

BONDSExpress

1937 Teall Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206

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THIS APPLICATION IS DESIGNED FOR SINGLE CONTRACTS UNDER \$350,000.

1. This contract can be used for multi-year contracts up to 5 years in length (with renewals); but the obligee must accept an annually renewable bond from used by the Surety for any contract in excess of 1 year.
2. This application is not intended for any contracts located in the 5 Boroughs of New York City (Nassau and Suffolk Counties are allowed) or Hawaii; Subdivision or Site Improvement Bonds for resale or in excess of \$100,000; Asbestos Abatement Contracts; Mold Remediation Contracts; Mined Land Reclamation Contract; contracts issued under a Master Agreement, Completion Contracts or Multi-Year Contracts in excess of 5 years.
3. To ensure easy approval, all Bid and Performance Bond requests should include a copy of the bid specs and/or contract for private jobs and subcontracts in excess of \$150,000. If this paperwork is too long for easy fax/email transmittal, we will require any section related to the work to be performed, the bond itself, and any section related to the maintenance period. All service type contracts will require a complete copy of the contract.
4. If you have a performance bond request and you were awarded the contract based off a bid, we need to know the next two lowest bidders and how your bid was secured (open, cashier's check, negotiated, etc.).
5. **For this application to be considered, pages 1 and 4 need to be filled out entirely;** page 2 only needs to be filled out (with the required financial paperwork) if you plan to have 2 or more jobs going at with once with a combined value of more than \$350,000 but less than \$700,000.

Meeting the following conditions does not guarantee that a bond will be granted to you even if all of the criteria are met.

General Underwriting Criteria:

- **Personal credit score of 700 or higher**
- **Work to be performed must be within 200 miles of your office location**
- **In business for 1 year or more (\$350,000 or less)**
- **In business less than 1 year (\$100,000 or less)**
- **Acceptable credit, bond forms, and contract types**

Once we receive this application, we typically have a response within one business day.

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For Single Bonds or Aggregate Programs up to
\$350,000, complete page 1.

For Aggregate Programs in excess of \$350,000,
up to \$700,000, complete page 1 and page 2.

CONTRACTOR DATA

E-Mail Address _____

Type of Business: Partnership (S) Corporation (C) Corporation Sole Proprietorship LLC LLP
Company Name _____ Phone _____
Company Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Type of Work _____ Date started in Business _____
Has the applicant been in claim, **and/or**, denied bonding by another surety? No Yes Explain (if yes) _____

OWNER DATA / INDEMNITORS (Provide the information below on all owners; use additional sheet if necessary)

Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City/State/Zip _____	City/State/Zip _____
SS# _____ DOB _____	SS# _____ DOB _____
% of Business Ownership _____ Married <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	% of Business Ownership _____ Married <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Spouse Name _____	Spouse Name _____
SS# _____ DOB _____	SS# _____ DOB _____

CNA Surety may obtain a credit report about the Applicant including its Owner(s) and Owners' spouses in order to confirm the information provided in this application and obtain information about Applicant's credit history. For **new** applicants, complete and sign the General Indemnity Agreement.

BOND REQUEST DATA If no bond is needed at this time, but only prequalification for future bonding, check here

Anticipated Start Date _____ Time for Completion _____ Maintenance Period _____
Obligee (Who is requiring the contractor get a bond?) _____
Obligee Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Job Legal Description _____
Job Physical Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**This application is not intended for use in connection with Design-Build Contracts, Subdivision or Site Improvement over \$100,000, Asbestos Abatement, Completion, Hazardous Materials, or Multi-Year Contracts where term of contract is over 5 years.*

Check and Complete: (For private jobs or subcontracts, please enclose a copy of the contract and bond form for projects over \$150,000.)
(check one only) (For service type contracts, provide a copy of the contract.)

Bid Bond:
Bid date _____
Estimated total amount of bid: \$ _____
Engineers Estimate: \$ _____ None
Bid Bond %, or flat amount _____

OR Contract Price \$ _____

Contract Date (Date when contract is signed) _____
 Performance & Payment Bond **Supply Bond**
 Subcontractor Performance & Payment Bond
 Stand Alone Maintenance Bond \$ _____

Status of Outstanding Bid or Performance Bonds:
Bond No. _____ Bid Awarded: Yes No
Bond No. _____ Bid Awarded: Yes No

Bid secured by: Check Bond Negotiated
Next two lowest bidders
\$ _____ \$ _____

BOND FORM DATA

Name of Agent signing as Power of Attorney _____
(Name here) _____

CNA Form State Form (Send copy)
 AIA Form Obligee Form (Send copy)
 Federal Contract # _____
State of Incorporation _____

AGENCY DATA

Agency Name _____ Agency Code _____ - _____

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or person files an application containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime under applicable law. The applicants and indemnitors certify the truth of all statements in the application and authorize the Company to verify this information and to obtain additional information from any source including obtaining a credit report.

