



OLD REPUBLIC

- Old Republic Surety Company
- Old Republic Insurance Company
- Bituminous Casualty Corporation

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7610 Stemmons, Suite 400
P.O. Box 569480, Dallas, TX 75356-9480
ARTURO GUNARDO, COUNTY CLERK
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

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Bond Number

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, SYLVIA SUE HANDY, of WESLACO, TEXAS 78596 as Principal, and Old Republic Surety Company, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the HIDALGO COUNTY and/or his/her successors in the penal sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO 100***** Dollars (\$ 100,000.00),

for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED this 23rd day of December, 2008.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 1st day of January, 2009, duly Elected to the office of County Commissioner (Elected - Appointed)

in and for HIDALGO COUNTY County in the State of Texas, for a term of 4TH year(s) commencing on the 1st day of January, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him/her by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him/her and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose

then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Sylvia Sue Handy
SYLVIA SUE HANDY Principal

Countersigned



Old Republic Surety Company
Surety

By: _____
Texas Resident Agent

BY Rosie Bermea
ROSIE BERMEA Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

Before me _____ on this day, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of office, at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

SEAL

Notary Public

County, Texas





POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint: JESSE TREVINO, ROSIE BERMEA, OF MCALLEN, TX

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority, not exceeding \$10,000,000, for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds), as follows:

ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN AGGREGATE OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) ----- FOR ANY SINGLE OBLIGATION, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE OBLIGATION.

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This document is not valid unless printed on colored background and is multi-colored. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982. This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982.

RESOLVED that, the president, any vice-president, or assistant vice president in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the company; and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 20TH day of NOVEMBER, 2008.

[Handwritten signature]
Assistant Secretary



OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY
[Handwritten signature]
President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS

On this 20TH day of NOVEMBER, 2008, personally came before me, GERALD C. LEACH and RICK A. JOHNSON to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



[Handwritten signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires: 01/18/2009

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

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Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 23rd day of December 2008

TREVINO, JESSE, INS AGENCY, INC

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[Handwritten signature]
Assistant Secretary

4:01 FILED P
AT _____ D'CLOCK P.M.
JAN 08 2009
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
BY DSC DEPUTY

In the name and by the authority of

The State of Texas

OATH OF OFFICE

I, SYLVIA S. HANDY, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Hidalgo County Commissioner, Precinct 1 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

Sylvia S. Handy
Affiant

SWORN TO and subscribed before me by affiant on this 5th day of January, 2009.

(Seal)

Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Signature of Person Administering Oath
Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Printed Name
STATE SENATOR DIST. 27
Title

See Reverse Side
for Instructions
Revised August 1999

Form #2204

COPY

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY
PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER

(Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. XVI, §1(b), amended 2001)

I, SYLVIA S. HANDY, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED THEREIN ARE TRUE.

January 5, 2009
Date


Officer's Signature

Hidalgo County Commissioner, Pct. 1 Hidalgo County
Position to Which Elected/Appointed City and/or County

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