

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE

Date: **October 2, 2025**

I/We the undersigned Buyer(s) ("Buyer") offer to purchase Tract(s) _____, being approx. _____ (±) acres of land in DeKalb County, Indiana, as identified by reference to the same tract number(s) in the attached **Exhibit A** (the "Property"), and being one or both of the tracts put up for bids via timed online auction conducted by Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc. ("Auction Company") on behalf of the Estate of Garry L. Mertz ("Seller"). This offer incorporates the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Auction Tract Map and Survey Provisions attached as **Exhibit A**, and the bidding procedures and auction terms attached as **Addendum A** (collectively, this "Agreement").

\$ _____ + \$ _____ = \$ _____
 (Bid Amount) (3% Buyer's Premium) (Purchase Price)

1. **PURCHASE PRICE.** The Purchase Price consists of the Bid Amount plus a 3% Buyer's Premium as shown above, and shall be paid via wired funds at closing, plus expenses charged to Buyer, less applied Earnest Money and any other credits due Buyer, as provided in this Agreement.
2. **EARNEST MONEY.** Buyer shall deliver at least 10% of the purchase price to Auction Company as an earnest money deposit ("Earnest Money") on or before **Friday, October 3, 2025**, to be held in escrow and applied to the purchase price at closing.
3. **TAXES.** "Taxes" refers to ad valorem taxes and any special assessments that are or may become a lien against all or any part of the Property. "Seller's Taxes" refers to Taxes consisting of: (a) ad valorem taxes attributed to the period up to and including the day of closing, **prorated** on a calendar year basis to the date of closing; and (b) drainage or other special assessments that are or were last payable without a penalty in 2025. Any unpaid Seller's Taxes shall be withheld from Seller's proceeds at closing and paid directly to the county treasurer; **provided, however**, any portion of Seller's Taxes that is not ascertainable and payable at the time of closing shall be estimated based on 100% of the amount last billed for a calendar year and the amount thus estimated (for the period up to and including the closing date) shall be paid via credit against the sums due from Buyer at closing, with no further settlement or adjustment after closing. Buyer shall then pay all Taxes due after closing to the extent attributed to the Property.
4. **SURVEY.** A new survey shall be obtained if and only if obtained in accordance with the survey provisions of **Exhibit A**.
5. **DEED; TITLE INSURANCE.** The Property shall be conveyed by Personal Representative's Deed (subject to the Permitted Exceptions), to be furnished at Seller's expense. Seller shall also furnish a commitment, updated to a date after the Auction and prior to closing, for the issuance of an ALTA standard coverage owner's title insurance policy in the amount of the purchase price insuring fee simple title to the Property in Buyer's name, free and clear of any material encumbrance that does not constitute a Permitted Exception (the "Final Title Commitment"). At closing, Seller shall pay for the cost of issuing a standard coverage owner's title insurance policy in accordance with the Final Title Commitment.
6. **PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS.** Buyer agrees to accept title and title insurance subject to and notwithstanding any of the following matters (each a "Permitted Exception"; collectively, the Permitted Exceptions"): (a) existing roads, utilities and drains; (b) any visible or apparent use; (c) any variation between a deeded boundary line and a visible or apparent occupancy or occupancy line; (d) any easement, condition, restriction, or other matter of record (except liens); (e) any outstanding right or severance as to minerals; (f) any recorded oil and gas lease (active or not); (g) a lien for property taxes or assessments not yet payable; (h) any matter disclosed in Addendum A; and/or (i) any matter (except liens) referenced or shown in the preliminary title insurance schedules described in Addendum A.
7. **CLOSING.** It is anticipated that the closing will be scheduled by mutual agreement and completed **on or before November 3, 2025**. In any event, Seller may arrange for the closing to be held on a date specified in an email or other written notice from Seller or Seller's agent to Buyer or Buyer's agent, and Buyer shall be obligated to close on the specified date if such date is not earlier than **November 3, 2025** and at least 7 days after: (a) sending such notice; and (b) completion of the survey (if applicable) and Final Title Commitment. The closing shall be held at and/or administered by the office of **Assurance Title Company, 120 W. 8th St., Auburn, IN (Tel: 260-636-2692)**.
8. **RISK OF LOSS.** The Property shall be conveyed at closing in substantially its present condition, normal wear and tear excepted. Seller assumes the risk of loss and damage until closing. Seller's insurance may be canceled as of the closing date.