Phone: 1-800-331-6053 / Fax 605-335-0357

Complete this page for Aggregate Programs in excess of \$350,000, up to \$700,000.

Contractor's Company Name _____ File Number(s) Reference _____
 Contractor's Company Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FINANCIAL DATA Please submit the following:

Company Financial Requirements for (C) Corporations, (S) Corporations, and LLCs: Provide the company's last 2 years fiscal year-end financial statement or tax return. If the latest fiscal year financial statement or tax return is more than 6 months old, then also provide a current interim financial statement.

or
 Business Financial Requirement for Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships: Provide the last 2 years fiscal year-end financial statement on the business. If the fiscal year-end statement on the business is more than 6 months old, then also provide us with a current interim financial statement.

and
 Personal Financial Statements Provide a copy of each owner's latest personal financial statement. If the personal financial statement is more than 6 months old then provide us with a current statement.

Does the contractor have a formal bank line of credit? Yes No
 If "Yes" amount of Line of Credit? _____ Amount currently borrowed? _____

EXPERIENCE DATA

List the three largest contracts completed in the last five years:

Owner or General	Kind of Work	Location (City/County, State)	Contract Price	Year Completed	Final Gross Profit

List the two largest jobs you presently have underway, giving the following information:

Owner or General	Kind of Work	Location (City/County, State)	Contract Price	% of Completion	Estimated Gross Profit	Date to be Completed

OPERATIONS DATA

Liability Insurance Company and Limits _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____

- Type of trades you perform: _____
- Territory in which you perform work (present and planned) _____
- Trades subcontracted: _____

GENERAL DATA

Disputes, Financial Difficulties, Problems, Etc.

	Company		Any officer, owner or partner	
a. Failed in business or declared bankruptcy?	Yes	No	Yes	No
b. Failed to complete a job or been assessed with delay damages?...	Yes	No	Yes	No
c. Been involved in any lawsuits or disputes in the last 5 years?	Yes	No	Yes	No
d. Do you have any corporate or personal assets held in trust or escrow accounts?	Yes	No	Yes	No
e. Are any business or personal assets restricted or pledged for any purpose (i.e. collateral for a loan, etc.)?	Yes	No	Yes	No
f. Were you bonded in the past - By whom?	Yes	No	Yes	No

Explain all "yes" answers fully below or attach explanation

AGENCY DATA

Agency Name _____ Agency Code _____ - _____

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GENERAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made by the undersigned Indemnitors ("Indemnitors") for the benefit of Surety in connection with any Bond, as defined below, which may have been or may hereafter be provided for the benefit of or at the request of any one or more Indemnitors. If any Indemnitors have previously executed an indemnity agreement in favor of Surety, this Agreement shall be in addition to and not in lieu of or in replacement of such other agreement.

I. DEFINITIONS. The following terms shall be defined as follows for purposes of this Agreement:

A. **Bond:** Any surety bond, undertaking, or other obligation in the nature of a guaranty or suretyship, as well as alterations, amendments, extensions, substitutions, and renewals issued or procured by the Surety on, before, or after the date of this Agreement for (a) any Indemnitor or any of their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates; (b) any joint venture, partnership, association, limited liability company, or other legal entity in which one or more of the persons and entities identified above in sub-paragraph (a) have a direct or indirect interest; or (c) at the request of any Indemnitor.

B. **Contract:** Any contract or obligation whose performance is covered or guaranteed under a Bond.

C. **Event of Default:** Any one or more of the following: (a) any breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement; (b) Principal's breach, abandonment or forfeiture of a Contract; (c) any bankruptcy, insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors, appointment of a receiver or conservator, or similar proceeding concerning the Principal or any Indemnitor, whether voluntary or involuntary.

D. **Loss:** Any (a) claim, demand, liability, charge, suit, fee, or expense, including but not limited to attorney (both outside and in-house) and consultant fees, incurred by the Surety as a result of issuing or procuring a Bond; (b) cost incurred by Surety in procuring or attempting to procure a release from liability under a Bond; (c) cost incurred in investigation or adjustment of any claim or potential claim under a Bond; (d) costs incurred by Surety in enforcing the Indemnitors' obligations under this Agreement; and (e) any other cost incurred by Surety arising from the issuance or procurement of a Bond. The term Loss shall also include any advances or loans to any Principal or Indemnitor that are not repaid to the Surety as required by the terms of such advances or loans.

