MECHANICAL

CONTRACT PROPOSAL

Burke County
Foothills Higher Education Center
2128 S. Sterling St.
Morganton, NC 28644

RE: Contract Proposal – Mechanical, HVAC Replacement
Burke County
Foothills Higher Education Center
2128 S. Sterling St.
Morganton, NC 28644

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, as individual or authorized agent for the Bidder, hereby declares that the only person, persons, firm or corporation having interest in this proposal as individual or principal or principals in the firm or corporation is named herein and that no other person than herein mentioned has any interest in this proposal; that it is made without connection with any other person, company or parties making a bid or proposal; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

We acknowledge receipt of the below listed addenda to the contract drawings, specifications and documents and have duly considered them in preparing this proposal:

Identification No. and Date	Date Received
1 5/22/26	5/22/26
2 5/27/26	5/27/26

(If none has been received, state: "None")

The Bidder proposes and agrees if this proposal is accepted, to contract with Burke County, in the form of a Purchase Order, to furnish all necessary materials, equipment and supervision necessary for the HVAC Replacement for BURKE COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER in accordance with drawings, specifications and contract documents dated April 27, 2026 to the full and entire satisfaction of Burke County, its authorized agents and **BRITTAIN ENGINEERING, INC.**, Consulting Engineers, with the definite understanding that no money will be allowed or credited for additional or omitted work except as specifically authorized in writing as set forth in the General Conditions of

the Contract for Construction for the Lump Sum of:

Mechanical Contract Base Bid:

Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars

Dollars ($ 516,000.00).

The Contractor specifically agrees to and accepts the contract completion date to be determined as per **ARTICLE 15 of the GENERAL CONDITIONS.**

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of June 2026.

By: Hickory Mechanical, LLC

(Legal name of person, firm or corporation submitting Proposal)

By: Dana B Moore

Signature and title of person, firm or corporation authorized to obligate the person, firm or corporation making this proposal)

Pres

(Address)

PO Box 2634 Hickory, NC 28603

(Contractor's N. C. License Number): 7797

State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT A – Listing of Good Faith Efforts

County of _____

(Name of Bidder)

Affidavit of Hickory Mechanical, Inc

I have made a good faith effort to comply under the following areas checked:

Bidders must earn at least 50 points from the good faith efforts listed for their bid to be considered responsive. (1 NC Administrative Code 30 I.0101)

- ☐ **1 – (10 pts)** Contacted minority businesses that reasonably could have been expected to submit a quote and that were known to the contractor, or available on State or local government maintained lists, at least 10 days before the bid date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed.
- ☑ **2 --(10 pts)** Made the construction plans, specifications and requirements available for review by prospective minority businesses, or providing these documents to them at least 10 days before the bids are due.
- ☑ **3 – (15 pts)** Broken down or combined elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation.
- ☐ **4 – (10 pts)** Worked with minority trade, community, or contractor organizations identified by the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses and included in the bid documents that provide assistance in recruitment of minority businesses.
- ☑ **5 – (10 pts)** Attended prebid meetings scheduled by the public owner.
- ☑ **6 – (20 pts)** Provided assistance in getting required bonding or insurance or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance for subcontractors.
- ☑ **7 – (15 pts)** Negotiated in good faith with interested minority businesses and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. Any rejection of a minority business based on lack of qualification should have the reasons documented in writing.
- ☐ **8 – (25 pts)** Provided assistance to an otherwise qualified minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted minority businesses in obtaining the same unit pricing with the bidder's suppliers in order to help minority businesses in establishing credit.
- ☐ **9 – (20 pts)** Negotiated joint venture and partnership arrangements with minority businesses in order to increase opportunities for minority business participation on a public construction or repair project when possible.
- ☐ **10 - (20 pts)** Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cash-flow demands.

The undersigned, if apparent low bidder, will enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in the Identification of Minority Business Participation schedule conditional upon scope of contract to be executed with the Owner. Substitution of contractors must be in accordance with GS143-128.2(d) Failure to abide by this statutory provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of the minority business commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: 06/1/26 Name of Authorized Officer: Ivan da Silva

Signature: _____

Title: Chairman of the Board

SEE YANG NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL My Commission Expires September 21, 2027 CATAWBA COUNTY, NC

State of North Carolina, County of Catawba

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June 20 26

Notary Public _____

My commission expires 9-21-2027

State of North Carolina --AFFIDAVIT B-- Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce.

County of CATAWBA

Affidavit of Hickory Mechanical, LLC
(Name of Bidder)

I hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for the

Burke County Hickory Education Center contract.
(Name of Project)

In making this certification, the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform all elements of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces; and

The Bidder agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the owner in support of the above statement.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read this certification and is authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitments herein contained.