9. **POSSESSION.** Possession shall be delivered in accordance with Addendum A. Seller shall pay for all utilities until possession is delivered.
10. **INCLUDED / EXCLUDED ITEMS.** Notwithstanding any other provision, this purchase includes or excludes any item that is specifically included or excluded according to Addendum A. Propane tanks are excluded unless otherwise provided.
11. **THE PROPERTY IS SOLD "AS IS", WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AS TO ITS CHARACTER OR CONDITION OR ITS SUITABILITY FOR ANY PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.**
12. **REMEDIES.** In the event of nonpayment or ineffective payment of the Earnest Money and/or any other nonperformance, breach and/or default with respect to an obligation of Buyer under this Agreement ("Buyer Default"), Seller shall have the right to: (a) give notice terminating Buyer's right to acquire the Property (whereupon Seller shall have the absolute right to re-sell the Property free and clear of any right or claim of Buyer); and (b) recover 10% of the purchase price as liquidated damages. Buyer agrees that 10% of the purchase price is fairly proportionate to the amount of Seller's damages due to a Buyer Default, which damages would otherwise be uncertain and difficult to ascertain. If such liquidated damages are adjudicated as unenforceable, Seller shall recover actual damages plus attorney fees and expenses. If this sale fails to close due to Seller's default: (i) Buyer shall have the right to demand and receive a refund of the Earnest Money and, upon such demand and receipt, this Agreement shall terminate; or (ii) at any time prior to such termination, Buyer may elect instead to seek specific performance; **provided, however**, if the title or title insurance does not conform to (or if Seller is otherwise unable to convey the Property in conformance with) the requirements of this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other and, in the event of such termination by either party, Buyer shall receive the Earnest Money as Buyer's sole and exclusive remedy; **provided, further**, prior to any such termination by Buyer, Buyer must give Seller sufficient written notice of the nonconformity to enable Seller to cure the nonconformity and Seller shall have the right to extend the closing date for up to 30 days after receiving such notice in order to cure such nonconformity. If this sale fails to close, the Earnest Money shall be retained in escrow pending disbursement instructions: (A) signed by both parties (or by one party authorizing disbursement to the other); or (B) in a final court order. In the event of a Buyer Default, Buyer agrees to sign and deliver a release of the Earnest Money for payment of the liquidated damages due Seller (or, if Buyer fails to do so, Seller shall have the right to recover, in addition to any other recovery, attorney's fees and other expenses thereafter incurred by Seller in seeking to enforce any right or remedy). In a lawsuit to enforce a right or remedy under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover attorneys' fees and expenses and **ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IS WAIVED**.
13. **1031 EXCHANGE.** If a party intends to structure the transfer or acquisition of the Property as part of an exchange under 26 U.S.C. §1031, the other party(ies) shall reasonably cooperate (but shall not be required to assume or incur any additional obligation or expense).
14. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** Auction Company and its affiliated agents represent only Seller, not Buyer. This Agreement shall bind and benefit the parties and their respective heirs, personal representatives and successors. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Buyer and Seller regarding the Property. No party is relying upon any other statement or promise and no party shall be bound by any purported oral modification or waiver. Time is of the essence. All terms of this Agreement shall be read and construed together as a harmonious whole and, unless otherwise provided or required by the express terms of this Agreement, shall survive closing. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which together shall constitute the same instrument. The electronic transmission of a signed counterpart via email, fax or a commonly used electronic signature service such as DocuSign® shall have the same effect as the delivery of an original signature.
15. **ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE.** This offer shall be deemed automatically withdrawn and the Earnest Money shall be returned to Buyer if this offer is not accepted by Seller in writing before the end of the **first business day after the close of bidding**.

Printed Name(s) of Buyer(s): _____

Signature(s) of Buyer(s): _____

Buyer's Address: _____

Buyer's Tel: _____ Buyer's Email: _____

Deed to: _____ Lender/Contact: _____

ACCEPTED BY SELLER on October _____, 2025: **Sign:** _____ (Kevin Mertz, Personal Representative)

EARNEST MONEY RECEIPT: Auction Company acknowledges receipt of the Earnest Money in the amount of \$ _____.

