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## FREIGHT BROKER BOND APPLICATION

(BMC-84 Freight Broker Bond - ICC Broker Bond - Transportation Broker Bond)

BOND AND C	BLIGEE									
Type of Bond Requested  BMC-84 FREIGHT BROKER BOND					Bond Amount			Effective Date		
Prior Surety? If Yes, Na	, , , ,			remium Reason for Change of Provider						
Full Name of Obligee (Part FEDERAL MOTOR	y Requiring the Bond)  CARRIER SAFETY AD	MINISTRATIO	ON		,			,		
Address 1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE					City WASHINGTON			State <b>DC</b>	Zip Code <b>20590</b>	
APPLICANT										
Name (as it is to appear on the bond)			Entity	al □ Corpo	ration 🗆	LLC □ Pai	rtnership 🗆	Other		
Address			City			County		State	Zip Code	
SSN or Tax ID Number	Date Business Started	Phone Number	Fa	ax Number		Email Add	dress			
MC Number										
How many continuous yea	rs has the Applicant or Owner	of the business be	een bonded wit	h a BMC-84	\$75,000 bo	nd, and/or ha	ad a trust acco	ount in place as	s security?	
Miscellaneous	id and unpaid) has the Applica	ant had on the bor			pplicable, lis	et the years of	the most recer	it ciairi(3).		
Does the business, or any 1. have any outstanding or		Expl	anations for fie	lds marked <b>Y</b>	es (If a long	ger explanatio	n is necessary,	attach to the e	nd of this document	
Has the business, or any p 2. failed in business, or de 3. had any lawsuits or jude 4. had a license or bond c 5. been a party to a surety 6. been convicted of a crir	rincipal involved, ever: clared bankruptcy?	res								
Owners and Spou	ses									
Full Name (First, Last)			Phone I	Number	En	nail Address				
Current Residence	Street Address				City			State	ZIP Code	
Business Ownership Year	rs of Industry Experience	Net Worth	SSN		Date of I	Birth	Spouse of			
Full Name (First, Last)			Phone I	Number	En	nail Address				
Current Residence	Street Address				City			State	ZIP Code	
Business Ownership Yea	rs of Industry Experience	Net Worth	SSN	,	Date of I	Birth	Spouse of			

Full Name (First, Last)			Phone Number	Email Address				
Current Residence Street Address			<u> </u>	City			State	ZIP Code
Business Ownership%	Years of Industry Experience	Net Worth \$	SSN	Date	of Birth	Spouse of		
Full Name (First, Last)			Phone Number		Email Address			
Current Residence   Street Address     Own   Rent   N/A				City			State	ZIP Code
Business Ownership%	Years of Industry Experience	Net Worth	SSN	Date	of Birth	Spouse of		

#### APPLICANT'S BANK

Bank Name		Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Years with Bank	Credit Line	Contact Name (First, Last)		Contact Phone Number	
	\$				

#### INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of the execution of the bond for which application is made, the undersigned (collectively, "Applicant") for themselves, their personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, hereby agree with, warrant and represent to, and bind themselves jointly and severally to, Surety and its co-sureties, re-insurers, and any other company which may execute a bond or bonds at the request of Surety (individually and collectively called "Surety") as follows:

