

BOND NO. # 1350653  
EXPIRATION DATE: 02/20/2002

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we AMWEST SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY (as Surety) are held and firmly bound unto The State of Alabama in the penal sum of TEN THOUSAND & 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000) for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 20 TH day of FEBRUARY A.D., 1998.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH

That whereas the above bounden AMY WHITEFIELD (as Principal) was on the 20 TH day of FEBRUARY, 1998 duly

APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE

NOW, if the said AMY WHITEFIELD (as Principal) shall faithfully discharge the duties of such office during the time he continues therein or discharges any of the duties thereof, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect for the term of four (4) years from the date of the notary commission.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
In Presence of

Debra W. Gaines

Buthalyn Thomas

Amy Whitefield Seal  
AMY WHITEFIELD

AMWEST SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY  
by: Randolph A. Brunson Seal

Randolph A. Brunson, Attorney in Fact Seal

Taken and approved the 20 day of April, 1998.  
Patricia Jones  
Judge of Probate

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Amy Whitefield do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter to the best of my ability: So Help me, God.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me,  
this 2 day of April, A.D., 1998.  
Patricia Jones  
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama

Patricia Jones

ALABAMA COUNTERSIGNING AGENT  
BY: Frank Hamilton Sims  
Frank Hamilton Sims Insurance, Inc.  
P.O. Box 160623, Mobile, AL 36616

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12:47 PM CERTIFIED  
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
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# LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

## Amwest Surety Insurance Company

EXPIRATION DATE **10-28-99**

POWER NUMBER **0000799461**

### READ CAREFULLY

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT, that Amwest Surety Insurance Company, a Nebraska corporation (the "Company"), does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

**FIONA J. BOYD  
RUTHALYN THOMAS  
STEPHANIE M. CHAUVIN  
RANDOLPH A. BRUNSON  
REBECCA MCDANIEL**

### AS EMPLOYEES OF AMWEST SURETY INSURANCE CO

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with limited power and authority for and on behalf of the Company as surety to execute, deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto if a seal is required on bonds, undertakings, recognizances, reinsurance agreement for a Miller Act or other performance bond or other written obligations in the nature thereof as follow:

**Bid Bonds up to \$\*\*5,000,000.00  
Contract (Performance & Payment), Court, Subdivision \$\*\*5,000,000.00  
License & Permit Bonds up to \$\*\*5,000,000.00  
Miscellaneous Bonds up to \$\*\*5,000,000.00  
Small Business Administration Guaranteed Bonds up to \$\*\*1,250,000.00**

and to bind the company thereby. This appointment is made under and by authority of the By-Laws of the Company, which are now in full force and effect.

I, the undersigned secretary of Amwest Surety Insurance Company, a Nebraska corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this Power of Attorney remains in full force and effect and has not been revoked and furthermore, that the resolutions of the Board of Directors set forth on this Power of Attorney, and that the relevant provisions of the By-Laws of the Company, are now in full force and effect.

Bond No. #1350653 Signed & sealed this 20TH day of FEBRUARY 1998 Karen G. Cohen  
Karen G. Cohen, Secretary

\* \* \* \* \* RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS \* \* \* \* \*  
This POA is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of Amwest Surety Insurance Company at a meeting duly held on December 14, 1995:

RESOLVED, that the President or any 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 POA previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and bind upon the Company:

- (i) when signed by the President or any Vice President and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or
- (ii) when signed by the President or any Vice President or 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 POA 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, Amwest Surety Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officers, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 14th day of December, 1995.

John E. Savage  
John E. Savage, President

Karen G. Cohen  
Karen G. Cohen, Secretary

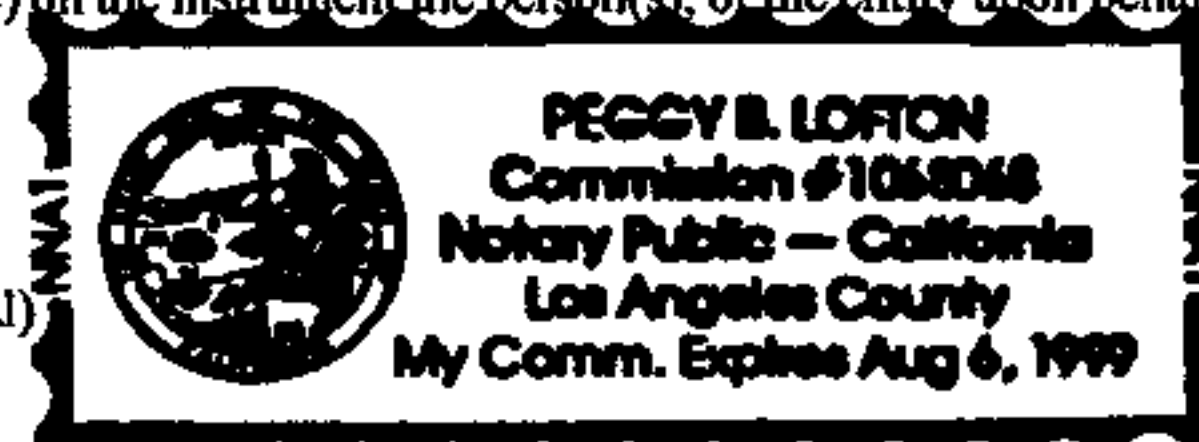
State of California  
County of Los Angeles

On December 14, 1995 before me, Peggy B. Lofton Notary Public, personally appeared John E. Savage and Karen G. Cohen, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me all that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Peggy B. Lofton  
Peggy B. Lofton, Notary Public

(Seal)



**Amwest**

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