

Bond No: [] Amount: [] (50% of Contract Price) Contract No.: []

Project: []

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT

[]

(Principal)

of the [] of [] in the Province of _____, as
Principal

-and-

[]

(Surety)

of the [] of [] in the Province of []
a surety authorized to transact business in the Province of Alberta, are held and firmly bound unto:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure (the "Province"), as Trustee, for the use and benefit of claimants as herein below defined, in the sum of:

[] dollars

[] to be paid to the Province, or to whom the Province may direct, and the Principal

and Surety bind themselves and each of them and their respective successors, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns jointly and severally, to pay the said sum under the terms of these presents:

WHEREAS the Principal has entered into a written contract with the Province, dated the [] day of

[] A.D. [] being Contract No. [] (the "Contract") and which Contract is by reference made a part hereof;

AND WHEREAS it is a term of the Contract that a Labour and Material Payment Bond be provided in favour of the Province, as contained herein;

NOW THEREFORE the conditions of this obligation are such that if the Principal shall make payment to all claimants for all labour and material used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract and should such payment be properly made, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, this obligation and these conditions will remain in full force and effect, subject to the following conditions:

1. For the purpose of this bond:
 - (a) "claimant" means a person, including a body corporate, or a partnership, and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law, who has provided labour and material and who has not been paid for the same by the Principal or a subcontractor, in accordance with the Principal's or subcontractor's obligation to do so, provided that a person who rents equipment to the Principal or a subcontractor to be used in performance of the Contract under a contract which provides that all or a part of the rent is to be applied towards the purchase price thereof, shall only be a claimant to the extent of the prevailing Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association rental rates for the period during which the equipment was used in the performance of the Contract.
 - (b) "labour and material" means labour, equipment, materials or services used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract.
 - (c) "services" means water, gas, electrical power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, steam, telephone, architectural, engineering and technical services, construction camp rental and catering, and other similar services, consumed or incurred, by the Principal or a subcontractor, at the Place of the Work and in the performance of the Work of the Contract.
 - (d) "subcontractor" means
 - (i) a person not contracting directly with the Province, but contracting with a contractor who holds a contract with the Province, for the provision of labour and material, and
 - (ii) a person contracting with the person first mentioned in subclause (i) for the provision of labour and material.
2. The Surety acknowledges and agrees that Surety means a person who guarantees to the Crown the payment of creditors.
3. The Principal and the Surety hereby jointly and severally agree with the Province, as Trustee, that every claimant who has not been paid as provided for under the terms of his contract with the Principal or subcontractor before the expiration of a period of 90 days after the date on which the last of such claimant's work or labour was done or performed or materials were furnished by such claimant, may, as beneficiary of the trust herein provided for, sue on this Bond, prosecute the suit to final judgment for such sum or sums as may be justly due to such claimant under the terms of his contract with the Principal or subcontractor, and have execution thereon; provided that the Province is not obliged to do or take any act, action or proceeding against the Surety on behalf of any claimant to enforce the provisions of this Bond. If any act, action or proceeding is taken either in the name of the Province or by joining the Province as a party to such proceeding, then such act, action or proceeding shall be taken on the understanding and basis that the claimant who takes such act, action or proceeding shall indemnify and save harmless the Province against all costs, charges and expenses or liabilities incurred thereon and any loss or damage resulting to the Province by reason thereof; provided still further that, subject to the foregoing terms and conditions, a claimant may use the name of the Province to sue on and enforce the provisions of this Bond.

4. No suit or action shall be commenced pursuant to clause 3. hereof by any claimant unless such claimant shall give notice within the time limits hereinafter set forth, to each of the Principal, Surety and Province, stating the amount that is claimed. Such notice shall be served by mailing the same to the Principal, Surety and Province at the addresses shown in this bond, or served in any manner in which legal process may be served in the Province of Alberta. Such notice shall be given:
 - (a) in respect of any claim for the amount or any portion thereof required to be held back from the claimant by the Principal or subcontractor under the terms of the claimant's contract with the Principal or subcontractor, within 120 days after such claimant should have been paid in full under the claimant's contract with the Principal or subcontractor,
 - (b) in respect of any claim other than for the holdback or portion thereof, referred to above, within 120 days after the date upon which such claimant did or performed the last of the work or furnished the last materials for which such claim was made under the claimant's contract.
5. Any suit by a claimant under this Bond shall be instituted before the expiration of 1 year from the date on which the Principal ceased work on the Contract, including work under the guarantees and warranties provided in the Contract, and shall be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Alberta.
6. Upon receipt, at the address shown in this bond, by the Surety, of a notice of claim from a claimant, the Surety shall:
 - (a) immediately commence its investigation of the claim, and
 - (b) within 15 days, send, in writing, to the claimant and the Province, an acknowledgement of the notice of claim and a statement of the procedures to be followed by the claimant in order to attempt to settle the claim.
7. Pursuant to clause 6. hereof and following compliance with the procedures referred to in clause 6. and:
 - (a) providing the claim is not being disputed, the Surety or the Principal, or both, shall make payment to the claimant within 30 days after the date of agreement on the quantum of the claim; or
 - (b) in the event the claim is being disputed, the Surety or the Principal, or both, shall, within 30 days, notify, in writing, the claimant and the Province of the dispute, setting out the grounds of dispute.
8. Any material change in the Contract between the Principal and the Province shall not prejudice the rights or interests of any claimant under this Bond, who is not instrumental in bringing about or has not caused such change.
9. The amount of this Bond shall be reduced by and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith, and in accordance with the provisions hereof, by the Surety.
10. Where the aggregate of claims appears to the Province to exceed the sum of the bond amount and money due and payable to the Principal, the Province and the Surety may agree to suspend payment until all claimants have substantiated their claims.
11. The Surety shall not be liable for a greater sum than the maximum amount specified in this Bond.

ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES shall be:

MINISTER of Infrastructure, Corporate Strategies & Services, Procurement Branch #2700, 2nd Floor, 6950 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. T6H 5V7, Attention: Tender Administrator

PRINCIPAL:

SURETY:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Principal and the Surety have signed and sealed this Bond, this day of in the year

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by
the Principal

Apply Principal's
Seal Here

Signature

Name of Person Signing

Signing Capacity of Person Signing

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by
the Surety

Apply Surety's
Seal Here

Signature

Name of Person Signing

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