RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

PROXY – ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS – MAY 15, 2012

This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned shareholder of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") hereby appoints Steven L. Keller and Martin A. Naegelin, Jr., and each of them, with full power of substitution, as proxies of the undersigned to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time, in the main conference room at Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s executive offices, which are located at 555 IH-35 South, Suite 500, New Braunfels, Texas 78130, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof, the number of votes that the undersigned would be entitled to cast if personally present, and particularly, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to vote and act on the following matters and in their discretion upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

This Proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned shareholder. If no direction is made, this Proxy will be voted FOR all of the nominees listed in Proposal 1 and FOR ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP in Proposal 2.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)

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May 15, 2012

NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIAL:

The proxy materials for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders, including the 2011 Annual Report, the proxy statement and any other additional soliciting materials are available at http://investor.rushenterprises.com/annuals.cfm

Please sign, date and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

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| PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED I (1) ELECTION OF DIRECTORS The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" all nominees NOMINEES: O W. Marvin Rush O W.M. "Rusty" Rush | (2) PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR. |
| WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES FOR ALL EXCEPT (See instructions below) James C. Únderwood Harold D. Marshall Thomas A. Akin Gerald R. Szczepanski | The Board of Directors recommends a vote <u>FOR</u> Proposal 2. all as more particularly described in the Proxy Statement dated April 4, 2012 relating to the Annual Meeting, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. The undersigned shareholder also acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annua Meeting of Shareholders. |
| INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEPT and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: To change the address on your account, please check the box and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes | |
| to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method. Signature of Shareholder Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, early fill title as such if the signer is a composition please sign full comporate name by duly. | Signature of Shareholder Signature of Shareholder ach holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee, guardian or in another representative capacity, authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person. |