

Environmental Surety

Experience Matters

Environmental surety bonds offered through Environmental, a division of Chartis, provide environmental contractors with the necessary tools required by project owners and regulators for a wide range of remediation or hazardous work. With Environmental Surety Bonds in place, a contractor can successfully bid and complete a job that has potential environmental liability issues.

Since 1992, Chartis has been a leader in the environmental surety market and offers a full line of surety products specifically for the needs of environmental contractors and businesses. Our underwriters are able to discuss specialized environmental coverage needs with ease because we've made it our business for nearly three decades to understand the environmental liability issues faced by companies today. As a result, we have the knowledge and resources available to handle your clients' environmental surety bond needs.

Chartis offers the following types of bonds:

Bid Bonds

Provide financial assurance that the contractor submitting a bid, if awarded the project, will enter into a formal contract with the owner and will post performance and payment bonds.

Performance Bonds

Guarantee the contractor's performance to complete a project as outlined in the contract undertaken.

Payment Bonds

Insure that the contractor will pay certain labor and material suppliers associated with the contract, as well as certain subcontractors.

Defining Environmental Surety

Surety bonds provide financial security and construction assurances on building and construction projects by assuring project owners that contractors will perform the job and pay subcontractors, laborers and material suppliers in accordance with contract terms.

Capacity is available up to \$15 million per project; \$40 million aggregate. Higher capacities are available based upon meeting certain underwriting criteria.

The Chartis Advantage

Reliability & Expertise: Only Chartis has over 30 years of experience in environmental insurance and nearly 20 years with environmental surety.

One-stop-shop: Chartis provides ease and convenience for clients by providing both environmental insurance and surety bonds. No one else in the industry offers both for environmental.

Relationship: If an owner of a construction site obtains a letter of credit from a bank, the owner may receive payment upon default of the contractor up to the full limit of the letter of credit. This amount may not be enough to complete the project. However, with performance and payment bonds, the owner receives the guarantee of the surety that the project will be completed within the terms and conditions of the underlying contract. Chartis offers competitive pricing and access to engineers for its contractor clients as well as suggestions for alternate contractors for owners of construction sites.

Is Environmental Surety Right For Me?

Chartis specializes in, but is not limited to the following contracting trades:

- Demolition
- Soil and Groundwater Remediation
- Dismantlement
- Waste Haulers (Hazardous and Non-Hazardous)

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Financial Assurance for Development Bids

An environmental services firm was asked to bid on cleanup and remediation of a Brownfield site by a resort developer. The developer planned to build hotels, restaurants, a planned community and a variety of recreational areas on the site. Successful completion of the resort and community depended upon the proper completion of cleanup and remediation contracting. The developer's lender expressed concern that if the contractor failed to fulfill the contract, the cleanup would be abandoned midstream. The contractor who was able to provide the appropriate bid and performance assurances that would win the bid.

Our surety bonds offer environmental contractors bid and performance bonds for a wide range of remediation or hazardous work. A surety bond assures the owner of the construction project the contractor has been prequalified by Chartis and the contractor will enter into a formal contract which guarantees that the contractor will complete the project as outlined in the contract. The risk of the contractor defaulting is transferred to the surety which will provide for completion upon default, ultimately providing owners, developers, and lenders peace of mind when awarding construction projects to the contractor.



Risk Management Techniques to Protect Against Subcontractor Liens

A real estate development firm hoped to convert a recently purchased former textile mill and ash dumping ground into a mixed-use retail and residential complex, but during the property assessment, large amounts of dyes, phosphates and metals were found. An environmental service firm was awarded the cleanup contract. The cleanup project involved several subcontractors who, if the environmental service firm failed to fulfill their contract with them, would look to the property owner for recourse. The owner was hesitant to move ahead on the cleanup until they had assurances the property would be lien-free at completion.

We offer environmental contractors performance and payment bonds to ensure subcontractors supplying labor and materials will be paid. Not only does the surety guarantee that the contractor will complete the project as stated in the contract terms, but it also guarantees that the contractor will pay certain labor and material suppliers associated with the contract including subcontractors.

Let Environmental's Surety Experience Go to Work for You

Environmental Surety from Chartis provides the types of assurances that environmental contractors require today – in fact, Chartis is amongst the few companies that offer environmental surety bonds and the only one that offers environmental insurance and surety bonds together for contractors. Environmental Surety Bonds can be the final piece of an overall comprehensive environmental solutions financial and insurance plan for contractors that operate in the environmental marketplace.

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