# **DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**

("the Company") may obtain information about you for employment purposes from a third party consumer reporting agency. Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" and/or an "investigative consumer report" which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living, and which can involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates. These reports may contain information regarding your credit history, criminal history, social security verification, motor vehicle records ("driving records"), verification of your education or employment history, or other background checks. Credit history will only be requested where such information is related to the duties and responsibilities of the position for which you are applying. You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report and a copy of any report about you. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history conducted by ClearStar, Inc.6250 Shiloh Rd, Suite 300 Alpharetta, GA 30005, 1-877-796-2559.

# NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW

(the "Company") intends to obtain information about you for employment screening purposes from a consumer reporting agency and/or investigative consumer reporting agency pursuant to your authorization. Thus, you can expect to be the subject of "investigative consumer reports" and/or "consumer credit reports" obtained for employment purposes. Such reports may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. With respect to any investigative consumer report(s) from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("ICRA"), the Company may investigate the information contained in your employment application and other background information about you, including but not limited to obtaining a criminal record report, verifying references, work history, your social security number, your educational achievements, licensure, and certifications, your driving record, and other information about you, and interviewing people who are knowledgeable about you. The results of the report(s) may be used as a factor in making employment decisions. The source of any investigative consumer report (as that term is defined under California law) will be ClearStar, Inc. ("ClearStar") and Star Systems Solutions (Star Systems). Privacy Policy can be reviewed at http://www.clearstar.net/privacy-policy/ including information about including whether the personal information will be sent outside the United States or its territories. The Company agrees to provide you with a copy of an investigative consumer report when required to do so under California law.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out from an ICRA what is in the ICRA's file on you with proper identification, as follows:

In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person with proper identification. The ICRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.

By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. ICRAs complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRAs.

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A summary of all information contained in the ICRA's file on you that is required to be provided by the California Civil Code will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.

# **NOTICE - BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY LAW**

**New Jersey Residents or Employees** - this summary of the provisions of the New Jersey Fair Credit Reporting Act ("NJFCRA") is being provided to you pursuant to state law (N.J.S.A. § 56:11-28 et seq.)

- Before an employer can obtain a consumer report about you from a consumer reporting agency they must provide you with a clear and conspicuous disclosure in writing that such may be obtained for employment purposes. You must provide written consent to the procurement, for employment purposes, of a consumer report.
- When using a consumer report for employment purposes, before taking adverse action based in whole or in part on the report, an employer must provide you with a copy of the consumer report and a description in writing of your rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act as well as the NJFCRA.
- You must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to dispute, with the consumer reporting agency, any information on which the employer relied upon in your consumer report.
- You can request from a consumer reporting agency all information in your file, upon proper identification. This includes sources of information and identification of each person who procured a consumer report for employment purposes during the two-year period preceding your request. These requests must be made during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. It can be done in person or by telephone, if you have made a written request and pay the toll charge. A consumer reporting agency must provide trained personnel to explain to you any information in the consumer report.
- You can dispute inaccurate information with the consumer reporting agency. If you dispute the completeness or accuracy of any of the information in your file, the consumer reporting agency must reinvestigate free of charge during a 30-day period. A consumer reporting agency must provide written notice to you of the results of the reinvestigation not later than five business days after completion of their investigation.
- If, after a reinvestigation, any information disputed by you is found to be inaccurate or incomplete or cannot be verified, the consumer reporting agency must promptly delete that item of information from your file or modify that item of information, as appropriate, based on the results of the reinvestigation.
- You can seek damages for noncompliance under the NJFCRA.

### NOTICE REGARDING CREDIT CHECKS PER VERMONT LAW

Pursuant to Vermont Act No. 154 (S. 95), the Company informs you that it may obtain a credit report about you, for the following reason(s):

[\_] The information is required by state or federal law or regulation;

[\_] You seek to be/are employed in a position that involves access to "confidential financial information" (defined as "sensitive financial information of commercial value that a customer or client of the employer gives explicit authorization for the employer to obtain, process, and store and that the employer entrusts only to managers or employees as a necessary function of their job duties")

[] The Company is a financial institution as defined in 8 V.S.A. §11101(32) or a credit union as defined in 8V.S.A. §30101(5);

[\_] You seek to be/are employed in a position as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical personnel or firefighter as these terms are respectively defines in 20 V.S.A. §2358, 24 V.S.A. §2651(6) and 20 V.S.A.§3151(3)

[\_] You seek to be/are employed in a position that requires a financial fiduciary responsibility to the Company or a Company's clients, including the authority to issue payments, collect debts, transfer money or enter into contracts

[] You seek to be/are employed in a position that involves access to the Company's payroll information; []

The Company can demonstrate that credit information is a valid and reliable predictor of employee performance in the your specific position of employment;

[] The Company will not obtain a consumer credit report on you.

### EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I acknowledge receipt of the DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" by the Company at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my employment, if applicable. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by ClearStar, Inc. and Star Systems Solutions (Star Systems), another outside organization acting on behalf of the Company, and/or the Company itself. Privacy Policy can be reviewed at <a href="http://www.clearstar.net/privacy-policy/">http://www.clearstar.net/privacy-policy/</a>. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original

**California applicants or employees only:** By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law.

<u>Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or employees only:</u> Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company.

<u>New York applicants or employees only:</u> You have the right, upon written request, to be informed of whether or not an investigative consumer report was requested. If an investigative consumer report is requested, you will be provided with the name and address of the consumer reporting agency furnishing the report. You may inspect and receive a copy of the report by contacting that agency. By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law

Last Name

First Name

Middle

Signature

\*If you will be requesting driving records, we recommend you have this form notarized.

Maryland applicants or employees only: Consumer credit reports and/or credit history information may be requested for bona fide purposes that are substantially job-related. Such positions for which bona fide purposes exist that are substantially job-related are: managerial positions; positions that involve access to others' personal information (except for personal information customarily provided in a retail transactions); positions that involve fiduciary responsibility to the employer, including the authority to issue payments, collect debts, transfer money, or enter into contracts; positions that will be provided an expense account or a corporate credit card; and positions with access to trade-secret or other confidential business information.

<u>New York and Maine applicants or employees only:</u> You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by the Company by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly. You may also contact the Company to request the name, address and telephone number of the nearest unit of the consumer reporting agency designated to handle inquiries, which the Company shall provide within 5 days.

<u>Massachusetts applicants or employees only:</u> If an investigative consumer report is requested, you have the right, upon written request, to a copy of the report.

Date

<u>Minnesota applicants or employees only:</u> You have the right in most circumstances to submit a written request to the consumer reporting agency for a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report ordered about you. The consumer reporting agency must provide you with this disclosure within 5 days after its receipt of your request or the report was requested by the Company, whichever date is later.

<u>New Jersey applicants or employees only:</u> You have the right to submit a request to the consumer reporting agency for a copy of any investigative consumer report the Company requested about you. A summary of your rights under the New Jersey Fair Credit Reporting Act is included.

Washington State applicants or employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report, you have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable period of time after receipt of this disclosure, to receive from the Company a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation requested by the Company. You also have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

**Employer please note:** If a Minnesota or Oklahoma consumer checks "YES" regarding the consumer report, or if a California consumer checks "YES" regarding the credit report (and you do request a credit report), please fax this form to your Star Systems service center. If consumer checks "YES" regarding the full consumer report, and consumer resides in California, you will need to provide the individual with a copy of their consumer report, unless you have made prior arrangements for Star Systems to do so on your behalf.

Last Name	First Name	Middle
Other Names/Alias		
*Social Security #	*Date of Birth	
Driver's License #	*State of Driver's	License
Present Address	Phone Number	
City/State/Zip	Former Employe	r
Position	Dates of Employ	ment

\*This information will be used for background screening purposes only and will not be used as hiring criteria.

# NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW ARTICLE 23-A

### LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

§§ 750. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings

- (1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, b o a r d or commission.
- (2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the License, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

**§§ 751. Applicability.** The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.

**§§ 752. Definitions.** No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

- (1) there is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or
- (2) the issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

#### §§ 753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.

1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors.

- (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
- (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
- (c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
- (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.

The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.

The seriousness of the offense or offenses. (f)

- Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good (g) conduct.
- The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and(h) welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.

**§§ 754.** Written statement upon denial of license or employment. At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.

#### §§ 755. Enforcement.

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1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.

2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York City commission on human rights.

# CALIFORNIA

# A Summary of Your Rights Under California Law

Under California law, you are entitled, upon presentation of proper identification (\*), to find out from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("CRA") what is in your file, as follows:

- In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. The CRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the CRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.
- 2. By obtaining a summary of it via telephone call, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by you or charged directly to you; or
- 3. By requesting in writing, with proper identification, that a copy of it be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. The CRA complying with such requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the investigative CRAs.

The CRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file. The CRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you. The CRA and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. If you choose to visually inspect the file under option 1 above this written explanation will be provided whenever the file is provided to you.