

# Western Surety Company

## NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County

05/10/2000-15532  
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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

002 MMS No. 69004017N

That we, Chris Smitherman  
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$10,000.00),

for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 13th day of May, 2000.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 13th day of May, 2000; for the term of 04 years from the date of Notary Commission in Precinct No. State of Alabama at Large in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Ally D. Smith  
Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

Chris Smitherman (L.S.)  
Principal

Name of Agent or Agency  
HELENA, AL 35080  
Street City State

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Stephen T. Tate (L.S.)  
President

Taken and approved this 10th day of May, 2000.

Patricia Lynn Tate of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Chilton County }

### OATH OF OFFICE

I, Chris Smitherman do solemnly swear 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 10th day of May, 2000.  
Misti M. Brasher  
My Commission Expires 4/11/2004 Notary Public  
Form 1312-A-2-99

Chris Smitherman (L.S.)  
Principal

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }

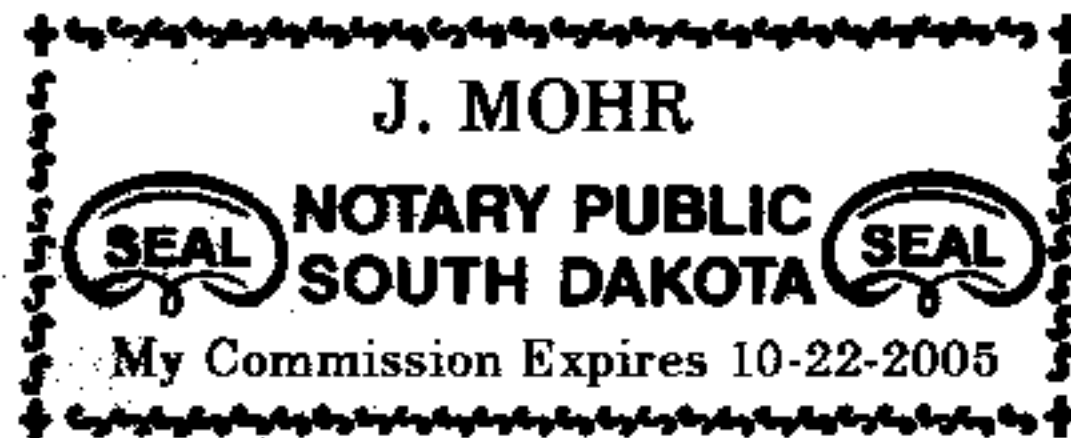
County of Minnehaha }

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On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.



*J. Mohr*

Notary Public

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