



CONTINUOUS CONTRACTOR'S SURETY BOND

(Optional)

UBI No.
Registration No.

Bond No. 7901203747

Required by the Contractor's Registration Act RCW 18.27
(MUST BE TYPED)

Starducts LLC, doing business as _____,
as Principal, and _____ Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____ Iowa _____ and authorized to transact surety business in the State of Washington, as Surety, by this bond bind ourselves and our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, to pay the State of Washington \$30,000.00 _____ dollars lawful money of the United States of America.

The Principal has applied for a Certificate of Registration, from the Contractor's Registration Section of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, to carry on the business of a contractor in the State of Washington. The Principal is required by chapter 18.27 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) to furnish a bond in the penal sum of \$30,000.00 dollars with good and sufficient surety. The bond must be conditioned as required by RCW 18.27.040.

If the Principal, in compliance with the provisions of chapter 18.27 RCW, pays all (1) wages and benefits to persons furnishing labor to the Principal, (2) amounts that ay be adjudged against the Principal by reason of breach of contract including negligent or improper work in the conduct of the contracting business, (3) persons who furnish labor and materials or rent or supply equipment to the Principal, and (4) taxes and contributions due to the State of Washington, the obligation of the Principal and the Surety shall be null and void. If the Principal does not pay the above claims, the bond shall remain in full force and effect. In no case shall the Surety be liable for any claim not included in RCW 18.27.040.

Any person that has a claim against the Principal, arising from the failure of the Principal to pay any of the four items referred to in paragraph 3, may bring suit upon this bond in the superior court of the county in which the work was done, or of any county in which the court has jurisdiction over the Principal. The suit must be brought within the time and the manner required by RCW 18.27.040.

The aggregate liability of the Surety under this bond for claims against this bond shall not exceed the penal sum of this bond. No extension by continuation certificate, reinstatement, reissue, or renewal of this bond shall increase the liability of the Surety. If the claims against the bond that are pending at any one time exceed the remainder of the aggregate liability minus the amounts previously paid by the Surety because of other claims against this bond, the claims shall be satisfied in accordance with the provisions of RCW 18.27.040.

This bond shall become effective on 01 / 13 / 2025 and shall be void if not filed with the Contractor's Registration Section by 3 / 14 / 2025 and shall remain in force continuously unless the Surety gives written notice to the Director of Labor and Industries of its intent to cancel the bond. A cancellation or revocation of the bond or withdrawal of the Surety from the bond suspends the registration issued to the registrant until a new bond or reinstatement notice has been filed and approved as provided in the statute.

IN WITNESS OF THIS CONTRACT, the Principal and surety have affixed their hands and seals this date: 12 / 18 / 2024	
Principal's Name Starducts LLC	Surety's Name and Seal Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
BY:	BY: <i>John A. [Signature]</i>



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:

JEFF HOHLBEIN

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

ONE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)

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 1st day of April, 2024.



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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT



STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS: ss

On this 1st day of April, 2024, 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.

Sharon Laburda
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01LA6427697
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires January 3, 2026



Notary Public
My Commission Expires
January 3, 2026

CERTIFICATE

I, Lezlie F. Chimienti, 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 18 day of December, 2024.



Assistant Secretary