



Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL 06183

Bond No. **BFD025**

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

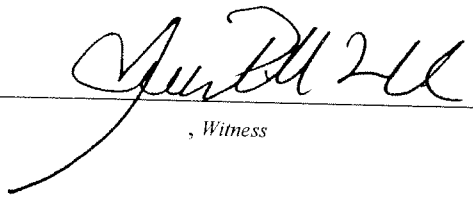
That we, **PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.**, as Principal, (hereinafter called the "Principal"), and the **FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND AND ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**, of 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60196, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, as Surety, (hereinafter called the "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto **COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** – as Obligee, (hereinafter called the "Obligee"), in the sum of **TWENTY PERCENT OF THE BID PRICE DOLLARS-----(20%)**, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for **“EQUIPO PARA SERVICIOS LAN (SWITCHES-SERVIDORES-CABLEADOS) SEGÚN SUBASTA NÚMERO RFP NO. SF(OC)2011-017.”**

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or contract documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the principal to enter into such contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bid bond is effective for a period of NINETY (90) days from date of issuance.

Signed and sealed this 6TH day of MARCH, 2012.

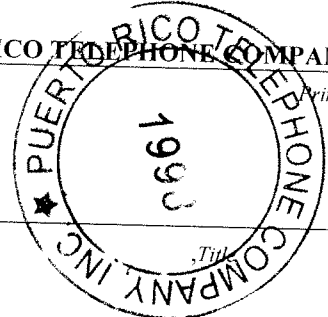



, Witness

PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.


Principal
(SEAL)
By _____

Title





RAFAEL E. BRAS, Witness

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND AND ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
By 

Surety
MARIA A. BRAS, Attorney-in-Fact
(SEAL)



Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

Home Office: 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60196

March 7, 2012

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Department of Education
PO Box 190759
San Juan, PR 00919-0759

**RE: PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
BONDING CAPACITY
PROJECT – “EQUIPO PARA SERVICIOS LAN (SWITCHES-SERVIDORES-
CABLEADOS) SEGÚN SUBASTA NÚMERO RFP NO. SF(OC)2011-017”**

Dear sir/madam:

Zurich American Insurance Company and/or its subsidiary, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, (“Zurich/F&D”)I have provided surety credit to Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. with a \$40,000,000 surety line outstanding

If Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. is awarded a contract for the referenced project and requests that we provide the necessary Performance and/or Payment Bonds, we will be prepared to execute the bonds subject to our acceptable review of the contract terms and conditions, bond forms, appropriate contract funding and any other underwriting considerations at the time of the request.

Our consideration and issuance of bonds is a matter solely between Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. and ourselves, and we assume no liability to third parties or to you by the issuance of this letter.

We trust that this information meets with your satisfaction. If there are further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and
Zurich American Insurance Company*

María A. Bras
Attorney in Fact

¹ Zurich/F&D are A (Excellent) A.M. Best rated insurance company (Financial Size Category XV (\$2 billion or more)). Treasury Listed company authorized to issue bonds to the limit of \$666,941,000.00.

**Power of Attorney
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, a corporation of the State of Maryland, by FRANK E. MARTIN JR., Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Company, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint **Maria A. BENITEZ and Maria A. BRAS, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico, EACH** its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Baltimore, Md., in their own proper persons. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of Maria A. BENITEZ, Maria A. BRAS, dated August 20, 2008.

The said Assistant Secretary does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Company, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President and Assistant Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the Corporate Seal of the said FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, this 24th day of October, A.D. 2011.

ATTEST:

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND



Eric D. Barnes

Eric D. Barnes Assistant Secretary

Frank E. Martin Jr.

By: Frank E. Martin Jr. Vice President

State of Maryland }
City of Baltimore } ss:

On this 24th day of October, A.D. 2011, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came FRANK E. MARTIN JR., Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself depose and saith, that they are the said officers of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and that the said Corporate Seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Constance A. Dunn

Constance A. Dunn Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 14, 2015

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EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

“Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,...and to affix the seal of the Company thereto.”

CERTIFICATE

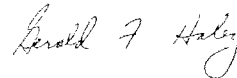
I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the Vice-President who executed the said Power of Attorney was one of the additional Vice-Presidents specially authorized by the Board of Directors to appoint any Attorney-in-Fact as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said Company,

this 6th day of MARCH, 2012.



Assistant Secretary

ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of New York does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Maria A. BENITEZ and Maria A. BRAS, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico, EACH its true and lawful Attorneys-In-Fact with power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal, and execute in its behalf, during the period beginning with the date of issuance of this power, : any and all bonds and undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, and to bind ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorney[s]-in-Fact pursuant to these presents are hereby ratified and confirmed . This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company which By-Law has not been amended or rescinded.

Article VI, Section 5. "...The President or a Vice President in a written instrument attested by a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary may appoint any person Attorney-In-Fact with authority to execute surety bonds on behalf of the Company and other formal underwriting contracts in reference thereto and reinsurance agreements relating to individual policies and bonds of all kinds and attach the corporate seal. Any such officers may revoke the powers granted to any Attorney-In-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY by unanimous consent in lieu of a special meeting dated December 15, 1998

" RESOLVED, that the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the By-Laws, and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power. Any such power or any certificate thereof with such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Furthermore, such power so executed, sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, shall continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed in its name and on its behalf and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its officers thereunto duly authorized, this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2006. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of Maria A. BENITEZ, Iliia D. Lopez ROHENA, Maria A. BRAS, dated September 21, 2004.



ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

Eric D. Barnes

By: *M. P. Hammond*

STATE OF MARYLAND }
BALTIMORE COUNTY }

SS:

Eric D. Barnes

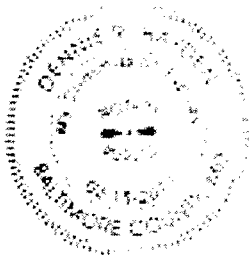
Secretary

M. P. Hammond

Vice President

On the 22nd day of February, A.D. 2006, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came the above named Vice President and Secretary of ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument and they each acknowledged the execution of the same and being by me duly sworn, they severally and each for himself deposed and said that they respectively hold the offices in said Corporation as indicated, that the Seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Corporation, and that the said Corporate Seal, and their respective signature as such officers, were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument pursuant to all due corporate authorization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above.



Eric D. Barnes

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: February 15, 2013

This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named therein to the bonds and undertaking specifically named therein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, a Secretary of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect, and further certify that Article VI, Section 5 of the By-Laws of the Company and the Resolution of the Board of Directors set forth in said Power of Attorney are still in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Company

Gregory E. Murray

Gregory E. Murray

Secretary



the 6th day of MARCH, 2012