E. **Principal:** The person(s) and entity (ies) whose Contract obligations the Surety is requested to guarantee by issuing or procuring a Bond. Principal includes any person or entity identified on a Bond as "Principal" or "Contractor."

F. **Surety:** Any one or more of Western Surety Company, Universal Surety of America, and their successors, assigns, affiliates, subsidiary companies, and reinsurers. The term Surety shall also include any other person or entity which, at the request of the above, may act as surety or co-surety on any Bond.

II. INDEMNITY. The Indemnitors agree:

A. To defend, indemnify, and save harmless Surety from and against any and all Loss Indemnitor which the Surety may pay or incur.

B. To pay Surety all premium due on Bonds at the rates and times specified by the Surety. The Indemnitors specifically acknowledge and agree that the Surety's right to charge and collect premiums continues until the Surety is provided written evidence, satisfactory to the Surety that (i) its liability on such Bond has been discharged or (ii) its termination of liability as a matter of law.

C. That in any claim or suit arising out of or related to any Bond or this Agreement, an itemized statement of Surety's loss and expense, sworn to by a representative of Surety, or other evidence of disbursement by Surety, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact and extent of Indemnitor's liability under this Agreement.

D. To deposit collateral security with the Surety upon demand in an amount that Surety shall reasonably determine is necessary to protect it from Loss whether or not Surety has made any payment.

E. That in the Event of Default: (a) the Surety shall have the right, but not the obligation, to take possession of the work under any Contract, to complete such Contract, or cause or consent to the completion thereof, with any cost thereof being Loss; (b) the Indemnitors hereby assign, transfer, and set over to the Surety all of their rights under the Contracts, including: (i) their right, title and interest in and to all subcontracts let in connection therewith; (ii) all machinery, plant, equipment, tools and materials upon the site of the work or elsewhere for the purposes of the Contracts, including all material ordered for the Contracts; (iii) all patents, licenses, permits and computer software used for the performance of any Contract and/or financial record keeping of the same; (iv) all actions, causes of action, claims and demands whatsoever relating to the Contracts; and (v) any and all sums due under the Contracts at the time of the Event of Default or which may thereafter become due; (c) the Indemnitors hereby authorized the Surety to endorse in the name of the payee, and to receive and collect any check, draft, warrant or other instrument made or issued in payment of any such sum, and to disburse the proceeds thereof; and (d) the Indemnitors hereby irrevocably nominate, designate and appoint the Surety and its designees as their attorney-in-fact with all the powers necessary to exercise any right granted in this Agreement, including but not limited to the power to make, endorse, execute, sign, and deliver any and all additional or other instruments, checks, drafts, deposits, ACH and wire transfer directives and orders, change of address notices, liens and releases thereof, applications, certificates, draw requests, orders, releases, and papers deemed necessary or desirable by the Surety in order to give full effect to the obligations assumed and the agreements made by Indemnitors hereunder, the assignments and conveyances made herein, and the full protection intended to be herein given to the Surety under all the provisions of this Agreement. The Indemnitors ratify and confirm all acts undertaken by the Surety and/or its designees as such attorney-in-fact.

F. That all payments earned on any Contract shall be held in trust as trust funds for the completion of the Contract and the payment of Indemnitors' obligations for labor, material, equipment, supplies or services furnished in the performance of the Contract. Upon an Event of Default and the Surety's request, Indemnitors shall open an account with a bank acceptable to the Surety for the deposit of such trust funds.

G. That upon an Event of Default, the Indemnitors grant the Surety a security interest in all property, rights, and assets of the Indemnitors, including, but not limited to, all inventory, equipment, instruments, investments, contracts rights and proceeds, insurance, accounts, and deposits ("Collateral"). This Agreement shall constitute a Security Agreement and a Financing Statement for the benefit of the Surety in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code and any similar statute and may be so used by the Surety without in any way abrogating, restricting or limiting the rights of the Surety. Indemnitors authorize the Surety upon an Event of Default to file this Agreement or a photocopy thereof and any schedules or statements necessary to describe the Collateral covered by such filing.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS. The Indemnitors further agrees as follows:

A. **Books and Records; Credit Reports.** Upon demand and reasonable notice, the Surety shall be provided access to the books and record of the Indemnitors which includes but is not limited to papers, books, records, contracts, reports financial information and electronically stored information for the purpose of review and copying. The Surety is authorized to obtain a credit report on any Indemnitor at any time while the Surety may be liable under any Bond.

