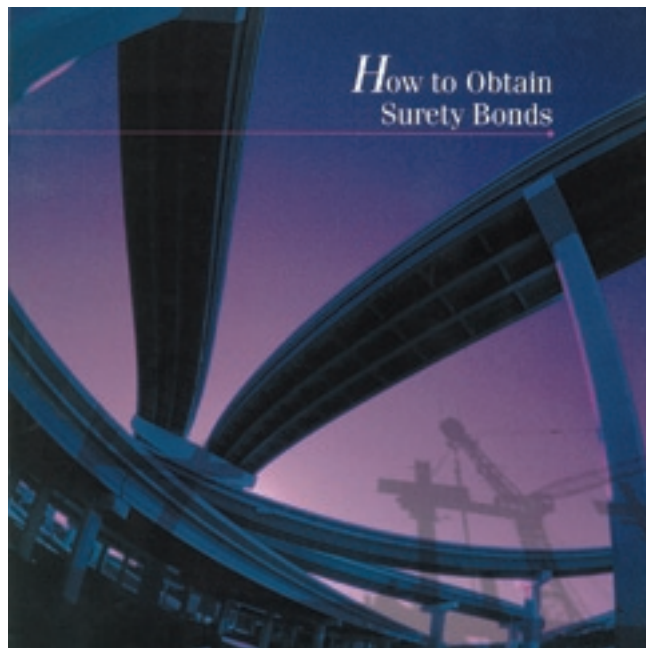


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**T**he Surety Information Office (SIO) is committed to helping contractors and subcontractors grow through contract surety bonding and the valuable relationships with producers and underwriters that surety bonding provides. SIO offers a number of free resources so contractors and subcontractors can gain a better understanding of contract surety bonds.

- *How to Obtain Surety Bonds*—Provides an overview of the bonding process, from finding a producer to undergoing the prequalification process.
- *Importance of Surety Bonds in Construction*—Provides an overview of the value and



benefits of contract surety bonds.

- *Surety Companies: What They Are and How to Find Out About Them*—Explains how to qualify a surety company through readily available resources.
- *Helping Contractors Grow: Surety Bonds for New & Emerging Contractors*—Provides informa-



tion about bonding assistance and support programs, bond guarantee programs and mentor-protégé programs for new and emerging contractors.

- *Surety Bonds Versus Bank Letters of Credit*—Explains the key differences between letters of credit and surety bonds.
  - *An Overview of the Contract Surety Bonds Claims Process*—Addresses performance bond default situations, payment bond claims and project-owner expectations.
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