- 1. Applicant agrees to pay Surety an advanced premium for the first year or a fractional part thereof that is earned in full and the amount due annually thereafter in accordance with Surety's then current premium rates or any minimum earned premium until Surety shall be discharged or released from any and all liability and responsibility under said bond, and all matters arising therefrom, and until competent written legal evidence of such discharge or release, satisfactory to Surety, is furnished to Surety.
- Applicant agrees that Surety may make any credit checks, including consumer and investigative credit checks, it deems necessary.
- Applicant warrants and represents that the questions answered and information furnished in connection with the application are true and correct.
- 4. Applicant agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified Surety and its agents and representatives and hold and save it them harmless from and against any and all liability, damage, loss, cost and expense of whatsoever kind or nature, including consul and attorney's fee, which Surety or its agents or representatives may at any time sustain or incur by reason or in consequence of have executed or procured the execution of the bond or enforcing this agreement against any of the undersigned or in procuring or in attempting to procure its release from liability under the bond.
- 5. If Surety shall set up a reserve to cover any liability, claims, suit or judgment under said bond, the undersigned will, immediately upon demand, deposit with Surety a sum of money, equal to such reserve and any increase thereof, to be held by Surety as collateral security on said bond. Any such collateral shall be available, in the discretion of Surety, as collateral security on any other or all bonds heretofore or hereafter executed for at the requests of any of the undersigned.
- 6. If Surety shall procure any other company or companies to execute or join with it in executing, or to reinsure said bonds, this instrument shall insure to the benefit of such other company or companies, its or their successors and assigns, so as to give it or them a direct right of actions against the indemnitors to enforce the provisions of this instrument.
- 7. An itemized statement of payments made by Surety, sworn to by an officer of Surety, shall be prima facie evidence of the liability of the undersigned to reimburse Surety for such payments with interests.

- 8. Surety in it sole discretion and without notice to the undersigned, is hereby authorized but not required from time to: (a) make or consent to any change in said bond or to issue any substitutes for any renewal thereof, and this instrument shall apply to such substituted or changed bond or renewal; (b) take such action as it may deem appropriate to prevent or minimize loss under said bond, including but not limited to steps to procure discharge from liability under said bonds, and (c) adjust, settle or compromise any claim or suit arising under said bond and, with respect to any such claims or suits, to take any action it may deem appropriate and any adjustment, settlement or compromise made or action taken by Surety shall be conclusive against and binding upon the undersigned.
- 9. Each of the undersigned agrees to pay the full amount of the foregoing regardless of (a) the failure of the principal or any applicant or indemnitor to sign any such bond or (b) any claims that other indemnity, security or collateral was to have been obtained or (c) the release, return or exchange by Surety with or without the consent of the undersigned, of any indemnity, security, or collateral that may have been obtained or (d) the fact that any party signing this instrument is not bound for any reason.
- 10. The undersigned hereby expressly waive notice from Surety of any claims or demand made against Surety or the principal under the bond or of any information Surety may receive concerning the principal, any contract, or bond. Surety shall have to right to decline any or all bonds herein applied for and shall have the right to withdraw from or cancel the same at any time, all without incurring any liability to the undersigned.
- 11. Whenever used in this instrument the plural term shall include the singular and the singular shall include the plural, as the circumstances require. If any portion of this agreement be in conflict with any law controlling the construction hereof, such portion of this instrument shall be considered to be deleted and the remainder shall continue in full force and effect. A facsimile of this Agreement shall be considered an original and shall be admissible in a court at law to the same extent as an original copy.
- 12. All obligations of the principal, applicants, and indemnitors to Surety are due, payable and performable at the Surety's election, in the Surety's domicile where venue of any action to enforce this agreement may be brought by Surety. Surety shall be entitled to recover all attorney's fees (including those of attorneys employed by Surety), consulting fees, and claims adjustment expenses in defending any claims made against its bonds or in enforcing any of its rights under this Agreement.

- 13. In consideration of the execution by Surety of the suretyship herein applied for, each of the undersigned, jointly and severally, agree to be bound by all of the terms of the foregoing indemnity agreement executed by the applicant, as fully as though each of the undersigned were the sole applicant named herein, and admit to being financially interested in the performance of the obligation, which the suretyship applied for is given to secure.
- 14. Applicant specifically consents to the rate quoted by surety regardless of whether said rate is filed, unfiled, special, non-standard or any deviation from rates historically offered for similar risks. Applicant furthermore understands that broker or agent fees may be included in the fee quote and to those likewise specifically consents.