SCHRADER REAL ESTATE AND AUCTION COMPANY, INC., by:

Sign: _____ **Print:** _____ **Date Received:** _____

EXHIBIT A

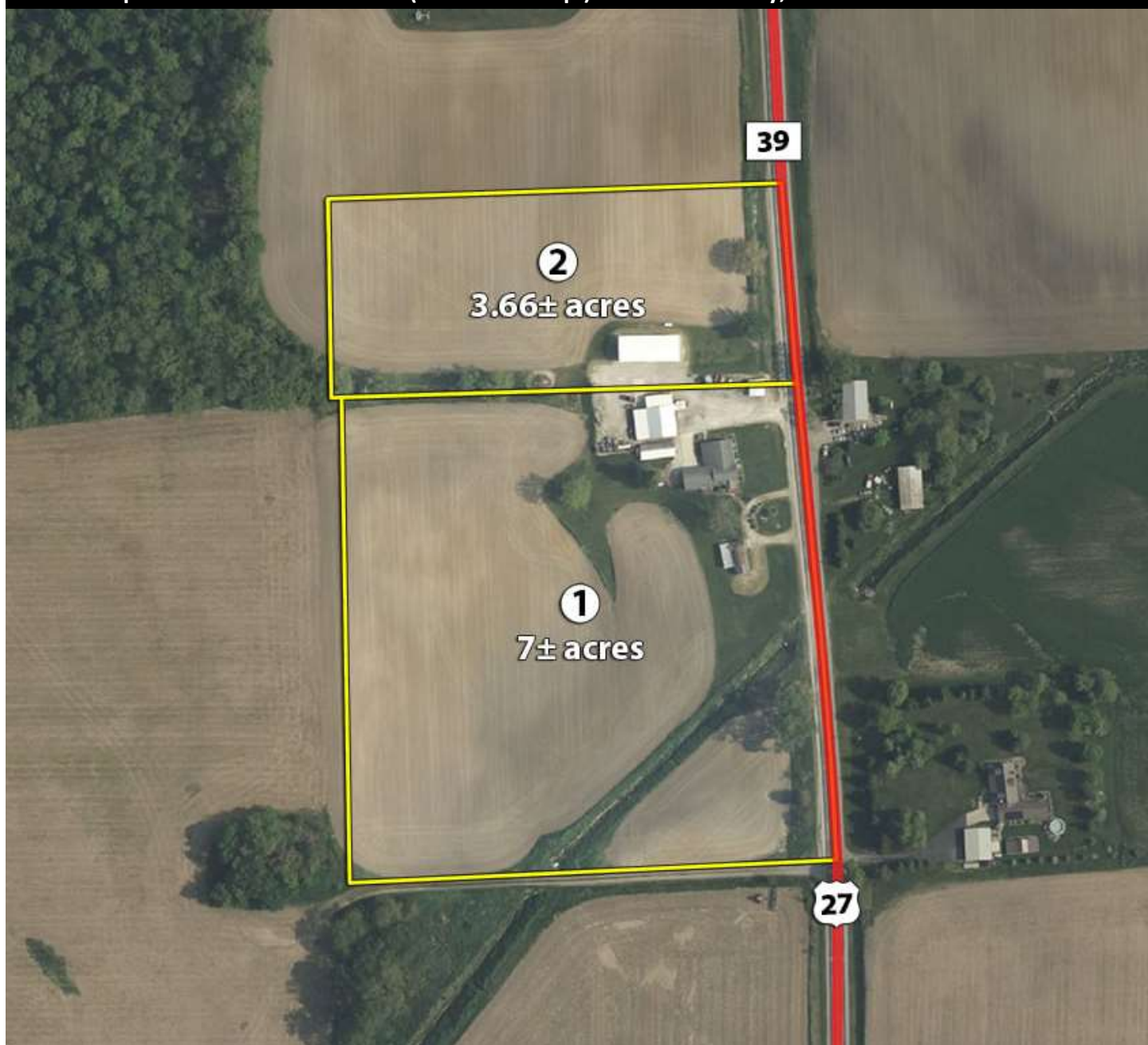
Buyer(s): _____

Seller: _____

Auction Tract Map & Survey Provisions

Auction Date: 10/2/2025

Pt. SE4 & pt. NE4 Sec. 10-T35N-R13E (Smithfield Twp.) in DeKalb County, State of Indiana



Survey Provisions: It is expected that the property will be conveyed using existing legal descriptions, without obtaining a new survey. In any event, a new post-auction survey of all or any part of the land to be conveyed at any closing shall be obtained *if and only if*: (a) the official(s) responsible for recording the conveyance will not accept the conveyance for recording without a new survey; or (b) Seller elects to obtain a new survey for any other reason in Seller's sole discretion. If a new survey is obtained, the survey shall be ordered by the Auction Company and shall be sufficient for the purpose of recording the conveyance, but the type of survey shall otherwise be determined solely by the Seller. Any survey of adjacent tracts purchased in combination will show the perimeter boundaries of the surveyed land but will not show interior tract boundaries.

