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NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

In connection with your application with (Insert Client Name) ("Requestor"), notice is hereby given that a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report may be obtained from a consumer reporting agency for employment purposes. Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" and/or "investigative consumer report" as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. § 1681). These reports may contain information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living, whichever are applicable. They may involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends or associates. The report may also contain information about you relating to your criminal history, credit history, driving and/or motor vehicle records, social security verification, workers' compensation claims (after a conditional offer of employment has been made), verification of your education or employment history or other background checks.

You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after the receipt of this Notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report prepared contacting **KnowMyHire, 28577 Hwy. 5, Woodstock, AL 35188 – Phone: 877.893.5669**. For information about KnowMyHire's privacy practices see www.KnowMyHire.com. The scope of this Notice and Authorization is not limited to the present and, if you are hired will continue throughout the course of your employment and will allow the Requestor to conduct future screenings for retention, promotion or reassignment, as permitted by law and unless revoked by you in writing. The Requestor also reserves the right to share background investigation results with any third-party companies for whom you will be placed to work as a representative of the Requestor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of above **Notice Regarding Background Investigation** and a copy of the federal notice entitled, "[A Summary Of Your Rights Under The Fair Credit Reporting Act](#)" and certify that I have read both documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" by the Requestor at any time after receipt of this Authorization and throughout the course of 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 **KnowMyHire, 28577 Hwy. 5, Woodstock, AL 35188 – Phone: 877.893.5669, www.KnowMyHire.com**, another outside organization acting on behalf of the Requestor, and/or the Requestor. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic, or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as an original.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

DOB: _____

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

The information below will be used for the purpose of identification only. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, equal pay or disability. Additionally, New York State law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of creed, sexual orientation, military status, or marital status.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Please List Below all Alias, Maiden, or Other Names Used:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Driver License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please provide the City, State and Zip Code of all areas that you have lived, worked, or attended school during that past seven years.

1. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

2. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

3. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

4. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

5. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

6. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

7. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

8. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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STATE DISCLOSURES REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

NEW YORK applicants or employees only: You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by Requestor by contacting KnowMyHire, 28577 Hwy. 5, Woodstock, AL 35188, Phone: 877.893.5669. By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of a copy of [Article 23-A](#) of the New York Correction Law.

WASHINGTON applicants or employees only: You have the right to request from KnowMyHire a written summary of your rights and remedies under the [Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act](#).

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 free of charge, if one is obtained by the Requestor and you have a right to receive such a copy under California Law.

MASSACHUSETTS, MINNESOTA, and OKLAHOMA applicants or employees only: Please check the box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Requestor.

Please send me a copy of my consumer report if one is obtained.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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Para informacion en espanol, visite www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20006.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
 - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
 - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
 - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
 - you are on public assistance;
 - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.

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- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.

- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.

- The following FCRA right applies with respect to nationwide consumer reporting agencies:

Consumers Have The Right To Obtain A Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.

- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

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States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates. b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:	a. Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552 b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center –FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
2. To the extent not included in item 1 above: a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and insured state branches of foreign banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations d. Federal Credit Unions	a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050 b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480 c. FDIC Consumer Response Center 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11 Kansas City, MO 64106 d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO) 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314
3. Air carriers	Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings Aviation Consumer Protection Division Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590
4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board	Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423
5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act	Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor
6. Small Business Investment Companies	Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, S.W., 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416
7. Brokers and Dealers	Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F St NE Washington, DC 20549
8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations	Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090
9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above	FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357

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NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW

ARTICLE 23-A

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

Section 750. Definitions.

751. Applicability.

752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.

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

754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.

755. Enforcement.

§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, board 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. **Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.** 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

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(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.

(e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.

(f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.

(g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.

(h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and 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.

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.

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**NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW**

(Insert Client Name) (the "Company") seeks an investigative consumer report, as defined under California law, about you for employment purposes. California residents must be provided the following summary of the provisions of California Civil Code section 1786.22.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to visually inspect all files maintained about you by an investigative consumer reporting agency (ICRA), such as KnowMyHire, upon request and proper identification during normal business hours and on a reasonable notice as follows:

- ✓ In person. You may request a copy of your file. The ICRA may charge you for the actual copying costs associated with providing you with a copy of your file.
- ✓ By telephone. A summary of all information contained in the ICRA's file on you will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.
- ✓ By certified mail. You may make a written request for copies to be sent to a specific addressee. ICRA's 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 ICRA's.

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. If an ICRA is unable to reasonably identify you on the basis of these documents, they may 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.

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NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION – USE OF CREDIT INFORMATION

CALIFORNIA LAW

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING A CONSUMER CREDIT REPORT. Some states, including California, limit an employer's ability to request or use credit information for employment purposes. California Civil Code section 1785.20.5 states the following:

Prior to requesting a consumer credit report for employment purposes, the user of the report shall provide written notice to the person involved. The notice shall inform the person that a report will be used, and shall identify the specific basis under subdivision (a) of Section 1024.5 of the Labor Code for use of the report. The notice shall also inform the person of the source of the report, and shall contain a box that the person may check off to receive a copy of the credit report. If the consumer indicates that he or she wishes to receive a copy of the report, the user shall request that a copy be provided to the person when the user requests its copy from the credit reporting agency. The report to the user and to the subject person shall be provided contemporaneously and at no charge to the subject person.

California Labor Code section 1024.5 is provided below:

1024.5. (a) An employer or prospective employer shall not use a consumer credit report for employment purposes unless the position of the person for whom the report is sought is any of the following:

- (1) A managerial position.
- (2) A position in the state Department of Justice.
- (3) That of a sworn peace officer or other law enforcement position.
- (4) A position for which the information contained in the report is required by law to be disclosed or obtained.
- (5) A position that involves regular access, for any purpose other than the routine solicitation and processing of credit card applications in a retail establishment, to all of the following types of information of any one person:
 - (A) Bank or credit card account information.
 - (B) Social security number.
 - (C) Date of birth.
- (6) A position in which the person is, or would be, any of the following:
 - (A) A named signatory on the bank or credit card account of the employer.
 - (B) Authorized to transfer money on behalf of the employer.
 - (C) Authorized to enter into financial contracts on behalf of the employer.
- (7) A position that involves access to confidential or proprietary information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, process or trade secret that (i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who may obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information, and (ii) is the subject of an effort that is reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy of the information.

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(8) A position that involves regular access to cash totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more of the employer, a customer, or client, during the workday.

(b) This section does not apply to a person or business subject to Sections 6801 to 6809, inclusive, of Title 15 of the United States Code and state and federal statutes or regulations implementing those sections if the person or business is subject to compliance oversight by a state or federal regulatory agency with respect to those laws.

(c) The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) "Consumer credit report" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1785.3 of the Civil Code, but does not include a report that (A) verifies income or employment, and (B) does not include credit-related information, such as credit history, credit score, or credit record.

(2) "Managerial position" means an employee covered by the executive exemption set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (A) of Section 1 of Wage Order 4 of the Industrial Welfare Commission (8 Cal. Code Regs. 11040).