



# Western Surety Company

## NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. 14657469N

That we, James S. Hickox,  
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 and 00/100 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 6th day of January, 2005.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of  
Notary Public on the 6th day of January, 2005; for the term of 4  
years from the date of Notary Commission in Precinct No. State of Alabama at Large in and 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.

Jennifer Anne Lindert  
Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

James S. Hickox (L.S.)  
Principal

Hilb Rogal & Hobbs of Alabama, Inc.  
Name of Agent or Agency

2101 6th Ave. North, Ste. 1200  
Birmingham, AL 35203

Street City State

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Paul T. Brufft (L.S.)  
Senior Vice President

Taken and approved this 6th day of January, 2005.

Patricia Yeager Johnson  
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson County,

### OATH OF OFFICE

I, James S. Hickox 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 30th  
day of December, 2004

Notary Public

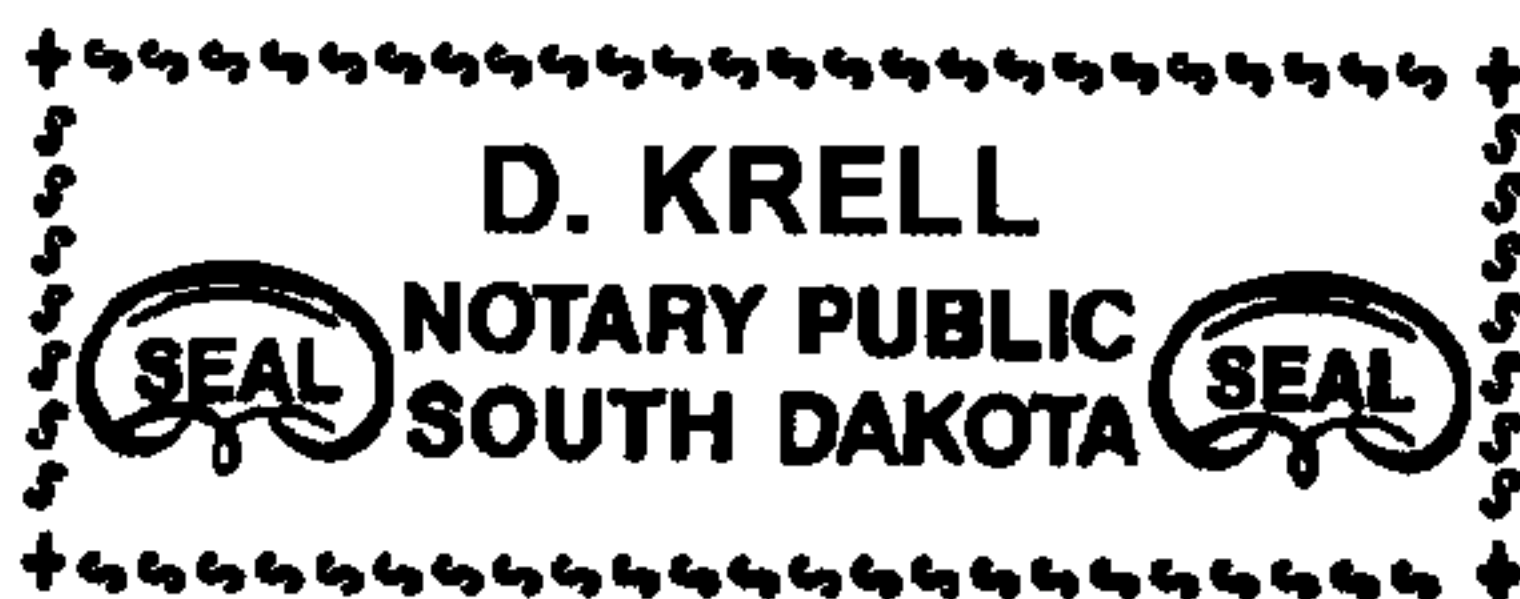
James S. Hickox  
Principal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 28th day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and  
for said County, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat 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.



My Commission Expires November 30, 2006

*D. Krell*  
Notary Public