



# Western Surety Company

## CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

Western Surety Company hereby continues in force Bond No. 43320116

briefly described as General Contractor The Board of Commissioners of The County of Lake,  
State of Indiana and Any Cities & Towns in Lake County, Indiana  
bound unto the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake, State of Indiana, and cities, towns, or  
municipalities in Lake County, Indiana, for \_\_\_\_\_

SMITS, INC. \_\_\_\_\_, as Principal,

in the sum of \$ FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars, for the term beginning

March 15, 2024, and ending March 15, 2025, subject to all

the covenants and conditions of the original bond referred to above.

This continuation is issued upon the express condition that the liability of Western Surety Company  
under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed  
the total sum above written.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By *Larry Kastner*  
Larry Kastner, Vice President



THIS "Continuation Certificate" MUST BE FILED WITH THE ABOVE BOND.

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# NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kaesten of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One General Contractor The Board of Commissioners of The County of Lake,  
State of Indiana and Any Cities & Towns in Lake County, Indiana  
bond with bond number 43320116

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake, State of Indiana, and all cities, towns,  
bound unto or municipalities in Lake County, Indiana

for Smits, Inc.

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$5,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its  
Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 7th day of February, 2024

ATTEST

*L. Bauder*

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

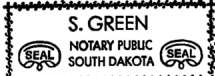
*Larry Kaesten*

Larry Kaesten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } SS

On this 7th day of February, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared  
Larry Kaesten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President  
and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



*S. Green*

Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

