

EXHIBIT 8

FORM OF RETAINAGE BOND

CONTRACT NO. _____
COUNTY _____
BOND NO. _____

RETAINAGE BOND

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that CONTRACTOR, as Principal, and the undersigned surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Texas as Obligee, in the amount of FOUR PERCENT (4%) of the total amount paid the Principal under the contract, including any increases due to change orders, quantities of work, new items of work, or other additions as the Obligee may pay under the CMA, lawful money of the United States, well and truly to be paid to the State of Texas, and we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors, executors, and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas, the Principal has entered into the above-referenced contract with the State of Texas, attached hereto, and

Whereas, under the contract, the Principal is required before commencing the work provided for in the contract to execute a bond in the above amount.

Now therefore, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal and its heirs, successors, executors, and administrators shall fully indemnify and save harmless the State of Texas from all costs and damages from valid claims filed within 90 days of notification of final acceptance of the work under the contract by any person or entity against the contract funds, and shall fully reimburse the State of Texas for amounts owed by the Principal to the State of Texas with regard to the contract after notification of final acceptance of the work, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Provided further, that the said surety(s) for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the CMA, or to the work to be performed thereunder, or the Specifications accompanying the same, shall in anywise affect its obligation on this bond. The surety(s) does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition, to the terms of the CMA or to the work or to the Specifications, unless otherwise specified in the contract.

WITNESS our hand this, _____ day of _____, 20____.

CONTRACTOR

SURETY (Print Firm Name and Seal)

By: _____
(Title)

*By: _____
(Title)

By: _____
(Title)

SURETY (Print Firm Name and Seal)

SURETY (Print Firm Name and Seal)

*By: _____
(Title)

*By: _____
(Title)

*NOTE: A Power of Attorney, showing that the surety officer or Attorney-In-Fact has authority to sign such obligation, must be impressed with the corporate seal and attached behind the Payment Bond in each contract.

This form has been approved by the ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS & TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.