Date: 06/1/26 Name of Authorized Officer: Ivan da Silva

Signature:

Title: chairman of the board

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SEAL
NOTARY
PUBLIC
September 21, 2027
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Selective Insurance Company of America
40 Wantage Avenue
Branchville, New Jersey 07890
973-948-3000

Bond No. **B 1351039**

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That **Hickory Mechanical, Inc.**
509 11th St.NW Hickory, NC 28601 (hereinafter called the Principal)
as Principal, and the SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with its principal office in Branchville, New Jersey (hereinafter called the Surety), as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **Burke County**
2128 S. Sterling Street Morganton, NC 28644 (hereinafter called the Obligee)
in the full and just sum of **5 % Percent of Total Bid Amount** Dollars
($ **5 %**) 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 **1st** day of **June** , **2026** A.D.

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

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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 Surety or Sureties approved by the Obligee; or if the Principal shall, in case of failure so to do, pay to 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.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory, regulatory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction is to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory, regulatory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted from this form and provisions conforming to such statutory, regulatory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common-law bond.

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

Hickory Mechanical, Inc.

WITNESS: , PRINCIPAL

By: JASON R MOORE (SEAL)

(If individual or firm)

ATTEST:
Jane A Miller
(If Corporation)

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, SURETY

By: Mary W. Lominac
Mary W. Lominac,Attorney-in-fact

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL
(Individual or Partnership)

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ } ss:

On this _____ day of _____ , _____ ,before me personally appeared the above named _____

to me known and known to me to be the same described in and who executed the above instrument and dully acknowledged the execution of the same.

_____
Notary Public _____ County

(Corporation)

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ } ss:

On this _____ day of _____ , _____ ,before me personally appeared _____

to me known , who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides in _____

that he/she is the _____ of _____
the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order.

_____
Notary Public _____ County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF North Carolina }
COUNTY OF Catawba } ss:

On this 29th day of May , 2026 ,before me personally appeared **Mary W. Lominac** to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides in Hickory NC
that he/she is the Attorney-in-Fact of the Selective Insurance Company of America
the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; 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 corporation and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order; and deponent further says that he/she is acquainted with **Mary W. Lominac** and knows him/her to be the Attorney-in-Fact subscribed to the within instrument is in the genuine handwriting of the said **Mary W. Lominac** and was subscribed thereto by like order of the Board of Directors in the presence of deponent.

Amy D. Seitzer
Notary Public Catawba NC County

AMY D. SEITZER NOTARY PUBLIC CATAWBA COUNTY, N.C.

(For use in New York ONLY)

SELECTIVE INSURANCE®

Selective Insurance Company of America
40 Wantage Avenue
Branchville, New Jersey 07890
973-948-3000

BondNo.B 1351039

POWER OF ATTORNEY

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a New Jersey corporation having its principal office at 40 Wantage Avenue, in Branchville, State of New Jersey ("SICA"), pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of its By-Laws, which state in pertinent part:

> The Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Corporate Secretary may, from time to time, appoint attorneys in fact, and agents to act for and on behalf of the Corporation and they may give such appointee such authority, as his/her certificate of authority may prescribe, to sign with the Corporation's name and seal with the Corporation's seal, bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking, and any of said Officers may, at any time, remove any such appointee and revoke the power and authority given him/her.

does hereby appoint: **Mary W. Lominac**

, its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, full authority to execute on SICA's behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character, including but not limited to Proposal Bonds, Letters of Surety, and Consents of Surety, issued by SICA in the course of its business, and to bind SICA thereby as fully as if such instruments had been duly executed by SICA's regularly elected officers at its principal office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding the sum of:

Twelve Million Dollars ($12,000,000.00)

This certifies that this Power of Attorney is in full force and effect as of the date of said fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character, including but not limited to Proposal Bonds, Letters of Surety, and Consents of Surety.

Signed this 1st day of June, 2026

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: _____
Jeffrey F. Kamrowski
Executive Vice President

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA CORPORATE SEAL 1926 NEW JERSEY

CERTIFIED COPY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
:ss. **Branchville**
COUNTY OF SUSSEX :

On this 1st day of June, 2026 before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Jeffrey F. Kamrowski, who acknowledged himself to be the Sr. Vice President of SICA, and that he, as such Executive Vice President, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as Executive Vice President and that the same was his free act and deed and the free act and deed of SICA.

LINDA G. MROZINSKI NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 16, 2026

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Notary Public

LINDA G. MROZINSKI NOTARY PUBLIC NEW JERSEY 2335484

The power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of SICA at a meeting duly called and held on the 6th of February 1987, to wit:

"RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Selective Insurance Company of America authorizes and approves the use of a facsimile corporate seal, facsimile signatures of corporate officers and notarial acknowledgements thereof on powers of attorney for the execution of bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking."

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify as SICA's Corporate Secretary that the foregoing extract of SICA's By-Laws and Resolution are still in force and effect and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant to and in accordance with the By-Laws is valid.

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA CORPORATE SEAL 1926 NEW JERSEY

Signed this 1st day of June, 2026.

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Michael H. Lanza, SICA Corporate Secretary

Important Notice: If the bond number embedded within the Notary Seal does not match the number in the upper right-hand corner of this Power of Attorney, contact us at 973-948-3000.

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