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# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Fort Bend

SS.

Bond No. TX 806201

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Mark Flathouse, 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 Fort Bend County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of  
Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) 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 18th  
day of March, 2013, duly Appointed  
to the office of Fire Marshal in and for Fort Bend  
County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 18th day of March, 2013 and ending the 18th day of March, 2015.

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 19th day of March, 2013

Mark Flathouse

Principal

Mark Flathouse

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)

By:

Amber Stevenson, Attorney-In-Fact

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of FORT BEND

SS.

Before me, LINDA BARNES, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

Mark Flathouse

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 1521 EUGENE HEIMANN CIRCLE #114, RICHMOND, TX 77469

LINDA BARNES  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
August 26, 2014

SEAL

19th day of MARCH, 2013

PO 0123 TX (7/09)

FORT BEND 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

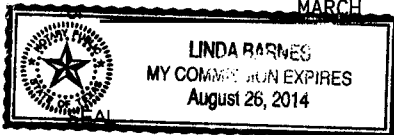
\_\_\_\_\_, County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, MARK FLATHOUSE, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of FIRE MARSHAL 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at 1521 EUGENE HEIMANN, RICHMOND, Texas, this 19TH day of MARCH, 2013



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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Fort Bend } ss

The foregoing bond of Mark Flathouse as Fire Marshal in and for Fort Bend County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

Date March 26, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_, County Judge,

County Court Dianna Wilson County Fort Bend

Robert E. Hebert County Fort Bend

THE STATE OF TEXAS

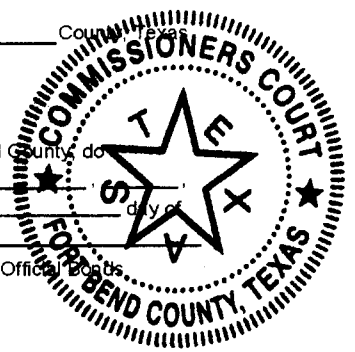
County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss

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**

Bond #: TX 806201

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,

**Amber Stevenson**

of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

**ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS**

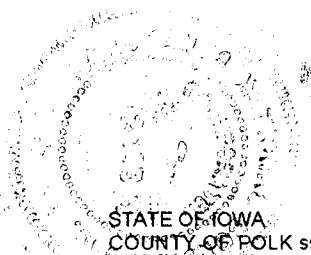
and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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 15th day of March, 2013.

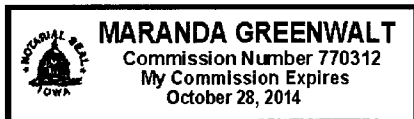


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

On this 15th day of March, 2013, 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 19th day of March, 2013.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

RET: ADMIN SERVICE COORD  
FBC CLERK'S OFFICE

**FILED AND RECORDED**  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

*Dianne Wilson*

Dianne Wilson, County Clerk  
Fort Bend County, Texas

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