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(f) To allow agencies to accept compensation from a State, city or county for services performed in withholding of State or city or county income or employment taxes.

(Pub. L. 95-365, 92 Stat. 599 (5 U.S.C. 5520))

[42 FR 33731, July 1, 1977, as amended at 44 FR 4670, Jan. 23, 1979]

§215.13 Supersession, amendment and termination provisions.

(a) This agreement supersedes any prior agreement between the Secretary of the Treasury and a State or city pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5516, 5517, or 5520.

(b) This agreement shall be subject to any amendment of 5 U.S.C. 5516, 5517, 5520 or Executive Order 11997, and any rules and regulations issued pursuant to them and amendments thereto.

(c) This agreement may be terminated as to a specific State or city or county which is a party to this agreement by providing written notice to that effect to the Secretary at least 90 days prior to the proposed termination.

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AUTHORITY: 80 Stat. 379; 5 U.S.C. 301; 6 U.S.C. 8.

§223.1 Certificate of authority.

The regulations in this part will govern the issuance by the Secretary of the Treasury of certificates of authority to bonding companies to do business with the United States as sureties on, or reinsurers of, recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings, hereinafter sometimes called obligations, under the provisions of the Act of July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 646, as amended; 6 U.S.C. 6-13), and the acceptance of such obligations from such companies so long as they continue to hold said certificates of authority.

[28 FR 1039, Feb. 2, 1963, as amended at 40 FR 6499, Feb. 12, 1975; 40 FR 8335, Feb. 27, 1975]

§223.2 Application for certificate of authority.

Every company wishing to apply for a certificate of authority shall address the Assistant Commissioner, Comptroller, Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of Treasury, Washington, DC 20226, who will notify the company of the data which the Secretary of the Treasury determines from time to time to be necessary to make application. In accord with 6 U.S.C. 8 the data will include a copy of the applicant's charter or articles of incorporation and a statement, signed and sworn to by its president and secretary, showing its assets and liabilities. A fee shall be transmitted with the application in accordance with the provisions of §223.22(a)(i).

[34 FR 20188, Dec. 24, 1969, as amended at 37 FR 1232, Jan. 27, 1972; 40 FR 6499, Feb. 12, 1975; 43 FR 12678, Mar. 27, 1978; 49 FR 47002, Nov. 30, 1984]

§223.3 Issuance of certificates of authority.

(a) If, from the evidence submitted in the manner and form herein required, subject to the guidelines referred to in §223.9 the Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied that such company has authority under its charter or articles of incorporation to do the business provided for by the Act referred to in §223.1, and if the Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied from such company's financial statement and

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from any further evidence or information he may require, and from such examination of the company, at its own expense, as he may cause to be made, that such company has a capital fully paid up in cash of not less than \$250,000, is solvent and financially and otherwise qualified to do the business provided for in said Act, and is able to keep and perform its contracts, he will, subject to the further conditions herein contained, issue a certificate of authority to such company, under the seal of the Treasury Department, to qualify as surety on obligations permitted or required by the laws of the United States to be given with one or more sureties, for a term expiring on the last day of June next following. The certificate of authority shall be renewed annually on the first day of July, so long as the company remains qualified under the law and the regulations in this part, and transmits to the Assistant Commissioner, Comptroller by March 1 each year the fee in accordance with the provisions of §223.22(a)(3).

(b) If a company meets the requirements for a certificate of authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds in all respects except that it is a United States branch of a company not incorporated under the laws of the United States or of any State, or it is limited by its articles of incorporation or corporate charter to reinsure business only, it may be issued a certificate of authority as a reinsuring company on Federal bonds. The fees for initial application and renewal of a certificate as a reinsuring company shall be the same as the fees for a certificate of authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds.

[33 FR 8390, June 6, 1968, as amended at 34 FR 20188, Dec. 24, 1969; 37 FR 1232, Jan. 27, 1972; 40 FR 6499 Feb. 12, 1975; 40 FR 8335, Feb. 27, 1975; 42 FR 8637, Feb. 11, 1977; 43 FR 12678, Mar. 27, 1978; 43 FR 39089, Sept. 1, 1978; 49 FR 47002, Nov. 30, 1984]

§ 223.4 Deposits.

No such company will be granted authority to do business under the provisions of the act referred to in §223.1 unless it shall have and maintain on deposit with the Insurance Commissioner, or other proper financial officer, of the State in which it is incor-

porated, or of any other State of the United States, for the protection of claimants, including all its policyholders in the United States, legal investments having a current market value of not less than \$100,000.

[36 FR 9630, May 27, 1971]

§ 223.5 Business.

(a) The company must engage in the business of suretyship whether or not also making contracts in other classes of insurance, but shall not be engaged in any type or class of business not authorized by its charter or the laws of the State in which the company is incorporated. It must be the intention of the company to engage actively in the execution of surety bonds in favor of the United States.

(b) No bond is acceptable if it has been executed (signed and/or otherwise validated) by a company or its agent in a State where it has not obtained that State's license to do surety business. Although a company must be licensed in the State or other area in which it executes a bond, it need not be licensed in the State or other area in which the principal resides or where the contract is to be performed. The term *other area* includes the Canal Zone, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

[40 FR 6499, Feb. 12, 1975]

§ 223.6 Requirements applicable to surety companies.

Every company now or hereafter authorized to do business under the act of Congress referred to in §223.1 shall be subject to the regulations contained in this part.

[38 FR 22779, Aug. 24, 1973]

§ 223.7 Investment of capital and assets.

The cash capital and other funds of every such company must be safely invested in accordance with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated and will be valued on the basis set forth in §223.9. The Secretary of the Treasury will periodically issue instructions for the guidance of companies with respect to investments and other matters. These guidelines may be