B. **Joint and Several Liability.** Indemnitors' obligations under this Agreement are joint and several. Surety's release of any one Indemnitor shall not release any other Indemnitor. No action or inaction of Surety with respect to anyone other than Indemnitor shall relieve the Indemnitor of any obligation owed under this Agreement. Indemnitor shall not be released from liability under this Agreement because of the status, condition, or situation of any party to this Agreement or any Principal.

C. **Defects in Execution.** If the execution of this Agreement by any Indemnitor is defective or invalid for any reason, such defect or invalidity shall not affect the validity hereof as to any other Indemnitor. Should any provision of this Agreement be held invalid, the remaining provisions shall retain their full force and effect.

D. **Prior Bonds.** Indemnitors waive any defense related to the date of this Agreement's execution and acknowledge that any and all Bonds executed pursuant to any Indemnitor's request before the date of this Agreement were executed by the Surety in reliance on this Agreement. Indemnitors understand and agree that this Agreement is a continuing agreement to indemnify over an indefinite period.

E. **Claim Notices.** Immediately upon becoming aware of any claim, demand, or proceeding concerning a Bond, the Indemnitors shall send notice of same to the Surety at:
CNA Surety Corporation, Claim Department
333 South Wabash Avenue, 41st Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604

F. **Claim Settlement.** Surety shall have the right in its sole discretion to decide whether any claims arising out of or related to any Bond shall be paid, compromised, defended, prosecuted, or appealed regardless of whether or not suit is actually filed or commenced against Surety upon such claim. Absent Surety's intentional wrongdoing, Indemnitor agrees to be conclusively bound by Surety's resolution of any and all claims and to accept Surety's determination of liability in regard to any and all claims.

- G. Bond Declination. Surety may decline to execute any Bond for any reason and shall not be liable to Indemnitor, or any person or entity, as a result of such declination.
- H. Termination. An Indemnitor may terminate liability to Surety under this Agreement by sending written notice by registered mail of intent to terminate to Surety, in care of Western Surety Company, P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57117-5077. Termination will be effective twenty days after actual receipt of such notice by Surety, only for Bonds signed or committed to by Surety after the effective date of termination.
- I. Issuing Surety. Indemnitors understand and agree that other than for the entity issuing a Bond, no other entity included within definition of the "Surety" in this Agreement assumes any obligation whatsoever with respect to either this Agreement or such Bond.
- J. Electronic Image. An electronic image, printout, copy, or facsimile of this Agreement shall be considered an original and shall be admissible in a court of law to the same extent as an original copy.
- K. Bond Changes. The Indemnitors' obligations to the Surety shall remain unchanged in the event of any changes in any Bond without regard to notice or consent by any Indemnitor. The Surety shall have no obligation to give the Indemnitors notice of the execution, renewal, or modification of a Bond.
- L. Other Agreements. Indemnitors agree that this Agreement is not a replacement, release, or alteration of any other agreement between any Indemnitor and the Surety but shall be in addition to such other agreement unless expressly stated otherwise herein.
- M. Amendment; Assignment. This Agreement may not be altered or amended except by a writing executed by the Indemnitors and the Surety. This Agreement and the Indemnitors' obligations hereunder may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Surety.
- N. Date of Agreement. The date of this Agreement shall be the earliest date that any Indemnitors executes this Agreement.

PLEASE NOTE: Indemnity is required of the entity AND all owners and spouses personally. (1) Provide the indemnity of the entity by dating and signing with authorized title below. (2) All owners and spouses must sign as personal indemnitors. Refer to the boxes at right for examples of proper indemnity by indemnitor type. BY SIGNING THIS INDEMNITY, INDEMNITORS ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THEY HAVE READ AND ARE AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PAGES ONE AND TWO OF THIS DOCUMENT.

(1) Dated: _____, _____, _____
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

Company Name (Print): _____
 (As listed on questionnaire)

Entity Type:	Proper Indemnity:
Sole Proprietor	John Doe, Owner
Partnership	Jane Doe, Partner
Corporation	John Doe, President
LLC	Jane Doe, Managing Member

Authorized Signature X _____ Title: _____
 (Printed) _____ Title: _____

Indemnitor Type:	Proper Indemnity:
Personal	John Doe, Indemnitor
Spouse	Jane Doe, Indemnitor

(2)

Indemnitors: Signature X _____ Indemnitors: Signature X _____
 (Printed) _____ Spouse: (Printed) _____

Indemnitors: Signature X _____ Indemnitors: Signature X _____
 (Printed) _____ Spouse: (Printed) _____

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 (Printed) _____ Spouse: (Printed) _____

Indemnitors: Signature X _____ Indemnitors: Signature X _____
 (Printed) _____ Spouse: (Printed) _____

All business submitted on this Indemnity Agreement shall be reviewed and underwritten by Western Surety Company, P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077