

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZED BY SIO FOR SURETY EXCELLENCE

MAY 7, 2008 - CINCINNATI, OHIO — Gary Dunbar, Divisional President of Great American Insurance Company's Bond Division, has been awarded the 2007 Platinum Award for "Excellence in Surety Bond Promotion" by the Surety Information Office (SIO).

SIO's Platinum award is given to members of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) and The Surety & Fidelity Association of America (SFAA) to recognize the success of an individual's overall actions in promoting the value and benefits of contract surety bonds throughout the year. Mr. Dunbar was one of seven surety professionals who received the 2007 Platinum Award for Excellence in Surety Bond Promotion. SIO presented the awards April 16, 2008, at the NASBP annual meeting in Miami, FL, and will announce the winners again at SFAA's 100th anniversary annual meeting May 6-9, 2008, in Washington, DC.

An influential leader in the surety industry, Mr. Dunbar has been an advocate for surety bonding for emerging contractors by encouraging surety companies to help these contractors obtain their first bonds and become the successful and established construction companies of the future. As SFAA Chair (2005-2007), Mr. Dunbar made bonding for emerging contractors his leading cause. He continued his efforts on the topic in 2007 in an article, "Surety Bonding—Expand Your Ability to Acquire Work," published in July 2007 in *Construction Business Owner* magazine.

Mr. Dunbar has further demonstrated his commitment to the surety industry through his presentations to students, accountants, bankers, and other construction audiences. In addition to 2007 presentations to construction management and construction finance students at the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Dunbar been a featured speaker at the AICPA Construction Executive Forum and for the Risk Management Association. He was also a cited source in "Red Flags & Warning Signs of Contractor Failure," an article published in March 2008 in *RMA Journal*.

About Great American Insurance Group

Great American Insurance Group's roots go back to 1872 with the founding of its flagship company, Great American Insurance Company. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, the operations of Great American Insurance Group are engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialty commercial products for businesses, and in the sale of annuities and supplemental insurance products. The members of the Great American Insurance Group are subsidiaries of American Financial Group, Inc. (AFG), also based in Cincinnati, Ohio. AFG's common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and Nasdaq under the symbol ("AFG").

About the Surety Information Office (SIO)

SIO was formed in 1993 to disseminate information about the benefits of contract surety bonding in private and public construction. Located in Washington, DC, SIO is supported by the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) and The Surety & Fidelity Association of America (SFAA). Surety bonding is a careful, rigorous, and professional process in which sureties prequalify contractors and assure project owners that these contractors are capable of performing the contract and will pay certain subcontractors and suppliers associated with the project. For information on the benefits of surety bonds in construction, contact the Surety Information Office at (202) 686-7463 or www.sio.org.

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