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BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business LEGAL Name, Business DBA Name, Business Legal Address, Business Physical Address, City, State, Zip, Main Contact, Email Address, Phone Number, Toll free Phone Number, FAX Number, Mobile / Cell Phone, Number of Locations, Current Ownership Length, Federal Tax ID#

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Owner #1/Partner/Officer #1, Social Security #, Title in Business, Phone Number, Ownership Percentage, Date of Birth, U.S. Citizen, Home Address, Owner #2/Partner/Officer #2, Social Security #, Title in Business, Phone Number, Ownership Percentage, Date of Birth, U.S. Citizen, Home Address

MERCHANT PROFILE

Type of Ownership, Type of Business, Type of Goods and/or Services Sold, Card Present Swiped, Card Present Imprint, Card Not Present Keyed, TOTAL, Home based business?, Currently processing Visa/MasterCard/Discover?, Has merchant ever been terminated?, Have you or the business ever declared bankruptcy?

CARDHOLDER DATA STORAGE COMPLIANCE

Is cardholder data stored?, If yes, where is card data stored?, Name of Primary CAP/VAR, Name of Secondary CAP/VAR

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For "Member" Bank, For "Global Direct", For Debit Sponsor, Member Bank Responsibilities, Merchant Responsibilities

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ELECTRONIC DEBIT/CREDIT AUTHORIZATION

By signing this Application (the "Application"), Merchant hereby authorizes Global Payments Direct, Inc. ("Global Direct") on behalf of Member (as defined herein) and Member to initiate debit/credit entries to Merchant's accounts in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement (as defined below).

Form with fields: Type of Account (Checking, Savings, Other), Bank Name, Bank Phone Number, Transit Number, DDA Number.

CARDS TO BE ACCEPTED

Form with fields: American Express (New Setup, Existing, Account#), Debit Service (Check here if you do not wish to accept Visa Check, Debit MasterCard).

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Merchant Warranty and Authorization: Merchant and I/we have read, acknowledge and agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions set forth herein...

AmEx Services: By signing below, I represent that the information I have provided on the Application is complete and accurate and I authorize American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc ("American Express") to verify the information on this Application...

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE CAUSED THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING FUNDS TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED HERETO) TO BE EXECUTED BY THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.

Sign Here Merchant's Signature, Print Name, Date

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Signing for Global Payments Direct, Inc., Print Name, Title, Date

Signing for Member, Print Name, HSBC Bank USA, National Assoc. Name of Member, Date

Signing for Debit Sponsor, Print Name, Concord EFS National Bank Name of Debit Sponsor, Date

Personal Guaranty: I/We hereby guarantee to Global Direct, Member and to Debit Sponsor, and to their successors and assigns, the full, prompt and complete performance of Merchant and all of Merchant's obligations under this Agreement...

Sign Here Guarantor's Signature, Print Name, Date

Sign Here Guarantor's Signature, Print Name, Date

Sign Here Witness' Signature, Print Name, Date



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**VOIDED CHECK VERIFICATION FORM**

**Please attach a voided check below.**

**A T T A C H   V O I D E D**

**C H E C K   H E R E**

**Do you have pre-printed checks showing the Business DBA Name listed on the application?**  **YES**  **NO**

**Bank Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

**BUSINESS DBA NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

DISCOUNT RATE SCHEDULE			
QUALIFIED DISCOUNT RATES		SURCHARGE	
Visa / MasterCard / Discover	%	Partially Qualified	<b>1.15% + \$0.10</b>
Other:	%	Non-Qualified	<b>1.80% + \$0.10</b>
	%		
	%		

<b>AVERAGE TRANSACTION:</b> (estimated) \$ _____	<b>HIGH TRANSACTION:</b> \$ _____	<b>MONTHLY VOLUME:</b> (estimated) \$ _____
<b>FUNDS AVAILABILITY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Day <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Days (Auto-Approved Internet Accounts)		

**NOTE:** The Discount Rates listed above apply to all card types: Visa Credit, Visa Check, MasterCard Credit, Debit MasterCard, and Discover Credit, and Discover Debit cards. For MOTO/Internet accounts, to obtain the qualified discount rate noted above, settled transaction must include Address Verification (cardholder's billing information - specifically, the street address, and zip code), and a 6 digit order number.