Boundary lines and acreages depicted in the marketing materials and this Exhibit A are approximations and are provided for identification and illustration purposes only. They are not provided or intended as survey products or as authoritative representations of property boundaries and/or acreages.

I/We have read this Addendum and agree to these auction conditions.

Buyer(s): _____

Seller: _____

ADDENDUM A

BIDDING PROCEDURES AND AUCTION TERMS

For timed online auction conducted by:
Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.

On behalf of: Garry L. Mertz Estate ("Seller")

Online Bidding Ends: October 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (EDT) *

(unless extended as provided below)*

PART A - BIDDING PROCEDURES:

1. Bidding is online only and is open to anyone who has:
 - Registered as a bidder and obtained an online bidding number for this auction through the online bidding platform (<https://bid.schraderauction.com>);
 - Agreed to the Online Bidding Terms, as posted to the auction website (<https://www.schraderauction.com/auctions/9250>); and
 - Agreed to the particular Auction Terms that apply to this auction ("Auction Terms"), consisting of the provisions contained in the Agreement to Purchase, Exhibit A and this Addendum A, as posted to the auction website.
2. The auction tracts are identified in Exhibit A. Bids may be submitted on Tract 1, or Tract 2, or Tracts 1 & 2 combined.
3. Bidding on the individual tracts and the combination will compete until the close of all bidding. The high bid(s) at any given time shall consist of that bid or set of bids resulting in the highest total price (either the highest bid on both tracts combined or the highest bids on the individual tracts).
4. The initial bidding period ends at 6:00 o'clock p.m. (EDT) on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at which time all bidding will close *unless* the bidding is extended in accordance with paragraph 5 below.
5. If a bid is received during the *final minute* of the initial bidding period (or during the *final minute* of any extended bidding period): (a) bidding will remain open for an extended bidding period of three minutes; and (b) this extension of bidding will continue until an extended bidding period ends with no bid having been made during the final minute thereof, at which time all bidding will close. The time of any bid and the end of any bidding period shall be determined by the online bidding platform.

PART B - AUCTION TERMS:

6. The Auction Terms that apply to this auction (“Auction Terms”) consist of the provisions contained in the Agreement to Purchase, Exhibit A and this Addendum A, all of which have been posted to the auction website: www.schraderauction.com/auctions/9250.
7. The Auction Terms contained in the Agreement to Purchase, Exhibit A and this Addendum A are non-negotiable and they supersede and control over any oral statements and/or any other written terms stated in the auction brochure and/or the auction website or otherwise.
8. After the bidding closes, a purchase offer for each final high bid will be completed by the Auction Company and delivered to each high bidder (“Buyer”) who shall then sign and return the purchase offer to the Auction Company. The purchase offer will be in the form of the Agreement to Purchase, Exhibit A and this Addendum A (as posted to the auction website) and may be signed and/or delivered electronically.
9. **A Buyer’s Premium equal to 3% of the high bid amount will be charged to each Buyer and added to the bid amount to arrive at the purchase price.**
10. The final high bid(s) are subject to the Seller’s acceptance or rejection. The final high bid(s) may be accepted at any time before the end of the first business day after the close of bidding.
11. Buyer shall deliver an earnest money deposit to Auction Company in the amount of 10% of the purchase price. The earnest money may be delivered by check or wire transfer, but it must be received by Auction Company **on or before Friday, October 3, 2025**.
12. The balance of the purchase price is due in cash at closing. Bids are not contingent on financing. Each bidder is responsible for having arranged any financing prior to bidding.
13. As an update to the marketing materials, the closing will be scheduled in accordance with Section 7 of the Agreement to Purchase. The targeted closing period is on or before November 3, 2025.
14. Delivery of title and possession will be effective upon completion of the closing, **except** that, as an update to the marketing materials, possession of the cropland shall be delivered subject to the rights of the current farm tenant for the remainder of the 2025 crop year. Seller is retaining all rights to the 2025 farm rent.
15. The closing agent’s fee to administer the closing will be shared equally (50:50) between the Buyer and Seller. Buyer will pay all costs of any loan obtained by Buyer.
16. Real estate taxes will be prorated to the date of closing in accordance with Section 3 of the Agreement to Purchase. As an update to the marketing materials, Seller has paid (or will pay) ditch assessments that are last payable without a penalty in 2025.

