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# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

FILED  
AT 2:47 O'CLOCK P.M.  
AUG 29 2012  
ARTURO GUJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK  
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
DEPUTY

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hidalgo } ss.

Bond No. TX 803134

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Alfredo Zamarripa, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto Hidalgo County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 1st day of January, 2011, duly Appointed to the office of County Treasurer's Office Chief Deputy in and for Hidalgo County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 30th day of July, 2012 and ending the 31st day of December, 2014.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall "faithfully perform the duties of office"

then this obligation to 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.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2012

Alfredo Zamarripa Alfredo Zamarripa  
Principal

Alfredo Zamarripa  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)  
By: Leandra Vasquez  
Leandra Vasquez Attorney-in-Fact

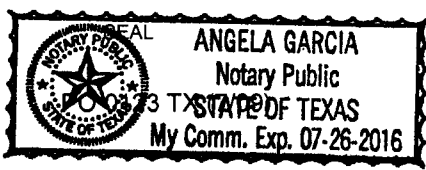
### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hidalgo } ss.

Before me, Angela Garcia, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Alfredo Zamarripa 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 2818 S. Bus. 281 Edinburg, TX 78539 this 24th day of July, 2012

Angela Garcia  
Hidalgo County, Texas.



OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ 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; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

SEAL

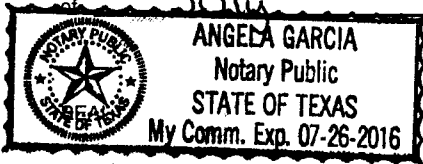
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Alfredo Zamarripa, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Hidalgo County Treasury Chief Deputy, 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; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed Alfredo Zamarripa

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Edinburg, Texas, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012



Angela Garcia  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hidalgo County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing bond of \_\_\_\_\_ in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge, \_\_\_\_\_  
County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., and duly recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, the day and year last above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County

**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY™**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**for Company Employees**

FILED  
 AT 2:47 O'CLOCK P.M.

AUG 29 2012

ARTURO GUALARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK  
 HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
 DEPUTY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint the following company employees, individually,

**Leandra Vasquez**

of **Austin** and State of **Texas** their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in their name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in their behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

**Unlimited**

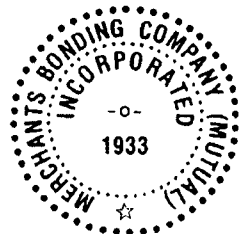
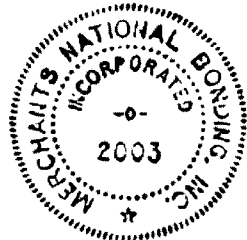
and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission 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 fixed."

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 1st day of January, 2012.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA  
 COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 1st day of January, 2012, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument is the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.



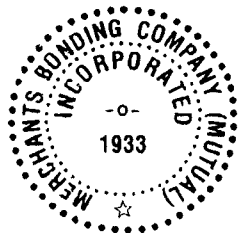
*Maranda Greenwalt*

Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA  
 COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 24th day of July, 2012.



*William Warner Jr.*

Secretary

July 27, 2012

Hidalgo County Treasurer's Office  
2810 S. Business Hwy 281  
Edinburg, TX. 78539

Re: Hidalgo County Treasurer's Office Chief Deputy  
Bond # TX803134  
Effective: 7/30/12 – 12/31/14

Dear Mr. Zamarripa,

We are pleased to enclose the above mentioned bond.

To fully execute bond: Sign on first page indicated as Principal.

Second page, section indicated as Oath of Office  
(General) must be completed and sign at time of oath.

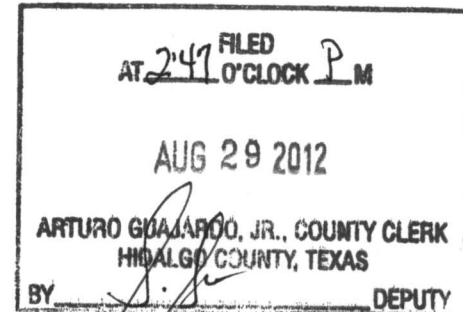
The section on page 2 starting with the wording THE STATE OF TEXAS  
will be completed depending on the county's guidelines and requirements.

The original executed bond is keep by the obligee. Please forward us a copy  
Of the fully executed bond for our file. Copy can be via fax or email.

Please call us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

  
San Juanita Palacios



ALL FORMS OF INSURANCE