**SURCHARGE:** Discount and cents per item in addition to the Qualified Discount Rate\* depending upon qualification of each transaction.

\* The Qualified Discount Rate set forth above applies to transactions meeting all QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions as established by Visa USA, Inc., MasterCard International Inc., and Discover Financial Services LLC, a current summary of which is provided for each industry type on the Schedule of Fees - Continued. Transactions which do not satisfy all QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions will be assessed a surcharge [either Partially Qualified or Non-Qualified], as set forth above. Discover transactions will receive an additional 0.25% rewards card surcharge added to Discover rate above.

**NETWORK COMMUNICATION FEES:** (Per Communication)

**ALL CARD TYPES:** \$ 0. \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** **VISA/MC/DISCOVER:** \$ 0. \_\_\_\_\_ **AND** **AMEX:** \$ 0. \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER FEES						
PER OCCURRENCE		MONTHLY		DEBIT NETWORK ACQUIRER FEES		
Visa/MC/Discover Credit	\$0.10 /each	Gateway Fee	\$	<b>NETWORK</b>	<b>ACQUIRER FEE</b>	<b>GROCERY</b>
Visa/MC/Discover Debit	\$0.15 /each			Accel	\$0.03 + (.65% + \$0.12) (max of \$0.53)	\$0.24
Wireless	\$ /each	Min. Discount Fee	\$25.00	AFFN	\$0.03 + (.55% + \$0.10) (max of \$0.53)	\$0.17
EBT	\$ /each			Alaska Option	\$0.12	
Voice Authorization	\$1.00 /each	Statement Fee	\$10.00	Credit Union 24	\$.25 + (.65% + \$0.03) (max of \$0.375)	\$0.19
Voice AVS	\$0.75 /each			Interlink	\$0.035 + (.75% + \$0.15) (max of \$0.5350)	\$0.28
Retrieval Request Rec'd	\$10.00 /each	Wireless Service (per activated terminal)	\$	Maestro	\$0.025 + (.75% + \$0.15) (max of \$0.5250)	\$0.27
Chargeback Fee	\$20.00 /each			NYCE	\$0.0375 + (.65% + \$0.10) (max of \$0.6875)	\$0.28
ACH Reject/NSF Fee	\$20.00 /each	Debit Service Fee	\$	Pulse*** (inc. Money Station & Tyme)	\$0.07 + (.65% + \$0.10)	\$0.28
ACH Change Fee	\$20.00 /each			Shazam	\$0.28	\$0.20
Batch Deposit Fee	\$0.25 /each	Other:	\$	STAR (inc. MAC, Cash Station, & Honor)	\$0.0325 + (.75% + \$0.15) + \$0.01 (max \$0.6925)	\$0.2825
Other:	\$ /each			<b>IN ADDITION TO ABOVE ACQUIRER FEES</b>		
				<b>+ DEBIT TRANSACTION FEE</b> (if applicable)		\$ /each
				Annual Fee		\$
				Annual Fee Charge Month		

**WARRANTY:** Each of the undersigned owners/officers of merchant also represent and warrant that he/she has read and agrees to the fees set forth herein.

