

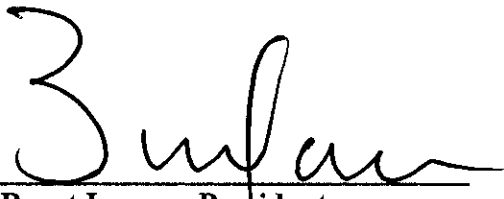
ORDER: ACCEPT BID IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGIES LLC FOR THE NEW AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEMS FOR THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Motion was made by Brent Larson, duly seconded by John Morgan, to accept bid in the amount of one hundred eighty-three thousand dollars from Academic Technologies LLC for the new audio-visual systems for the Lafayette County Courthouse.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes
Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes
Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes
Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 15th day of April, 2024.



**Brent Larson, President
Board of Supervisors**



Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk

BIDDING FORM

This form shall be submitted in duplicate, on the form provided the Bidder exactly as indicated here.

NEW AV SYSTEMS

Lafayette County Board of Supervisors
Oxford, Mississippi

BASE BID NO. 1: One hundred eighty-three thousand dollars and 0/100

The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary to perform the work for the **New Audio-Visual Systems for the Lafayette County Courthouse, Oxford, Mississippi** and related work in strict accordance with the Drawings, Documents, and Specifications

Bids will be received at the **Board of Supervisors of Lafayette County, Mississippi in the Boardroom of the Lafayette County Chancery Building, Oxford, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 12, 2024** until which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The undersigned designates his office of record to which notices may be mailed as, The undersigned acknowledges receipt of **ADDENDA** numbered:

Addendum TM 3/21/24

Addendum TM 4/9/24

Addendum

The undersigned acknowledges the right of the Owner to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, or to waive any informalities in bidding.

Date: Firm Name Academic Technologies Inc.

Certificate of Responsibility No. 17471-SC

Signature: Trey McGregor
**Trey
McGregor**

Digitally signed by Trey McGregor
DN: cn=Trey McGregor, o=US,
o=Academic Technologies Inc.,
ou=Regional Manager,
email=trey@academictechnologies.com
Reason: I am the author of this document
Date: 2024.04.12 09:50:38 -0500

Title: Regional Manager

BOND FORMS REQUIRED

1.1 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND

A. Performance and Payment Bonds shall be in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract amount.

2.1 BID BOND

A. Bid Bond or Certified Check shall be in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the Contract amount.

BID BOND

United States Fire Insurance Company

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

Academic Technologies, Inc.
209 A Industrial Dr. (suite A)
Ridgeland, MS 39157

OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

Lafayette County
P.O. Box 1240
Oxford, MS 38655

SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

United States Fire Insurance Company
305 Madison Ave.
Morristown, NJ

BOND AMOUNT: 5% of Bid Amount

PROJECT:

(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)

Lafayette County Courthouse Oxford MS
Courthouse Renovations Project 2024-514

The Contractor and Surety are bound to the Owner in the amount set forth above, for the payment of which the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, as provided herein. The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Owner accepts the bid of the Contractor within the time specified in the bid documents, or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Owner and Contractor, and the Contractor either (1) enters into a contract with the Owner in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Owner the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Owner and Contractor to extend the time in which the Owner may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids specified in the bid documents, and the Owner and Contractor shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.

If this Bond is issued in connection with a subcontractor's bid to a Contractor, the term Contractor in this Bond shall be deemed to be Subcontractor and the term Owner shall be deemed to be Contractor.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of April, 2024.

Academic Technologies, Inc.

Philip Boyd
(Principal) (Seal)

(Witness)

Phillip Boyd
(Title)

United States Fire Insurance Company

Nell Simpson
(Surety) (Seal)

Kathy Richardson
(Witness)

Attorney-In-Fact
(Title)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
PRINCIPAL OFFICE - MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That United States Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, has made, constituted and appointed, and does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Neil Simpson, Kathy Richardson

each, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver: Any and all bonds and undertakings of surety and other documents that the ordinary course of surety business may require, and to bind United States Fire Insurance Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds or undertakings had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of United States Fire Insurance Company at its principal office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding: **Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000).**

This Power of Attorney limits the act of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein, and they have no authority to bind United States Fire Insurance Company except in the manner and to the extent therein stated.

This Power of Attorney is granted pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws of United States Fire Insurance Company as now in full force and effect, and consistent with Article III thereof, which Articles provide, in pertinent part:

Article IV, Execution of Instruments - Except as the Board of Directors may authorize by resolution, the Chairman of the Board, President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice President, the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary shall have power on behalf of the Corporation:

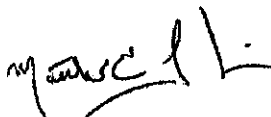
(a) to execute, affix the corporate seal manually or by facsimile to, acknowledge, verify and deliver any contracts, obligations, instruments and documents whatsoever in connection with its business including, without limiting the foregoing, any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney, stipulations, policies of insurance, deeds, leases, mortgages, releases, satisfactions and agency agreements;

(b) to appoint, in writing, one or more persons for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraph (a), including affixing the seal of the Corporation.

Article III, Officers, Section 3.11, Facsimile Signatures. The signature of any officer authorized by the Corporation to sign any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, stipulations, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney and policies of insurance issued by the Corporation may be printed, facsimile, lithographed or otherwise produced. In addition, if and as authorized by the Board of Directors, dividend warrants or checks, or other numerous instruments similar to one another in form, may be signed by the facsimile signature or signatures, lithographed or otherwise produced, of such officer or officers of the Corporation as from time to time may be authorized to sign such instruments on behalf of the Corporation. The Corporation may continue to use for the purposes herein stated the facsimile signature of any person or persons who shall have been such officer or officers of the Corporation, notwithstanding the fact that he may have ceased to be such at the time when such instruments shall be issued.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, United States Fire Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed and attested by its appropriate officer and its corporate seal hereunto affixed this 28th day of September, 2021.

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY



Matthew E. Lubin, President



State of New Jersey)
County of Morris }

On this 28th day of September, 2021, before me, a Notary public of the State of New Jersey, came the above named officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described herein, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument and affixed the seal of United States Fire Insurance Company thereto by the authority of his office.



Melissa H. D'Alessio (Notary Public)

I, the undersigned officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, a Delaware corporation, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of United States Fire Insurance Company on the 9 day of April 20 24

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY



Michael C. Fay, Senior Vice President



State of Mississippi

BOARD OF CONTRACTORS

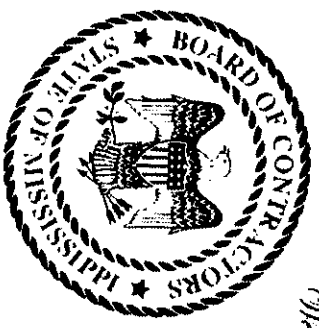
ACTIVE

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
209-A INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
RIDGEBEND, MISSISSIPPI 39157

is duly registered and entitled to perform

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL

(We have herewith set our hand and caused the Seal of the Mississippi Board of Contractors to be affixed this 14 day of Jan., 2022)



CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY
No. 17471-SC
Expires Jan. 14, 2023

Paul A. Carroll
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD