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# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498  
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## LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

Bond No. IN 30455

2015 067427

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Hardesty & Associates, Inc.  
of Newport Beach, State of California, as Principal,  
and MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State  
of Indiana, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake,  
State of Indiana, and any cities and towns in Lake County, Indiana, as Obligees, in the penal sum of FIVE THOUSAND  
(\$5,000.00) DOLLARS.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas, the Principal has been licensed  
Subcontractor License Requirement

by the Obligees

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall faithfully perform the duties and in all things comply with the laws  
and ordinances, including all Amendments, appertaining to the license or permit applied for, then this obligation  
to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect for a period commencing on the 28th day of  
September, 2015, and ending on the 28th day of September,  
2016, unless renewed by Continuation Certificate.

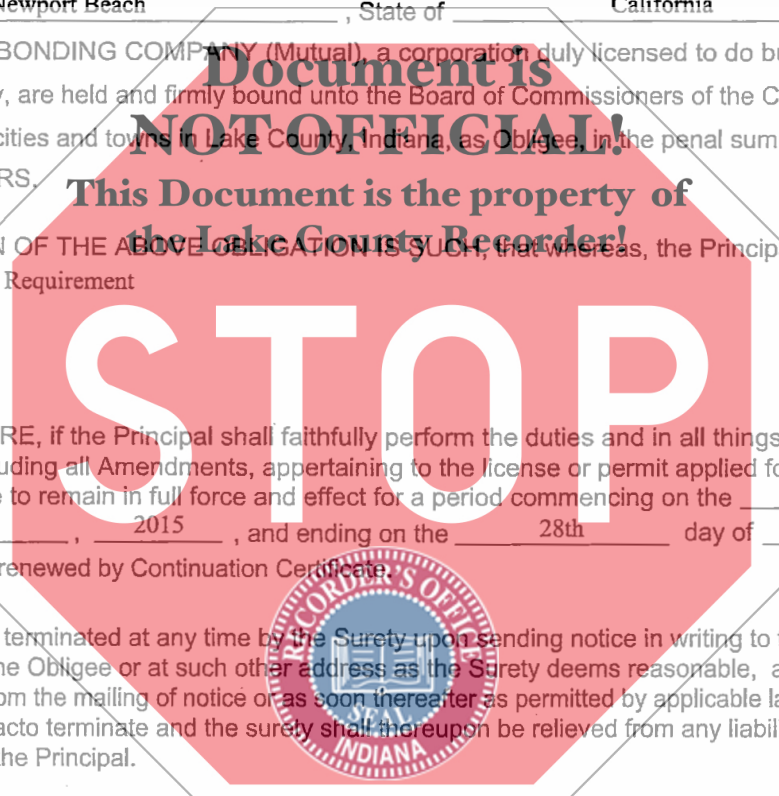
This bond may be terminated at any time by the Surety upon sending notice in writing to the Obligees and to the  
Principal, in care of the Obligees or at such other address as the Surety deems reasonable, and at the expiration of  
thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of notice or as soon thereafter as permitted by applicable law, whichever is later,  
this bond shall ipso facto terminate and the surety shall thereupon be relieved from any liability for any subsequent  
acts or omissions of the Principal.

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than Obligees  
named herein.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2015

AMOUNT \$ 16-  
CASH 4- CHARGE 90954  
CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_  
OVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
COPY \_\_\_\_\_  
NON - COM ✓  
CLERK RM

Hardesty & Associates, Inc Principal  
[Signature] Principal  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)  
By [Signature]  
Ryan Tash Attorney-in-Fact



STATE OF INDIANA  
LAKE COUNTY  
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MSHAEL A. BROWN  
RECORDER

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

A notary public or other officer 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  
County of Sacramento )

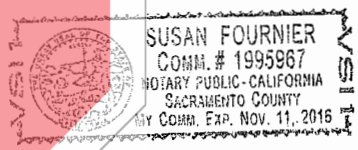
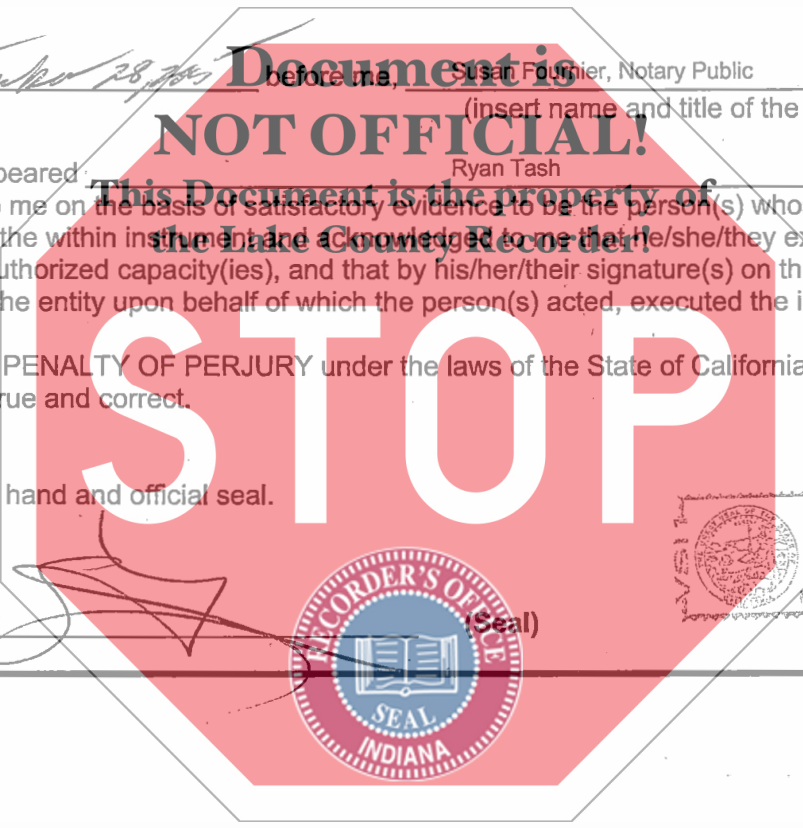
On September 28, 2015 before me, Susan Fournier, Notary Public  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Ryan Tash  
who 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 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.

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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY™**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Bond #: IN 30455

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

**Ryan Tash**

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of the Companies, as Surety, bonds, undertakings and other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

**TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) DOLLARS**

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

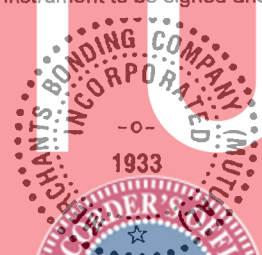
"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 15th day of August, 2015.

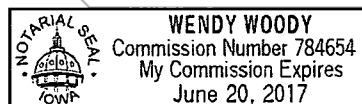
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.



By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 15th day of August, 2015, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate seals of the Companies, and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

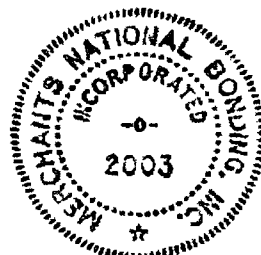


*Wendy Woody*  
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 28th day of September, 2015.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary