

#### **End User Service Agreement**

In order to obtain confidential Consumer Reports (as defined and governed by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681 et seq.) (hereinafter the "FCRA")), the undersigned end user (hereinafter referred to as "Subscriber") requests STERLING INFOSYSTEMS for the use of its services, under terms and conditions outlined below, and in consideration of the mutual benefits, Subscriber and STERLING INFOSYSTEMS enter into the following agreement.

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1.	To comply with all provisions of the FCRA a	nd applicable state laws.	
2.	That the nature and type of its business is		
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- 3. That Subscriber may request Consumer Reports for the permissible purposes of employment or tenant screening pursuant to procedures prescribed by STERLING INFOSYSTEMS. Subscriber certifies that any such requests shall be made only when it is considering the individual for employment, promotion, reassignment or retention as an employee, or for tenant screening purposes as provided under Section 604 of the FCRA. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS shall have sole discretion in the provision of Consumer Reports to Subscriber for any other FCRA-permissible purpose.
- **4.** And certifies that it will not request a Consumer Report for employment purposes unless:
  - A clear and conspicuous disclosure is first made in writing to the consumer before the report is obtained, in a document that consists solely of the disclosure that a consumer report may be obtained for employment purposes.
  - The consumer has authorized in writing the procurement of the report; and
  - Information from the Consumer Report will not be used in violation of any applicable federal or state equal employment opportunity law or regulation.
- **5.** And certifies that before taking adverse action in whole or in part based on the Consumer Report, it will provide the consumer:
  - A copy of the Consumer Report;
  - A copy of the consumer's rights, in the format approved by the Federal Trade Commission, which notice shall be supplied to Subscriber by STERLING INFOSYSTEMS;
  - A copy of the consumer's rights under applicable state law; and
  - The opportunity to dispute derogatory information prior to Subscriber taking adverse action.
- 6. That Consumer Reports on employees, including prospective employees, will be requested only by a Subscriber's authorized representative. Employees will be forbidden to attempt to obtain Consumer Reports on themselves, associates, or any other person except in the exercise of their official duties. In addition, Subscriber agrees to order Consumer Reports on prospective employees residing in Hawaii or Vermont only after a conditional offer of employment has been made.

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## CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES SHALL BE FINED UNDER TITLE 18, OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OR BOTH).

- 7. To obtain Consumer Reports for a one-time use only, to hold all Consumer Reports in strict confidence, and to not disclose any Consumer Reports to any third party not involved in the current employment decision.
- 8. Subscriber acknowledges the need to protect information contained in Consumer Reports and agrees to follow federal and state laws relating to the retention and destruction of such sensitive information.
- **9.** To immediately inform STERLING INFOSYSTEMS of any data security breach.
- **10.** To maintain all consumer releases and related documentation for a minimum of five (5) years following Subscriber's request for the applicable Consumer Report.
- 11. To provide prompt notice of any change in location, mailing address or ownership.

#### B. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS AGREES:

To provide Consumer Reports to Subscriber for employment or tenant screening purposes according to this Services Agreement and any addenda which are attached hereto and when executed by both parties, incorporated into this agreement by reference. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS reserves the right to change the schedule of services and charges at any time, but no change in such schedule shall become effective unless the Subscriber has been informed by STERLING INFOSYSTEMS in writing in advance.

#### C. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

- 1. Pursuant to this Agreement, Consumer Reports provided hereunder will contain only credit reporting information. Subscriber will continue to receive all other Consumer Report information from the supplier through whom this Agreement was initiated ("Reseller") or other supplier(s), as applicable.
- 2. Upon submission of this Agreement to STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, STERLING INFOSYSTEMS will order or perform an onsite inspection of Subscriber's business premises for purposes of credit reporting compliance; Subscriber will pay to STERLING INFOSYSTEMS a non-refundable \$75 fee for this inspection. Passing inspection is required for Subscriber to receive the Consumer Reports, and failure of the inspection will result in STERLING INFOSYSTEMS' immediate termination or cancelation of this Agreement.
- 3. Upon mutual execution of this Agreement, STERLING INFOSYSTEMS will request the necessary credit reporting order codes from TransUnion on behalf of Subscriber. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS will provide the TransUnion-supplied codes to Subscriber who must then provide the codes to Reseller. Subscriber acknowledges and agrees that once the codes have been delivered by STERLING INFOSYSTEMS to Subscriber, Subscriber is solely responsible for the disbursement and use of the codes.
- 4. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS shall use good faith in attempting to obtain information from sources deemed reliable but does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the information provided, and in no event shall STERLING INFOSYSTEMS be held liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss or injury to Subscriber resulting from the obtaining or furnishing of such information, and further that Subscriber agrees to hold STERLING INFOSYSTEMS harmless and indemnify it from any and all claims, losses, and damages arising out of alleged liability or failure of the Subscriber to keep and perform any of its obligations described herein. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS shall have no obligation or duty

hereunder to provide any information that is not verifiable. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS' maximum aggregate liability to Subscriber, including for claims and defense of indemnification, is limited to the lower of \$50,000 or three (3) months' revenue (paid or payable by Reseller for Subscriber's Consumer Reports only) regardless of the claim.

- 5. This Agreement shall remain in force and effect for one (1) year from the date hereof, and thereafter, from year to year, on the same basis as set forth herein except that either party may cancel this Agreement at anytime upon at least thirty (30) days prior notice.
- 6. It is further agreed, however, that with just cause, such as violation of the terms of the contract or a legal requirement, STERLING INFOSYSTEMS may, upon its election, discontinue serving the Subscriber and cancel this Agreement immediately.
- 7. For Consumer Reports provided pursuant to this Agreement, STERLING INFOSYSTEMS will invoice the Reseller with whom both Subscriber and STERLING INFOSYSTEMS have individual agreements for the provision of services, and Subscriber will not receive invoices from STERLING INFOSYSTEMS nor owe any fees directly to STERLING INFOSYSTEMS for the provision of the Consumer Reports. Reseller will invoice Subscriber directly for the services provided pursuant to this Agreement, and Subscriber agrees to pay Reseller invoices in a timely manner.
- 8. The parties hereto agree that this agreement and attached addendums represent the full and complete Agreement between the parties. This Agreement shall not be binding until executed by STERLING INFOSYSTEMS.
- 9. STERLING INFOSYSTEMS may offer information presented as general education, which is not intended to be legal advice, either express or implied. Subscriber should consult with legal counsel regarding all employment law matters.
- **10.** All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Agreement.

STERLING INFOSYSTEMS	Subscriber:Company Name
By:Authorized STERLING INFOSYSTEMS Signature	By: Authorized Client Signature
Title:	Title:
Print Name:	Print Name:
Date:	Address:
City/State:	Date:

# EXHIBIT A TO END USER SERVICE AGREEMENT: NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBER AS A USER OF CONSUMER REPORTS: OBLIGATIONS OF USERS UNDER THE FCRA

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA),15 U.S.C. 1681-1681y, requires that this notice be provided to inform users of consumer reports of their legal obligations. State law may impose additional requirements. The text of the FCRA is set forth in full at the Federal Trade Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/credit">www.ftc.gov/credit</a>. At the end of this document is a list of United States Code citations for the FCRA. Other information about user duties is also available at the

Commission's Web site. Users must consult the relevant provisions of the FCRA for details about their obligations under the FCRA.

The first section of this summary sets forth the responsibilities imposed by the FCRA on all users of consumer reports. The subsequent sections discuss the duties of users of reports that contain specific types of information, or that are used for certain purposes, and the legal consequences of violations. If you are a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency (CRA), you have additional obligations and will receive a separate notice from the CRA describing your duties as a furnisher.

For purposes of this Exhibit A, "user" or "users" shall mean Subscriber.

#### I. OBLIGATIONS OF ALL USERS OF CONSUMER REPORTS

#### A. Users Must Have a Permissible Purpose

Congress has limited the use of consumer reports to protect consumers' privacy. All users must have a permissible purpose under the FCRA to obtain a consumer report. Section 604 contains a list of the permissible purposes under the law. These are:

- As ordered by a court or a federal grand jury subpoena. Section 604(a)(1)
- As instructed by the consumer in writing. Section 604(a)(2)
- For the extension of credit as a result of an application from a consumer, or the review or collection of a consumer's account. Section 604(a)(3)(A)
- For employment purposes, including hiring and promotion decisions, where the consumer has given written permission. Sections 604(a)(3)(B) and 604(b)
- For the underwriting of insurance as a result of an application from a consumer.
   Section 604(a)(3)(C)
- When there is a legitimate business need, in connection with a business transaction that is initiated by the consumer. Section 604(a)(3)(F)(i)
- To review a consumer's account to determine whether the consumer continues to meet the terms of the account. Section 604(a)(3)(F)(ii)
- To determine a consumer's eligibility for a license or other benefit granted by a
  governmental instrumentality required by law to consider an applicant's financial
  responsibility or status. Section 604(a)(3)(D)
- For use by a potential investor or servicer, or current insurer, in a valuation or assessment of the credit or prepayment risks associated with an existing credit obligation. Section 604(a)(3)(E)
- For use by state and local officials in connection with the determination of child support payments, or modifications and enforcement thereof. Sections 604(a)(4) and 604(a)(5)

In addition, creditors and insurers may obtain certain consumer report information for the purpose of making "prescreened" unsolicited offers of credit or insurance. Section 604(c). The particular obligations of users of "prescreened" information are described in Section VII below.