**Sign Here** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE / OWNER #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign Here** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE / OWNER #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_



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**SCHEDULE OF FEES – CONTINUED**

<b>RETAIL and RESTAURANT</b>	<b>LODGING / CAR RENTAL</b>
<p><b><u>I. QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Card is Present, full magnetic stripe is read by the terminal and signature is obtained; <i>and</i></li> <li>One electronic authorization request is made per transaction and transaction/purchase date is equal to the authorization date; <i>and</i></li> <li>Authorized transaction amount must match settled transaction amount, except for restaurants, where transaction amount may be within 20% of the original authorized amount; <i>and</i></li> <li>Additional Data (sales tax and customer code) is required in the settled transaction on all Commercial Cards at non Travel &amp; Entertainment (T&amp;E) locations (<i>see Commercial Card section</i>); <i>and</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) no later than 1 day from transaction/purchase date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>II. PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 1 day but within 2 days from transaction/purchase date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>III. NON-QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED OR PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 2 days from authorization date, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was from a non-US Cardholder, <i>or</i></li> <li>Commercial, World MasterCard, World Elite MasterCard, MasterCard Rewards, Visa Signature Preferred, Visa Rewards Card, Visa Signature Card, or Visa Infinite Card accepted at a T&amp;E location, unless qualifies for Level II, <i>or</i></li> <li>Commercial Cards at a non T&amp;E location without the required additional data (<i>see Commercial Card section</i>), <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was not electronically authorized</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>I. QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Card is Present, full magnetic stripe is read by the terminal and signature is obtained; <i>and</i></li> <li>Incremental electronic authorization requests are permitted; <i>and</i></li> <li>Settled transaction amount must be within 15% of the total authorized amount; <i>and</i></li> <li>Transaction date must be equal to the hotel check out (departure) date / car rental check in (return date) check out /car rental date; <i>and</i></li> <li>Anticipated duration of the stay/car rental period included in authorization; <i>and</i></li> <li>All transactions must include additional data (<i>such as folio (room) number / rental agreement number</i>) when settled; <i>and</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) no later than 1 day from check out/car return date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>II. PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 1 day but within 2 days from check out/car return date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>III. NON-QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED OR PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was from a non-US Cardholder, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 2 days from check out/car return date, <i>or</i></li> <li>Commercial, World Elite MasterCard, MasterCard Rewards, Visa Signature Preferred, World MasterCard, Visa Rewards Card, Visa Signature Card, or Visa Infinite Card accepted at a T&amp;E location, unless qualifies for Level II, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was not electronically authorized</li> </ul>
<b>DIRECT MARKETING / MOTO</b>	<b>SUPERMARKETS</b>
<p><b><u>I. QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One electronic authorization request is made per transaction and transaction date is equal to the shipping date; <i>and</i></li> <li>Authorization request message must include Address Verification (AVS); <i>and</i></li> <li>Transaction/shipping date must be within 7 days of authorization date; <i>and</i></li> <li>Settled transaction amount must equal authorization amount; <i>and</i></li> <li>Settled transaction must include customer service telephone number, 6 digit order number, and total authorized amount; <i>and</i></li> <li>Additional Data (<i>sales tax and customer code</i>) is required in the settled transaction on all Commercial Cards at non T&amp;E locations (<i>see Commercial Card section</i>); <i>and</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) on or 1 day after transaction/shipping date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>II. PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 1 day but within 2 days from transaction/shipping date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>III. NON-QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED OR PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 2 days from transaction/shipping date, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was from a non-US Cardholder, <i>or</i></li> <li>Commercial, World MasterCard, World Elite MasterCard, MasterCard Rewards, Visa Signature Preferred, Visa Rewards Card, Visa Signature Card, or Visa Infinite Card accepted at a T&amp;E location, unless qualifies for Level II, <i>or</i></li> <li>Commercial Cards at a non T&amp;E location without the required additional data (<i>see Commercial Card section</i>), <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was not electronically authorized</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>I. QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Card is Present, full magnetic stripe is read by the terminal and signature is obtained; <i>and</i></li> <li>One electronic authorization request is made per transaction and transaction/purchase date is equal to the authorization date; <i>and</i></li> <li>Authorized transaction amount must match settled (<i>deposit</i>) transaction amount; <i>and</i></li> <li>Additional Data (<i>sales tax and customer code</i>) is required in the settled transaction on all Commercial Cards (<i>see Commercial Card section</i>); <i>and</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) no later than 1 day from transaction/purchase date</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If Supermarket is not certified with Visa and MasterCard, Qualified rate is increased by .35%</p> <p><b><u>II. RETAIL QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets all qualifications for Supermarket Qualified; <i>and</i></li> <li>Card accepted is either a MasterCard Commercial or International Card</li> </ul> <p><b><u>III. PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 1 day but within 2 days from transaction/purchase date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>IV. NON-QUALIFIED Transaction Conditions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the <u>QUALIFIED OR PARTIALLY QUALIFIED Conditions</u> were not met, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was from a non-US Cardholder, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction electronically deposited (<i>batch transmitted</i>) greater than 2 days from authorization date, <i>or</i></li> <li>Commercial Cards without the required additional data (<i>see Commercial Card section</i>), <i>or</i></li> <li>World MasterCard, World Elite MasterCard, MasterCard Rewards, Visa Signature Preferred, Visa Rewards Card, Visa Signature Card, or Visa Infinite Card, unless qualifies for Level II, <i>or</i></li> <li>Transaction was not electronically authorized</li> </ul>
<b>COMMERCIAL CARDS – (Additional Data)</b>	
<p><b><u>VISA</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasing Cards – Sales Tax and Customer Code (<i>supplied by cardholder at point of sale</i>)</li> <li>Corporate and Business Cards – Sales Tax (<i>prompt on all Visa transactions</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Discover</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate and Business Cards – Sales Tax (<i>prompt on all Discover transactions</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>MasterCard</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate Data Rate II (<i>Purchasing Cards</i>) – Sales Tax and Customer Code (<i>supplied by cardholder at point of sale</i>)</li> <li>Corporate Data Rate II (<i>Business and Corporate Cards</i>) – Sales Tax</li> <li>International Corporate Purchasing Data Rate II – Sales Tax and Customer Code (<i>supplied by cardholder at point of sale</i>)</li> </ul>

