



**Administrative Services**  
**Purchasing Division**

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March 30, 2006

ABCO Contracting Company, Inc.  
2180 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Pl.  
Denver, CO 80229

RE: Bid 5963 Trail Work 2006

Thank you for recently submitting a bid to the City of Fort Collins for 5963.

Your firm was not the low bidder and in accordance with contract specifications, your bid bond is being returned to you.

We appreciate the time spent in preparing your bid response and we hope you continue your interest in City of Fort Collins' projects.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

James B. O'Neill II, CPPO, FNIGP  
Director of Purchasing and Risk Management

Enclosures: Bid Bond

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BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned ABCO  
Contracting Company, Inc. as Principal, and Insurance Company of  
the West as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto the  
City of Fort Collins, Colorado, as Owner, in the penal sum of Five Percent of  
Amount Bid (\$5% ) for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we  
hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, successors, and assigns.

THE CONDITION of this obligation is such that whereas the Principal  
has submitted to the City of Fort Collins, Colorado the accompanying bid  
and hereby made a part hereof to enter into a Contract Agreement for the  
construction of City of Fort Collins Project, 5963 Trail Work 2006

WHEREAS, the Owner, as a condition for receiving said bid, requires  
the Principal to deposit with the Owner a Bid Guaranty equal to five  
percent (5%) of the amount of said bid.

NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said bid shall be rejected; or in the alternate,
- (b) If said bid shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver a Contract Agreement (properly completed in accordance with said bid) and shall furnish a Performance and Payment Bond upon the forms prescribed by the Owner for the faithful performance of said Agreement; and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid;

then this obligation shall be void, otherwise the same shall remain in  
force and effect; it being expressly understood and agreed that the liabi-  
lity of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event,  
exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

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The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Owner may accept such bid; and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals this 23rd day of February, 2006, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, the day and year first set forth above.

PRINCIPAL

Name : ABCO Contracting Company, Inc.

Address: 2180 E. 74th Place  
Denver, CO 80229

By : 

PRESIDENT

SURETY

Insurance Company of the West

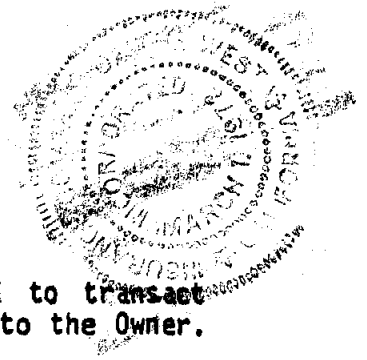
800 Englewood Parkway, Suite B-204  
Englewood, CO 80110

By: 

Title: Vera T. Kalba Attorney-in-Fact



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NOTE: Surety Companies executing bonds must be authorized to transact business in the State of Colorado and be acceptable to the Owner.

**MEMBER**  
**NASBP**

**MOODY INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
3773 CHERRY CREEK NORTH DRIVE, SUITE 800  
DENVER, COLORADO 80209-3804  
PHONE: (303) 824-6600

ICW GROUP  
Power of Attorney

Insurance Company of the West

The Explorer Insurance Company Independence Casualty and Surety Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Insurance Company of the West, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of California, The Explorer Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, and Independence Casualty and Surety Company, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas, (collectively referred to as the "Companies"), do hereby appoint

EVAN E. MOODY, BRAD MOODY, JODY ANDERSON, VERA T. KALBA, D.N. BROYLES, DANIEL S. FINHOLM

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with authority to date, execute, sign, seal, and deliver on behalf of the Companies, fidelity and surety bonds, undertakings, and other similar contracts of suretyship, and any related documents.

In Witness whereof, the Companies have caused these presents to be executed by its duly authorized officers this 16th day of January, 2001.



*John H. Craig*

John H. Craig, Assistant Secretary

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE WEST  
THE EXPLORER INSURANCE COMPANY  
INDEPENDENCE CASUALTY AND SURETY  
COMPANY

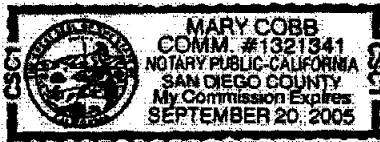
*John L. Hannum*

John L. Hannum, Executive Vice President

State of California }  
County of San Diego } ss.

On December 5, 2003, before me, Mary Cobb, Notary Public, personally appeared John L. Hannum and John H. Craig, personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacities, and that by their signatures on the instrument, the entity upon behalf of which the persons acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.



*Mary Cobb*

Mary Cobb, Notary Public

RESOLUTIONS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed, sealed and notarized with facsimile signatures and seals under authority of the following resolutions adopted by the respective Boards of Directors of each of the Companies:

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive or Senior Vice President of the Company, together with the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized to execute Powers of Attorney appointing the person(s) named as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to date, execute, sign, seal, and deliver on behalf of the Company, fidelity and surety bonds, undertakings, and other similar contracts of suretyship, and any related documents.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the signatures of the officers making the appointment, and the signature of any officer certifying the validity and current status of the appointment, may be facsimile representations of those signatures; and the signature and seal of any notary, and the seal of the Company, may be facsimile representations of those signatures and seals, and such facsimile representations shall have the same force and effect as if manually affixed. The facsimile representations referred to herein may be affixed by stamping, printing, typing, or photocopying."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Insurance Company of the West, The Explorer Insurance Company, and Independence Casualty and Surety Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is in full force and effect, and has not been revoked, and that the above resolutions were duly adopted by the respective Boards of Directors of the Companies, and are now in full force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2006.

*John H. Craig*

John H. Craig, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney you may call 1-800-877-1111 and ask for the Surety Division. Please refer to the Power of Attorney Number, the above named individual(s) and details of the bond to which the power is attached. For information or filing claims, please contact Surety Claims, ICW Group, 11455 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130-2045 or call (858) 350-2400.