#### B. Users Must Provide Certifications

Section 604(f) prohibits any person from obtaining a consumer report from a consumer reporting agency (CRA) unless the person has certified to the CRA the permissible purpose(s) for which the report is being obtained and certifies that the report will not be used for any other purpose.

#### C. Users Must Notify Consumers When Adverse Actions Are Taken

The term "adverse action" is defined very broadly by Section 603. "Adverse actions" include all business, credit, and employment actions affecting consumers that can be considered to have a negative impact as defined by Section 603(k) of the FCRA – such as denying or canceling credit or insurance, or denying employment or promotion. No adverse action occurs in a credit transaction where the creditor makes a counteroffer that is accepted by the consumer.

#### Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From a CRA

If a user takes any type of adverse action as defined by the FCRA that is based at least in part on information contained in a consumer report, Section 615(a) requires the user to notify the consumer. The notification may be done in writing, orally, or by electronic means. It must include the following:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the CRA (including a toll-free telephone number, if it is a nationwide CRA) that provided the report.
- A statement that the CRA did not make the adverse decision and is not able to explain why the decision was made.
- A statement setting forth the consumer's right to obtain a free disclosure of the consumer's file from the CRA if the consumer makes a request within 60 days.
- A statement setting forth the consumer's right to dispute directly with the CRA the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by the CRA.

## 2. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From Third Parties Who Are Not Consumer Reporting Agencies

If a person denies (or increases the charge for) credit for personal, family, or household purposes based either wholly or partly upon information from a person other than a CRA, and the information is the type of consumer information covered by the FCRA, Section 615(b)(1) requires that the user clearly and accurately disclose to the consumer his or her right to be told the nature of the information that was relied upon if the consumer makes a written request within 60 days of notification. The user must provide the disclosure within a reasonable period of time following the consumer's written request.

#### 3. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From Affiliates

If a person takes an adverse action involving insurance, employment, or a credit transaction initiated by the consumer, based on information of the type covered by the FCRA, and this information was obtained from an entity affiliated with the user of the information by common ownership or control, Section 615(b)(2) requires the user to notify the consumer of the adverse action. The notice must inform the consumer that he or she may obtain a disclosure of the nature of the information relied upon by making a written request within 60 days of receiving the adverse action notice. If the consumer makes such a request, the user must disclose the nature of the information not later than 30 days after receiving the request. If consumer report information is shared among affiliates and then used for an adverse action, the user must make an adverse action disclosure as set forth in I.C.1 above.

# D. Users Have Obligations When Fraud and Active Duty Military Alerts are in Files When a consumer has placed a fraud alert, including one relating to identity theft, or an active duty military alert with a nationwide consumer reporting agency as defined in Section 603(p) and resellers, Section 605A(h) imposes limitations on users of reports obtained from the consumer reporting agency in certain circumstances, including the establishment of a new credit plan and the issuance of additional credit cards. For initial fraud alerts and active duty alerts, the user must have reasonable policies and procedures in place to form a belief that the user knows the identity of the applicant or contact the consumer at a telephone number specified by the consumer; in the case of extended fraud alerts, the user must contact the consumer in accordance with the contact information provided in the consumer's alert.

# E. Users Have Obligations When Notified of an Address Discrepancy Section 605(h) requires nationwide CRAs, as defined in Section 603(p), to notify users that request reports when the address for a consumer provided by the user in requesting the report is substantially different from the addresses in the consumer's file. When this occurs, users

must comply with regulations specifying the procedures to be followed, which will be issued by the Federal Trade Commission and the banking and credit union regulators. The Federal Trade Commission's regulations will be available at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/credit">www.ftc.gov/credit</a>.

#### F. Users Have Obligations When Disposing of Records

Section 628 requires that all users of consumer report information have in place procedures to properly dispose of records containing this information. The Federal Trade Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the banking and credit union regulators have issued regulations covering disposal. The Federal Trade Commission's regulations may be found at <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/credit">www.ftc.gov/credit</a>.