**NOTE:** In the event merchant utilizes the service of any third party in connection with merchant processing services (for example, integrated software products) then merchant is responsible for ensuring compliance by such third party with the requirements of VISA USA, Inc, Discover Financial Services LLC (“Discover”) and MasterCard International Incorporated to avoid unnecessary surcharges.

The descriptions of partially-qualified and non-qualified transactions are not and are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all instances in which partially-qualified and non-qualified surcharges may apply. Partially qualified and non-qualified surcharges may apply in additional situations. All partially-qualified and non-qualified surcharges include additional fees assessed by the applicable card association and Global Direct.

Merchant will also be assessed Cross-Border fees for international MasterCard transactions. Any transactions between Merchant and a MasterCard cardholder outside the United States will be assessed an additional fee, which will be displayed as a separate item on Merchant’s monthly statement.



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SITE SURVEY

BUSINESS DBA NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SITE INSPECTION INFORMATION (To be completed by Sales Representative)

Location Type:  Retail Store Front  Restaurant  Hotel / Lodging  Office Building  Industrial Building  Residence  Commercial  Other:

Merchant:  Owns  Leases premises Landlord Name: Landlord Phone:

Does business appear legitimate?  Yes  No
Is business open and operating?  Yes  No
Is photo included with application?  Yes  No
Are MasterCard and Visa decals visible?  Yes  No
Is inventory sufficient for business type?  Yes  No
Any mail/telephone order sales activity?  Yes  No
Are goods and services delivered at time of sale?  Yes  No
By the signature below, signatory verifies that (i) she/he has physically inspected the Business Premises; and (ii) the information stated in this Agreement is correct to the best of her/his knowledge and as represented by her/his MERCHANT.
Signature of Sales Representative Print Name Date

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION PROFILE

Description of product or services provided:

[Empty box for product description]

How will the product be advertised or promoted?

[Empty box for advertising/promotion]

If advertised on the Internet, please provide the web page address (URL):

[Empty box for URL]

PLEASE PROVIDE MARKETING MATERIALS, OR A PRINT OUT OF YOUR WEB SITE, THAT CLEARLY SHOW PRODUCTS/SERVICES WITH PRICING.

Does Merchant use a fulfillment house?  Yes  No Was the fulfillment house inspected?  Yes  No

What is your REFUND POLICY? Is there a restocking fee?

[Empty box for refund policy]



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## **MERCHANT CREDIT CARD PROCESSING AGREEMENT - PAGE 3 OF 5**

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS.**

This document, "Terms and Conditions of Merchant Credit Card Processing Agreement" ("Terms and Conditions") accompanies the document "Merchant Application" ("Merchant Application"). The Merchant Credit Card Processing Agreement ("Agreement") includes these Terms and Conditions and the terms and conditions of the Merchant Application. The member bank identified in such Merchant Application ("Member") is a member of Visa USA, Inc. ("Visa") and MasterCard International, Inc. ("MasterCard"). Global Payments Direct, Inc. ("Global Direct") and Electronic Exchange Systems ("EXS") are both registered independent sales organizations of Visa, member service providers of MasterCard, and registered acquirers for Discover Financial Services LLC ("Discover"). EXS markets the Services as defined herein on behalf of Global Direct. The Agreement is between Global Direct, the Member and the merchant identified in the Merchant Application ("Merchant").

Merchant and Global Direct agree that the rights and obligations contained in these Card Services Terms and Conditions do not apply to the Member with respect to Discover transactions and Switched Transactions (as defined below). To the extent Merchant accepts Discover cards, the provisions in this Agreement with respect to Discover apply if Merchant does not have a separate agreement with Discover. To the extent Merchant accepts Discover cards and has a separate agreement with Discover, Discover card transactions shall be processed as Switched Transactions (as defined below).

Under the terms of the Agreement, Merchant will be furnished with the services and products described herein and in the Merchant Application, and selected by Merchant therein (collectively and individually, as applicable, the "Services"). Global Direct will be the sole and exclusive provider of the Services to Merchant during the term of this Agreement. Any Merchant accepted by Global Direct for card processing services agrees to be bound by the Agreement, including the terms of the Merchant Application and these Terms And Conditions as may be modified or amended in the future. A MERCHANT'S SUBMISSION OF A TRANSACTION TO GLOBAL DIRECT SHALL BE DEEMED TO SIGNIFY MERCHANT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN.

Except as expressly stated in the first four paragraphs of Section 13, all terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive termination to the extent necessary to protect Global Direct and Member's rights herein

### **2. SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS.**

Credit Card Processing Services: Global Direct's credit card processing services consist of authorization and electronic draft capture of credit card transactions; outclearing of such transactions to the appropriate card associations and/or issuers (e.g., Visa, MasterCard, Discover); settlement; dispute resolution with cardholders' banks; and transaction-related reporting, statements and products. From time to time under this Agreement, upon Merchant's request, Global Direct may facilitate the transmission of certain payment card transactions ("Switched Transactions") to the respective card issuers, including but not limited to American Express®, and various fleet, private label and commercial cards. Switched Transactions require Global Direct's prior written approval and are subject to applicable pricing; Global Direct does not purchase the indebtedness associated with Switched Transactions.

With respect to Visa and MasterCard products, Merchant may elect to accept credit cards or debit/prepaid cards or both. Merchant shall so elect on the Merchant Application being completed contemporaneously herewith. Merchant agrees to pay and Merchant's account(s) will be charged pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement for any additional fees incurred as a result of Merchant's subsequent acceptance of transactions with any Visa or MasterCard product that it has elected not to accept.

Debit/ATM Processing Services: Global Direct has connected to the following debit card networks ("Networks"): Accel, AFFN, Alaska Option, CU24, Interlink, MAC, Maestro, NYCE, Pulse, Shazam, Star, and Tyme. Global Direct will provide Merchant with the ability to access the Networks that Global Direct has connected to for the purpose of authorizing debit card transactions at the point of sale from cards issued by the members of the respective Networks. Global Direct will provide connection to such Networks, terminal applications, settlement and reporting activities.

