

PERFORMANCE BOND

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

_____, ("Principal") and _____, ("Surety"), shall pay to the City of Houston, Texas ("City"), the sum of \$ _____ in accordance with the terms and conditions stated below:

On or about this date, the Principal executed a _____ Agreement in writing with the City for _____ ("Agreement"), which is incorporated into this Bond.

The conditions of this obligation are that if the Principal performs its obligations under the terms of the Agreement and this Bond in all respects, then this obligation is void and has no further force and effect; otherwise this obligation remains in effect and the sum of \$ _____ is payable to the City on demand.

The Surety relieves the City and its representatives from the exercise of any diligence whatever in securing the Principal's compliance with the terms of the Agreement, and the Surety waives any notice to it of the Principal's default or delay in the performance of the Agreement. The Surety shall take notice of and is held to have knowledge of all acts or omissions of the Principal, its agents, and representatives in all matters pertaining to the Agreement.

The City and its representatives may at any time, without notice to the Surety, make any changes in the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or extend it, and may add to or deduct from the Principal's obligations under the Agreement. Such changes, if made, do not in any way relieve, release, condition, or limit the obligation in this Bond and undertaking or release the Surety therefrom.

SURETY AND PRINCIPAL AGREE TO AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, FINES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE PRINCIPAL, ITS AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES, TO FULLY PERFORM UNDER THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY CHANGES OR EXTENSIONS TO IT.

If the City brings any suit or other proceeding at law on the Agreement or this Bond, or both, the Principal and the Surety shall pay to the City the additional sum of 10 percent of whatever amount the City recovers, which sum of 10 percent is agreed by all parties to be indemnity to the City for the expense of and time consumed by its City Attorney, his or her assistants, and office staff, and other costs and damages to the City. The amount of 10 percent is fixed and liquidated by the parties because the exact damage to the City would be difficult to ascertain.

This Bond and all obligations created under it shall be performable in Harris County, Texas, and all are non-cancelable. This Bond must be automatically renewed annually on the anniversary of the effective date of the Bond for the term of the Agreement and any extensions, unless the Surety gives the Principal and the City 30 days written notice before the renewal date that the Surety will not renew this Bond, in which case the Principal shall provide the City with a replacement bond (in the same form as this Bond) before the renewal date. The provisions of V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 2253, as amended, control even though the Statute may not be applicable.

All notices required or permitted by this Bond must be in writing and are deemed delivered on the earlier of the date actually received or the third day following: (1) deposit in a United States Postal Service post office or receptacle; (2) with proper postage (certified mail, return receipt requested); and (3) addressed to the other party at the address set out on the signature page of this Bond or at such other address as the receiving party designates by proper notice to the sending party.

This Bond is effective on _____ and is binding on the Principal and the Surety, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

EXECUTED in multiple originals this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

ATTEST/SEAL: (if a corporation)
WITNESS: (if not corporation)

(Name of Principal)

(Address of Principal)

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

ATTEST/SEAL
SURETY WITNESS:

(Name of Surety)

(Address of Surety)

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date:

REVIEWED:

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