### **Signature Instructions for Different Types of Applicants**

#### Individual / Sole Owner

- Applicant Signature: signature of the individual or sole owner
- · Indemnitor 2 Signature: signature of the applicant's spouse

#### **Partnership**

- · Applicant Signature: signature of a partner
- Indemnitor [#] Signature: signatures of all other partners\*
- · Indemnitor [#] Signature: signatures of all spouses of partners\*
- \*Signature and Name fields may be duplicated above to accommodate additional Indemnitors. On duplication, change "Indemnitor 5" to "Indemnitor 6", and so on.

#### Corporation<sup>†</sup>

- Applicant Signature: signature of president of corporation
- Indemnitor [#] Signature: signatures of all stockholders whose share in this corporation is 10% or more\*
- Indemnitor [#] Signature: signatures of the spouses of all stockholders whose share in this corporation is 10% or more\*

†Large, publicly traded companies, and certain private enterprises with significant levels of capital may be exempt from personal indemnity.

# By signing this application you are assuming specific obligations. Please read carefully the preceding indemnity agreement.

Signed and dated this day of	
Witness Signature:	Applicant Signature:
Witness Name:	Applicant Name:
Additional Indemnitors	
Witness Signature:	Indemnitor 2 Signature:
Witness Name:	Indemnitor 2 Name:
Witness Signature:	Indemnitor 3 Signature:
Witness Name:	
Witness Signature:	Indemnitor 4 Signature:
Witness Name:	Indemnitor 4 Name:
Witness Signature:	Indemnitor 5 Signature:
Witness Name:	Indemnitor 5 Name:

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## WE'VE MADE IT EASY FOR YOU TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION

#### TWO EASY WAYS TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION — PRINT OR DIGITAL

#### For PRINT completion:

- 1. Print this PDF.
- 2. Complete the application with a black pen by legibly writing your responses in the applicable fields.
- 3. Use one of the following ways to submit the completed application:
  - a. Scan, then email the pages to Underwriting@SuretyOne.com or your assigned underwriter
  - ь. Mail the pages to our Raleigh NC address (listed above)
  - c. Fax the pages to 919-834-7039

#### For DIGITAL completion:

- 1. Download this PDF to your computer.
- 2. Open the file in a PDF editor, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader DC (available for free here: https://get.adobe.com/reader/).
- 3. Complete the application by typing and clicking your responses in the applicable fields.
- 4. Save your updated file to your computer by going to File > Save as...
- 5. Use one of the following ways to submit the completed application:
  - a. Attach the PDF to an email, and send to Underwriting@SuretyOne.com or to your assigned underwriter
  - b. Upload the PDF to the form on www.suretyone.com/contact-us

Note: Incomplete applications may result in processing delays.

As of June 29, 2012 when the Congress passed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the BMC-84 freight broker bond requirement is now \$75,000. A freight broker acts as an intermediary between a party that needs shipping services and an authorized motor carrier. The freight broker bond guarantees that the broker will pay carrier invoices in a timely manner. Because the freight broker is acting as a fiduciary and the freight broker bond is a financial guarantee, an applicant's personal credit and financial statement(s) are important to underwriting and rating decisions. We offer non-standard program to applicants that have damaged credit or may not have had the opportunity to develop a consumer credit history. We decline no application, but rather offer terms that fit each applicant.

The commercial surety bond class is made up of simple, transactional bonds that do NOT contain contract performance guarantees. License and permit bonds, public official bonds, court bonds and miscellaneous surety bonds are the major categories of this class. Commercial surety bonds under \$25,000 generally require only a completed application to underwrite. Larger surety bond requests and those bond obligations that contain language or provisions that are onerous to the surety company will require review of personal and business financial statements. Commercial surety bonds are essentially unsecured credit instruments therefore personal credit is an important factor in certain underwriting and rating decisions. We offer non-standard program access to applicants that may have damaged credit or may not have had the opportunity to develop a consumer credit history. We decline no application, but rather offer terms that fit each applicant.