EBT Transaction Processing Services: Global Direct offers electronic interfaces to Electronic Benefits Transfer ("EBT") networks for the processing of cash payments or credits to or for the benefit of benefit recipients ("Recipients"). Global Direct will provide settlement and switching services for various Point of Sale transactions initiated through Merchant for the authorization of the issuance of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services ("FNS") food stamp benefits ("FS Benefits") and/or government delivered cash assistance benefits ("Cash Benefits," with FS Benefits, "Benefits") to Recipients through the use of a state-issued card ("EBT Card").

### **3. PROCEDURES.**

Merchant will permit holders of valid cards bearing the symbols of the cards authorized to be accepted by Merchant hereunder to charge purchases or leases of goods and services and the debt resulting therefrom shall be purchased hereunder, provided that the transaction complies with the terms of this Agreement. All indebtedness submitted by Merchant for purchase will be evidenced by an approved sales slip. Merchant will not present for purchase any indebtedness that does not arise out of a transaction between a cardholder and Merchant. Merchant agrees to follow the Card Acceptance Guide which is incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, and to be bound by the operating regulations and rules of Visa, MasterCard, Discover and any other card association or network organization covered by this Agreement, as any of the above referenced documents may be modified and amended from time to time. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merchant agrees to comply with and be bound by, and to cause any third party who provides Merchant with services related to payment processing or facilitates Merchant's ability to accept credit card and debit cards and who is not a party to this Agreement to comply with and be bound by the rules and regulations of Visa, MasterCard, Discover and any other card association or network organization related to cardholder and transaction information security, including without limitation, Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards, Visa's Cardholder Information Security Program and MasterCard's Site Data Protection Program. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merchant agrees that it will use information obtained from a cardholder in connection with a card transaction solely for the purpose of processing a transaction with that cardholder or attempting to re-present a chargeback with respect to such transaction. Merchant will indemnify and hold Global Direct and Member harmless from any fines and penalties issued by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or any card association or network organization arising out of or relating to the processing of transactions by Global Direct and Member at Merchant's location(s) and will reimburse Global Direct for any losses incurred by Global Direct with respect to any such fines or penalties. Global Direct may, from time to time, issue written directions (via mail or Internet) regarding procedures to follow and forms to use to carry out this Agreement. These directions and the terms of the forms are binding as soon as they are issued and shall form part of these Terms and Conditions of the Agreement. Such operating regulations and rules may be reviewed upon appointment at Global Direct's designated premises and Merchant acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to request a review and/or review such operating regulations and rules in connection with its execution of this Agreement.

### **4. MARKETING.**

Merchant shall adequately display the card issuer service marks and promotional materials supplied by Global Direct. Merchant shall cease to use or display such service marks immediately upon notice from Global Direct or upon termination of this Agreement.

### **5. PAYMENT, CHARGES AND FEES.**

Fees and charges payable by Merchant shall be as set forth in the Merchant Application. Merchant will be paid for indebtedness purchased under this Agreement by credit to Merchant's account(s). Merchant's account(s) will be credited for the gross amount of the indebtedness deposited less the amount of any credit vouchers deposited. Merchant shall not be entitled to credit for any indebtedness that arises out of a transaction not processed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Availability of any such funds shall be subject to the procedures of the applicable financial institution. Chargebacks and adjustments will be charged to Merchant's account(s) on a daily basis. Merchant agrees to pay and Merchant's account(s) will be charged for the discount, fees, chargebacks and other fees and charges described in this Agreement. Merchant also agrees to pay and Merchant's account(s) will be debited for all fees, arbitration fees, fines, penalties, etc. charged or assessed by the card associations or network organizations on account of or related to Merchant's processing hereunder, including without limitation with regards to any third party who provides Merchant with services related to payment processing or facilitates Merchant's ability to accept credit and debit cards and who is not a party to this Agreement. If any type of overpayment to Merchant or other error occurs, Merchant's account(s) may be debited or credited, without notice, and if Merchant's account(s) do not contain sufficient funds, Merchant agrees to remit the amount owed directly to Global Direct. Merchant agrees not to, directly or indirectly, prevent, block or otherwise preclude any debit by Global Direct or Member to Merchant's account which is permitted hereunder. Merchant represents and warrants that no one other than Merchant has any claim against such indebtedness except as authorized in writing by Member and Global Direct. Merchant hereby assigns to Member and Global Direct all of its right, title, and interest in and to all indebtedness submitted hereunder and agrees that Member and Global Direct have the sole right to receive payment on any indebtedness purchased hereunder.

