

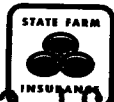
Bond No.

New Application

FB-9006.1

LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

STATE OF INDIANA  
LAKE COUNTY  
FILED FOR RECORD



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STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

MORRIS W. CARTER  
RECORDER

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, EUGENE J BARAN DBA  
AACE SNOW REMOVAL & LANDSCAPING  
of 958 E. 163RD PL, SOUTH HOLLAND ILL 60473 as Principal,  
and STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois,  
having its principal office in the city of Bloomington, Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF INDIANA AND ANY CITIES & TOWNS IN LAKE COUNTY, IN  
in the full and aggregate sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$ 5000.00)  
lawful money of the United States, for which payment 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 THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the said Principal has been granted a  
LICENSE + PERMIT BOND

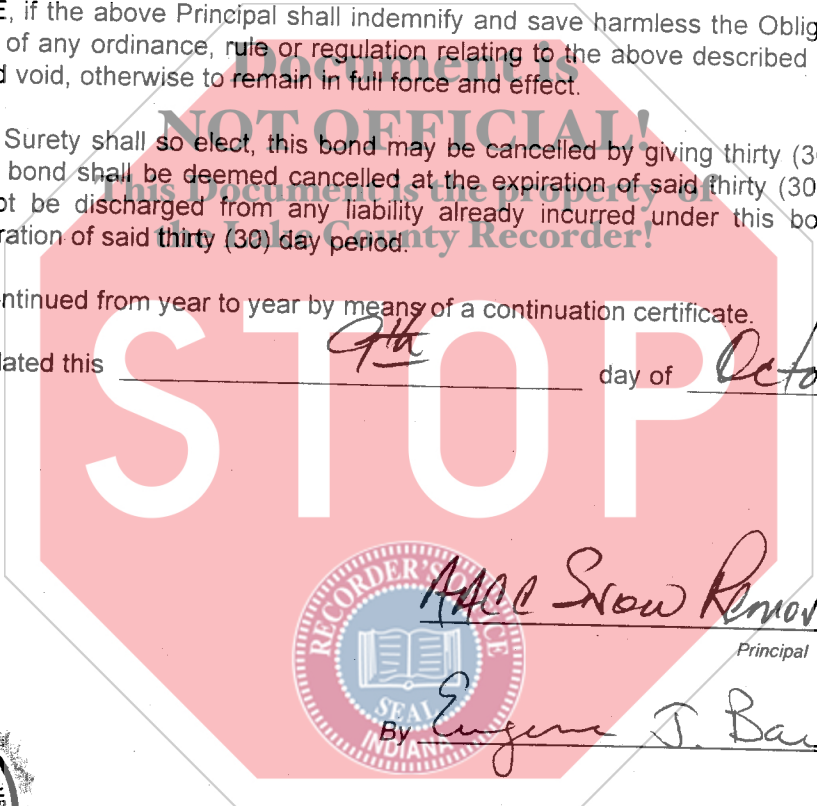
for a term beginning OCT 9, 2003 and ending OCT 9, 2004

NOW, THEREFORE, if the above Principal shall indemnify and save harmless the Obligee, against loss by reason  
of said Principal's breach of any ordinance, rule or regulation relating to the above described license or permit, then this  
obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Provided, that if the Surety shall so elect, this bond may be cancelled by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to  
the said Obligee and this bond shall be deemed cancelled at the expiration of said thirty (30) days; but said Surety so  
filing said notice shall not be discharged from any liability already incurred under this bond or which shall accrue  
hereunder before the expiration of said thirty (30) day period.

This bond may be continued from year to year by means of a continuation certificate.

Signed, sealed and dated this 9th day of October, 2003

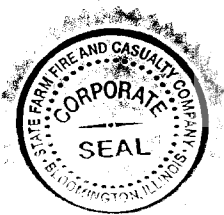


AACE SNOW REMOVAL & LANDSCAPING  
Principal

By Eugene J. Baran II

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By [Signature]  
Attorney-in-fact



1500 cash  
DB

Power of Attorney

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with its principal office in Bloomington, Illinois, does hereby constitute and appoint: RUSSELL R. JOHNSON

of SOUTH HOLLAND, IL its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond as follows:
\$ 2,500 - License, Permit or Indemnity which guarantee payment \$100,000 - Administrator, Executor, or Trustee of a decedent's estate
\$25,000 - License & Permit which do not guarantee payment - \$ 50,000 - Guardian, Conservator, or Committee
(Code Compliance only) \$ 25,000 - Receiver
\$25,000 - Public Official \$ 2,500 - Judicial

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID FOR THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT (CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLY) BOND - BID, PERFORMANCE OR PAYMENT.

This appointment is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company on the 24th day of July, 1974, as is duly authorized by the Board of Directors in Article II, Section 6 of the By-Laws of the Company, which resolution is:

Resolved, that the Executive Vice-President or a Vice-President of the Company is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-in-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the Executive Vice-President or any Vice-President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Secretary, Vice-President or Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed by its Vice-President, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 14th day of September 2001.

This APPOINTMENT SHALL CEASE AND TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED AS PROVIDED.

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY



By:

Brian Boyden

Vice-President

THIS POWER INVALID IF GREEN IMPRINTS ARE NOT PRESENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF McLEAN

On this 14th day of September 2001, before me personally came Brian Boyden to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Vice-President of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal; and that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said corporation.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
Heidi J. Stevens
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 3/12/05

Heidi J. Stevens

Notary Public
My commission expires March 12, 2005



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Vice-President of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Bloomington, Illinois. Dated this 9th day of October 2003.



Gusan M. Watkins

Vice-President

If you have a question concerning the validity of this Power of Attorney, call (309) 766-2090.