

**EXHIBIT 7.1
FORM OF PAYMENT BOND**

Project No. _____

PAYMENT BOND

TEXAS STATUTORY PAYMENT BOND

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

§ KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE
PRESENTS:

THE COUNTY OF _____ §

THAT WE, _____, as Principal, hereinafter called “Principal” and the other subscriber hereto _____, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____, licensed to business in the State of Texas and admitted to write bonds, as Surety, herein after called “Surety,” do hereby acknowledge ourselves to be held and firmly bound to the **San Antonio Water System** (“Owner”), in the sum of _____ (\$_____) for payment whereof, the said Principal and Surety bind themselves, and their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns jointly and severally.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Principal has entered into a Design-Build Services Agreement, Contract No _____, dated _____, 2020 (the “Agreement”) with Obligee in connection with the design and construction of the Project, which Contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof as fully and to the same extent as if copied at length herein, including but not limited to the dispute resolution procedures provided therein.

NOW THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if Principal shall pay all claimants supplying labor and material to him or a subcontractor in the prosecution of the work provided for in said contract, then, this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that this bond is executed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2253 and Section 2269.311 of the Texas Government Code and all liabilities on this bond shall be determined in accordance with the conditions and limitations of said Code provisions to the same extent as if they were copied at length herein.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said Principal and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument on the respective dates written below their signatures.

ATTEST, SEAL: (if a corporation)

WITNESS: (if not a corporation)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST/WITNESS (SEAL)

(Name of Design-Build Firm)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

(Full Name of Surety)

(Mailing Address of Surety for Notice)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number of Surety:(____)_____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____