### **6. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.**

Any advertising material; leased equipment including imprinters, authorization terminals, or printers; software; credit card authenticators; unused forms; and Merchant deposit plastic cards provided by Global Direct will not become Merchant's property. Merchant will protect them from loss, theft, damage or any legal encumbrance and will allow Global Direct and its designated representatives reasonable access to Merchant's premises for their repair, removal, modification, installation and relocation. Merchant acknowledges that any equipment provided under this Agreement is embedded with proprietary technology ("Software"). Merchant shall not obtain title, copyrights or any other proprietary right to any Software. At all time, Global Direct or its suppliers retain all rights to such Software, including but not limited to updates, enhancements and additions. Merchant shall not disclose such Software to any party, convey, copy, license, sublicense, modify, translate, reverse engineer, decompile, disassemble, tamper with, or create any derivative work based on such Software. Merchant's use of such Software shall be limited to that expressly authorized by Global Direct. Global Direct's suppliers are intended third party beneficiaries of this Agreement to the extent of any terms herein pertaining to such suppliers' ownership rights; such suppliers have the right to rely on and directly enforce such terms against Merchant.

The operating instructions will instruct Merchant in the proper use of the terminals, and Merchant shall use and operate the terminals only in such manner. If Merchant has purchased the maintenance/help desk service hereunder for its terminals, Merchant will promptly notify Global Direct of any equipment malfunction, failure or other incident resulting in the loss of use of the equipment or need for repair or maintenance, whereupon Global Direct will make the necessary arrangements to obtain required maintenance. Merchant is responsible for shipping costs. Merchant shall cooperate with Global Direct in its attempt to diagnose any problem with the terminal. In the event the Merchant's terminal requires additional Software, Merchant is obligated to cooperate and participate in a dial in down line load procedure. With respect to any item of equipment leased to Merchant by Global Direct, Merchant will not be liable for normal wear and tear, provided, however, that Merchant will be liable to Global Direct in the event that any leased item of equipment is lost, destroyed, stolen or rendered inoperative. Merchant will indemnify Global Direct against any loss arising out of damage to or destruction of any item of equipment provided hereunder for any cause whatsoever. Merchant also agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Global Direct for any costs, expenses, and judgments Global Direct may suffer, including reasonable attorney's fees, as a result of Merchant's use of the equipment provided hereunder. Any unused equipment in its original packaging purchased from Global Direct hereunder may be returned to Global Direct at Merchant's expense within 60 days of receipt. Merchant shall receive a refund of any money paid in connection therewith subject to a re-stocking fee of an amount equal to 20 percent of the total purchase price for the returned equipment. No refunds shall be issued for any equipment returned after 60 days.

### **7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.**

Merchant agrees to furnish Global Direct and Member such financial statements and information concerning Merchant, its owners, principals, partners, proprietors or its affiliates as Global Direct may from time to time request. Global Direct, or its duly authorized representatives, may examine the books and records of Merchant, including records of all indebtedness previously purchased or presented for purchase. Merchant agrees to retain copies of all paper and electronic sales slips and credit slips submitted to Global Direct for a period of two years from submission, or such longer period of time as may be required by the operating rules or regulations of the card associations or network organizations, by law, or by Global Direct as specifically requested in writing in individual cases. Merchant agrees that Global Direct and Member may seek injunctive relief with respect to Merchant's failure to furnish financial or other information upon request.

