

(Name & Title of Affiant)

(Date)

(Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Illinois, County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20_____,

the above signed officers, _____
(Names of Affiants)

personally appeared and, known to me are the persons described in the foregoing Affidavit, acknowledged that they executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

My commission expires _____

(Signature & Seal)

**ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY
BID BOND**

Know All Men by These Presents,

Strada Construction Company
That we,
(hereinafter called the Principal) as Principal and the ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Erie, Pennsylvania, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called the Surety),
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto.
Village of Oak Park
., hereinafter called the Obligee in the full and just sum of

Five Percent of the Amount Bid..... Dollars, (\$5% of amount bid.), good and lawful money of the United States of America, to the payments of which sum of money well and truly to be made, the said Principal and Surety bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed and dated this 15th day of March, A.D. 2024.
Year

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH: That, if the Obligee shall make any award within 60 days to the Principal for 2024 Sidewalk Improvements Program

according to the terms of the proposal or bid made by the Principal therefor, and the Principal shall duly make and enter into a contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of said proposal or bid and award and shall give bond for the faithful performance thereof with the Surety or Sureties approved by the Obligee; or if the Principal shall, in case of failure so to do, pay the Obligee the damages which the Obligee may suffer by reason of such failure, not exceeding the penalty of this bond, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

In Testimony Whereof, the Principal and Surety have caused these presents to be duly signed and sealed.

Strada Construction Company
Principal.

Witness: John Doe

By:
Title

Witness:

By:

Attorney-in-Fact



POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Christopher J. Bechtold, Richard G. Bechtold and Elizabeth Goeller

individually, its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, and as its act and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship, each in a penalty not to exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

And to bind the ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by the appropriate officer of the ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY and sealed and attested by one other of such officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that its said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

The Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting held on May 8, 2002 at which a quorum was presented and said Resolution has not been amended or repealed:

"Resolved, that the President, or any Senior Vice President or Vice President shall have power and authority to: (a) Appoint Attorney(s)-in-Fact and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and, (b) To remove any such Attorney-in-Fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to him; and

Resolved, that Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contract of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimiles under and by virtue of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting held on the 8th day of May, 2002, at which a quorum was present and said Resolution has not been amended or repealed:

"Resolved, that the signature of Jeffrey A. Ludrof, as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by the following facsimiles on any Limited Power of Attorney for the execution of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other writings in the nature thereof, and the signature of J. R. Van Gorder, as Secretary of the Company, and the Seal of the Company may also be affixed by the following facsimiles to any certificate of any such Limited Power of Attorney and only under such circumstances, shall said facsimiles be valid and binding on the Company."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its President and Chief Executive Officer, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 8th day of May, 2002.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA } ss.
COUNTY OF ERIE

On this 8th day of May, A.D. 2002, before me personally came Jeffrey A. Ludrof, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he is President and Chief Executive Officer of ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the Seal of said corporation; that the Seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate Seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

CERTIFICATE

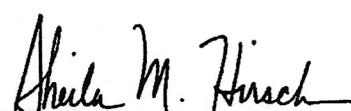
I, J. R. Van Gorder, as Secretary of the ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY, of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy, is still in full force and effect as of the date below.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed corporate Seal of the Company by facsimiles pursuant to the action of the Board of Directors of the Company,




Jeffrey A. Ludrof
President and Chief Executive Officer




Sheila M. Hirsch
My commission expires June 27, 2008
Notary Public




J. R. Van Gorder, Secretary

this 15th day of May

2002