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Public Service Commission

September 29, 2011

John Nelson,
President of Hamilton Relay and
Vice President of Hamilton Telephone Company
1001 Twelfth Street
Aurora, Nebraska 68818

Re: Request for submission of proposals for relay service, beginning in June 2012, for the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, or speech impaired, and other implementation matters in compliance with the Florida Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991, Docket No. 110013-TP

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed is Hamilton Telephone Company d/b/a Hamilton Telecommunications' original Bid Bond, dated July 6, 2011, in the amount of \$500, 000.00, which is being returned.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Cole".

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
Office of Commission Clerk

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Enclosure

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BID BOND

Conforms with The American Institute of Architects, A.I.A. Document No. A-310

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Hamilton Telephone Company dba Hamilton Telecommunications, 1001 12th St., Aurora, Nebraska 68818-

_____ as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal,

and the Western Surety Company

of P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee,

in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100

Dollars (\$ \$500,000.00), 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 To Provide a Telecommunications Relay Service System in Florida. This bid bond is valid and effective from the date of bid submission through October 28, 2011.

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 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.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of July, 2011

Julie Spitzer

Witness

Hamilton Telephone Company dba Hamilton Telecommunications (Seal)

Principal
Vice President

Title

Maura P. Kelly

Witness

Western Surety Company
By Joan Leu

Joan Leu, Attorney-in-Fact

Mark Coolbaugh

Resident Agent Countersignature
Mark Coolbaugh

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Sharon K Murray, Maury J Spieker, David A Dominiani, Maura P Kelly, Joan Leu, Individually

of Omaha, NE, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a *duly authorized officer of the corporation* and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation.

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 15th day of September, 2010.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 15th day of September, 2010, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires

November 30, 2012



D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 14th day of July, 2011.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Law

ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the shareholders of the Company.

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.