#### II. CREDITORS MUST MAKE ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

- **A.** If a person uses a consumer report in connection with an application for, or a grant, extension, or provision of, credit to a consumer on material terms that are materially less favorable than the most favorable terms available to a substantial proportion of consumers from or through that person, based in whole or in part on a consumer report, the person must provide a risk-based pricing notice to the consumer in accordance with regulations to be jointly prescribed by the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Reserve Board.
- **B.** Section 609(g) requires a disclosure by all persons that make or arrange loans secured by residential real property (one to four units) and that use credit scores. These persons must provide credit scores and other information about credit scores to applicants, including the disclosure set forth in Section 609(g)(1)(D) ("Notice to the Home Loan Applicant").

### III. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS WHEN CONSUMER REPORTS ARE OBTAINED FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES

#### A. Employment Other Than in the Trucking Industry

If information from a CRA is used for employment purposes, the user has specific duties, which are set forth in Section 604(b) of the FCRA. The user must:

- Make a clear and conspicuous written disclosure to the consumer before the report is obtained, in a document that consists solely of the disclosure, that a consumer report may be obtained.
- Obtain from the consumer prior written authorization. Authorization to access reports during the term of employment may be obtained at the time of employment.
- Certify to the CRA that the above steps have been followed, that the information being
  obtained will not be used in violation of any federal or state equal opportunity law or
  regulation, and that, if any adverse action is to be taken based on the consumer report,
  a copy of the report and a summary of the consumer's rights will be provided to the
  consumer.
- Before taking an adverse action, the user must provide a copy of the report to the
  consumer as well as the summary of consumer's rights. (The user should receive this
  summary from the CRA.) A Section 615(a) adverse action notice should be sent after
  the adverse action is taken.

An adverse action notice also is required in employment situations if credit information (other than transactions and experience data) obtained from an affiliate is used to deny employment. Section 615(b)(2) The procedures for investigative consumer reports and employee misconduct investigations are set forth below.

#### B. Employment in the Trucking Industry

Special rules apply for truck drivers where the only interaction between the consumer and the potential employer is by mail, telephone, or computer. In this case, the consumer may provide consent orally or electronically, and an adverse action may be made orally, in writing, or electronically. The consumer may obtain a copy of any report relied upon by the trucking company by contacting the company.

#### IV. OBLIGATIONS WHEN INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ARE USED

- **A.** Investigative consumer reports are a special type of consumer report in which information about a consumer's character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living is obtained through personal interviews by an entity or person that is a consumer reporting agency. Consumers who are the subjects of such reports are given special rights under the FCRA. If a user intends to obtain an investigative consumer report, Section 606 requires the following:
  - The user must disclose to the consumer that an investigative consumer report may be obtained. This must be done in a written disclosure that is mailed, or otherwise delivered, to the consumer at some time before or not later than three days after the date on which the report was first requested. The disclosure must include a statement informing the consumer of his or her right to request additional disclosures of the nature and scope of the investigation as described below, and the summary of consumer rights required by Section 609 of the FCRA. (The summary of consumer rights will be provided by the CRA that conducts the investigation.)
  - The user must certify to the CRA that the disclosures set forth above have been made and that the user will make the disclosure described below.
  - Upon the written request of a consumer made within a reasonable period of time after
    the disclosures required above, the user must make a complete disclosure of the
    nature and scope of the investigation. This must be made in a written statement that is
    mailed, or otherwise delivered, to the consumer no later than five days after the date on
    which the request was received from the consumer or the report was first requested,
    whichever is later in time.

#### V. SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS

**A.** Section 603(x) provides special procedures for investigations of suspected misconduct by an employee or for compliance with Federal, state or local laws and regulations or the rules of a self-regulatory organization, and compliance with written policies of the employer. These investigations are not treated as consumer reports so long as the employer or its agent complies with the procedures set forth in Section 603(x), and a summary describing the nature and scope of the inquiry is made to the employee if an adverse action is taken based on the investigation.

#### VI. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

A. Section 604(g) limits the use of medical information obtained from consumer reporting agencies (other than payment information that appears in a coded form that does not identify the medical provider). If the information is to be used for an insurance transaction, the consumer must give consent to the user of the report or the information must be coded. If the report is to be used for employment purposes – or in connection with a credit transaction (except as provided in regulations issued by the banking and credit union regulators) – the consumer must provide specific written consent and the medical information must be relevant. Any user who receives medical information shall not disclose the information to any other person (except where necessary to carry out the purpose for which the information was disclosed, or as permitted by statute, regulation, or order).

#### VII. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS OF "PRESCREENED" LISTS

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#### VIII. OBLIGATIONS OF RESELLERS

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#### IX. LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FCRA

**A.** Failure to comply with the FCRA can result in state government or federal government enforcement actions, as well as private lawsuits. Sections 616, 617, and 621. In addition, any person who knowingly and willfully obtains a consumer report under false pretenses may face criminal prosecution. Section 619.