17. Seller will furnish the deed and owner's title insurance at Seller's expense in accordance with the terms of Section 5 of the Agreement to Purchase.
18. Preliminary title insurance schedules dated August 22, 2025 have been prepared by Assurance Title Company and posted to the auction website, along with copies of the recorded documents listed as exceptions.
19. Buyer agrees to accept title and acquire the property subject to all "Permitted Exceptions" as defined in Section 6 of the Agreement to Purchase, including but not limited to exceptions listed in the preliminary title insurance schedules.
20. It is expected that the property will be conveyed using existing legal descriptions, without obtaining a new survey. In any event, a new survey shall be obtained if and only if obtained in accordance with the survey provisions set forth in **Exhibit A**. The cost of any such survey shall be shared equally (50:50) by Seller and Buyer.
21. The acre estimates shown in Exhibit A and the marketing information are approximate and have been estimated based on the acres shown in the property tax records and existing legal descriptions. No warranty or authoritative representation is made as to the number of acres included with any tract or set of tracts.
22. The purchase price shall not be subject to adjustment regardless of the number of acres shown in any survey or other record prepared before or after the auction.
23. Boundary lines and auction tract maps depicted in Exhibit A and the auction marketing materials are approximations provided for identification and illustration purposes only. They are not provided as survey products and are not intended to depict or establish authoritative boundaries or locations.
24. If a dispute arises prior to closing as to the location of any boundary, the Auction Company may (but need not) terminate the purchase contract by giving written notice of termination to Buyer, but only with the consent of Seller. Upon such termination, the earnest money will be returned to Buyer and the property may be re-sold free of any claim of Buyer. In lieu of consenting to such termination, Seller may elect instead to enforce the purchase contract according to its terms.
25. **Tract 1:** Advertised square footages and dimensions are approximate and have been estimated based on property tax information. No warranty or authoritative representation is made as to the size or dimensions of any improvements.
26. **Tract 1:** As an update to the marketing materials, the shop on Tract 1 does not have a bathroom.
27. **Tract 1:** The carport on Tract 1, near the road, will be removed by Seller prior to closing.

28. **Tract 1:** The Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Form and the EPA pamphlet entitled "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" have been posted to the auction website. The Lead Based Paint Disclosure Form shall be signed by the Buyer concurrently with the execution of the Agreement to Purchase. Buyer acknowledges that, by submitting a bid, Buyer waives the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.
29. **Tracts 1 & 2:** The building on Tract 2 is currently served by a driveway on Tract 1. If Tracts 1 and 2 are not purchased together, the Buyer of Tract 2 will be responsible for obtaining a driveway permit and installing a separate driveway on Tract 2. Tract 2 will not include any right or easement to use the driveway on Tract 1.
30. **Tracts 1 & 2:** The building on Tract 2 is currently served by a power line from Tract 1. If Tracts 1 and 2 are not purchased together: (a) the owner of Tract 1 shall have the right to cause the electric service on Tract 1 to be disconnected from Tract 2; and (b) the Buyer of Tract 2 shall be responsible for obtaining a separate electric service, including the installation of a separate power line and meter contained within Tract 2.
31. Buyer's obligation to purchase and acquire the Property at closing is not contingent upon any post-auction inspection, investigation or evaluation of the character, condition or suitability of the Property. Buyer is responsible for having completed all inspections, investigations and evaluations before bidding. Buyer acknowledges that Buyer has either completed all such inspections, investigations and evaluations or has chosen to purchase the Property without having done so. In either case, Buyer assumes all risks and agrees to acquire the Property "AS IS".
32. Without limiting the foregoing provisions, Seller and Auction Company and their respective agents and representatives make no warranty or authoritative representation as to: (a) zoning matters; (b) whether the Property qualifies for any particular use; (c) the availability or location of utilities; (d) the availability of any permit; or (e) the accuracy of any materials or information prepared or provided by any third party regarding the auction and/or the Property.
33. Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc. and its affiliated agents are exclusively the agents of the Seller.