

ATTACHMENT 5A

**PERFORMANCE BOND**

**(CALIFORNIA PUBLIC WORK)**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, the [INSERT PUBLIC OWNER] (sometimes referred to hereinafter as “Obligee”) has awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter designated as the “Principal” or “Contractor”), an agreement for the work described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the “Public Work”); and

WHEREAS, the work to be performed by the Contractor is more particularly set forth in that certain contract for said Public Work dated \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as the “Contract”), which Contract is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is required by said Contract to perform the terms thereof and to provide a bond both for the performance and guaranty thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned Contractor, as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and duly authorized to transact business under the laws of the State of California, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the [INSERT PUBLIC OWNER] in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_), said sum being not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount payable by said Obligee under the terms of said Contract, for which amount well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT, if the bounded Contractor, his or her heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions, and agreements in said Contract and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on his or her part, to be kept and performed at the time and in the manner therein specified, and in all respects according to their intent and meaning; and shall faithfully fulfill guarantees of all materials and workmanship; and indemnify, defend and save harmless the Obligee, its officers and agents, as stipulated in said Contract, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that it shall not be exonerated or released from the obligation of this bond (either by total exoneration or *pro tanto*) by any change, extension of time, alteration in or addition to the terms of the contract or to the work to be performed there under or the specifications accompanying the same, nor by any change or modification to any terms of payment or extension of time for any payment pertaining or relating to any scheme of work of improvement under the contract. Surety also stipulates and agrees that it shall not be exonerated or released from the obligation of this bond (either by total exoneration or *pro tanto*) by any overpayment or underpayment by the Obligee that is based upon estimates approved by the Architect. The Surety stipulates and agrees that none of the aforementioned changes, modifications, alterations, additions, extension of time or actions shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such changes, modifications, alterations, additions or extension of time to the terms of the contract, or to the work, or the specifications as well notice of any other actions that result in the foregoing.

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Whenever Principal shall be, and is declared by the Obligees to be, in default under the Contract, the Surety shall promptly either remedy the default, or shall promptly take over and complete the Contract through its agents or independent contractors, subject to acceptance and approval of such agents or independent contractors by Obligees as hereinafter set forth, in accordance with its terms and conditions and to pay and perform all obligations of Principal under the Contract, including, without limitation, all obligations with respect to warranties, guarantees and the payment of Liquidated Damages; or, at Obligees' sole discretion and election, Surety shall obtain a bid or bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by Obligees of the lowest responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and the Obligees and make available as Work progresses (even though there should be a default or succession of defaults under the contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the "balance of the Contract Price" (as hereinafter defined), and to pay and perform all obligations of Principal under the Contract, including, without limitation, all obligations with respect to warranties, guarantees and the payment of Liquidated Damages. The term "balance of the Contract Price," as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable to Principal by the Obligees under the Contract and any modifications thereto, less the amount previously paid by the Obligees to the Principal, less any withholdings by the Obligees allowed under the Contract. Obligees shall not be required or obligated to accept a tender of a completion contractor from the Surety.

Surety expressly agrees that the Obligees may reject any agent or contractor which may be proposed by Surety in fulfillment of its obligations in the event of default by the Principal. Unless otherwise agreed by Obligees, in its sole discretion, Surety shall not utilize Principal in completing the Contract nor shall Surety accept a bid from Principal for completion of the work in the event of default by the Principal.

No final settlement between the Obligees and the Contractor shall abridge the right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose claim may be unsatisfied.

The Surety shall remain responsible and liable for all patent and latent defects that arise out of or relate to the Contractor's failure and/or inability to properly complete the Public Work as required by the Contract and the Contract Documents. The obligation of the Surety hereunder shall continue so long as any obligation of the Contractor remains.

Contractor and Surety agree that if the Obligees is required to engage the services of an attorney in connection with enforcement of the bond, Contractor and Surety shall pay Obligees' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred, with or without suit, in addition to the above sum.

In the event suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligees and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Obligees in such suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the Court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

PRINCIPAL/CONTRACTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

SURETY:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney-in-Fact

The rate of premium on this bond is \_\_\_\_\_ per thousand.

The total amount of premium charged: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (This must be filled in by a corporate surety).

**IMPORTANT: THIS IS A REQUIRED FORM.**

Surety companies executing bonds must possess a certificate of authority from the California Insurance Commissioner authorizing them to write surety insurance defined in California Insurance Code section 105, and if the work or project is financed, in whole or in part, with federal, grant or loan funds, Surety's name must also appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended).

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to:  
(Name and Address of Surety)

(Name and Address of agent or representative for  
service for service of process in California)

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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A notary public or other office completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF                                    )

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who proved 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 that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies) as the Attorney-in-Fact of (Surety) and acknowledged to me that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for said State

(SEAL)

Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE:            A copy of the power-of-attorney to local representatives of the bonding company must be attached hereto.