The FTC's Web site, www.ftc.gov/credit, has more information about the FCRA, including publications for businesses and the full text of the FCRA.

Citations for FCRA sections in the U.S. Code, 15 U.S.C. § 1 Section 602 15 U.S.C. 1681 Section 603 15 U.S.C. 1681a	681 et seq.:
Section 604 15 U.S.C. 1681b	
Section 605 15 U.S.C. 1681c	
Section 605A 15 U.S.C. 1681cA	
Section 605B 15 U.S.C. 1681cB	
Section 606 15 U.S.C. 1681d	
Section 607 15 U.S.C. 1681e	
Section 608 15 U.S.C. 1681f	
Section 609 15 U.S.C. 1681g	
Section 610 15 U.S.C. 1681h	
Section 611 15 U.S.C. 1681i	
Section 612 15 U.S.C. 1681j	
Section 613 15 U.S.C. 1681k	
Section 614 15 U.S.C. 1681/	
Section 615 15 U.S.C. 1681m	
Section 616 15 U.S.C. 1681n	
Section 617 15 U.S.C. 1681o	
Section 618 15 U.S.C. 1681p	
Section 619 15 U.S.C. 1681q	
Section 620 15 U.S.C. 1681r	
Section 621 15 U.S.C. 1681s	
Section 622 15 U.S.C. 1681s-1	
Section 623 15 U.S.C. 1681s-2	
Section 624 15 U.S.C. 1681t	
Section 625 15 U.S.C. 1681u	
Section 626 15 U.S.C. 1681v	
Section 627 15 U.S.C. 1681w	
Section 628 15 U.S.C. 1681x	
Section 629 15 U.S.C. 1681y	
SIGNATURE	DATE
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## EXHIBIT B TO END USER SERVICE AGREEMENT: SUBSCRIBER PROFILE

Company Name:				
Company Address:				
Telephone Number:		<u> </u>		
Company Website:		<u> </u>		
Employers Federal Tax ID # or Employer Identification Number: :				
Number of Employees:	s: Date Established:		blished:	
Please circle one:	Corporation	Partnership	Individually Owned	
	Name of Owner:			
Please list persons au	uthorized to order STERLI	ING INFOSYSTEMS	services:	

# EXHIBIT C TO END USER SERVICE AGREEMENT: CONSENT TO OBTAIN CONSUMER REPORT ON SUBSCRIBER WHERE SUBSCRIBER IS A SOLE PROPRIETOR OR PARTNERSHIP

I understand that you may obtain consumer reports that relate to my credit and/or criminal history. This information will, in whole or in part, be obtained from STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, 6111 Oak Tree Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Independence, OH 44131, telephone 800.853.3228. I understand that you may be requesting information from various federal, state and other agencies or institutions, which maintain public and non-public records concerning my past activities relating to my credit and/or criminal history.

I authorize, without reservation, any INFOSYSTEMS to furnish the above me		contacted by STERLING
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Applicant Name	Date of Birth* *Date of Birth is requested in order to o	Social Security Number obtain accurate retrieval of records.
Alias/Previous Name(s)		
Current Physical Address	City & State	Zip
California, Minnesota & Oklahom consumer report sent directly to you		ck here to have a copy of your
Notice to CALIFORNIA Applicants Under Section 1786.22 of the California INFOSYSTEMS, upon proper identification including the sources of information, an INFOSYSTEMS has previously furnished w the file maintained on you by STERLING obtain a copy of this file upon submitting properties.	the nature and substance of all d the recipients of any reports ithin the two-year period precedir INFOSYSTEMS during normal b oper identification and paying the	information in its files on you, so on you, which STERLING ng your request. You may view business hours. You may also e costs of duplication services.
SIGNATURE	DATE	

#### EXHIBIT D TO END USER SERVICE AGREEMENT: CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY SUBSCRIBER

Company Name:				
Company Address:				
Telephone Number:				
Company Website:				
Employers Federal Tax ID or Employer Identification Number:				
Number of Employees:	Date Established:	(Month/Year)		
<ul> <li>□ Corporation</li> <li>□ LLC</li> <li>□ Partnership</li> <li>□ Sole Proprietor</li> <li>Name(s) of Owner or <u>ALL</u> Partners (as applicable)*:</li> </ul>				

<sup>\*</sup> Owner or each Partner must also provide a fully execute copy of the Consent to Obtain Consumer Report(s) on Subscriber (Attachment C to this Agreement)