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## 8. CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

Merchant agrees to provide Global Direct and Member 60 days prior written notice of its intent to (a) transfer or sell any substantial part (10% or more) of its total stock, assets and/or to liquidate; or (b) change the basic nature of its business, or (c) convert all or part of the business to mail order sales, telephone order sales, Internet-based sales or to other sales where the card is not present and swiped through Merchant's terminal. Upon the occurrence of any such event, the terms of this Agreement may be modified to address issues arising therefrom, including but not limited to requirements of applicable card associations or network organizations.

## 9. TRANSFERABILITY.

This Agreement is not transferable by Merchant without the written consent of Global Direct and Member. Any attempt by Merchant to assign its rights or to delegate its obligations in violation of this paragraph shall be void. Merchant agrees that the rights and obligations of Global Direct hereunder may be transferred by Global Direct without notice to Merchant. Merchant agrees that the rights and obligations of Member hereunder may be transferred to any other member without notice to Merchant. Merchant acknowledges that the transferable rights of Global Direct and Member hereunder shall include, but shall not be limited to, the authority and right to debit the Merchant's account(s) as described herein.

## 10. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.

Merchant warrants and represents to Global Direct and Member: (a) that each sales transaction delivered hereunder will represent a bona fide sale to a cardholder by Merchant for the amount shown on the sales slip as the total sale and constitutes the binding obligation of the cardholder, free from any claim, demand, defense, setoff or other adverse claim whatsoever; (b) that each sales slip or other evidence of indebtedness will accurately describe the goods and services which have been sold and delivered to the cardholder or in accordance with his instructions; (c) that Merchant will comply fully with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to its business; (d) that Merchant will fulfill completely all of its obligations to the cardholder and will resolve any customer dispute or complaint directly with the cardholder; (e) that the signature on the sales slip will be genuine and authorized by cardholder and not forged or unauthorized; (f) that the sales transaction shall have been consummated and the sales slip prepared in full compliance with the provisions of the Card Acceptance Guide and the operating regulations and rules of the applicable card association or network organization, as amended from time to time; (g) that none of the sales transactions submitted hereunder represent sales by telephone, or mail, or Internet, or where the card is not physically present at the Merchant's location and swiped through Merchant's terminal, unless Merchant is specifically authorized in writing by Global Direct to submit such sales slips for purchase, (h) that none of the sales transactions submitted hereunder for purchase represent sales to any principal, partner, proprietor, or owner of Merchant, (i) that, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each sales transaction submitted hereunder and the handling, retention, and storage of information related thereto will comply with the rules and regulations of Visa, MasterCard, Discover and any other card association or network organization related to cardholder and transaction information security, including without limitation, Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards, Visa's Cardholder Information Security Program and MasterCard's Site Data Protection Program, and (j) that all of the information contained in this Merchant Application and Service Agreement is true and correct. In the event that any of the foregoing warranties or representations are breached, the affected sales slips or other indebtedness may be refused, or prior acceptance revoked and charged back to the Merchant. Furthermore, if Merchant submits for purchase hereunder a sales transaction that is not the result of a sale of Merchant's goods or services offered to the general public or if Merchant submits any sales transactions for purchase hereunder which represents a sale to any principal, partner, proprietor, or owner of Merchant, such sales transaction may be refused or charged back, and Merchant hereby agrees to pay (and Merchant's account(s) will be debited therefor) an additional fee of \$100 for each such transaction.

Merchant must notify Global Direct if Merchant elects to use the terminal service of American Express, Novus, or any other third-party provider. If Merchant elects to use a third-party terminal provider, that provider becomes Merchant's agent for the delivery of card transactions to Global Direct via the applicable card processing network. Merchant agrees to assume full responsibility and liability for any failure of such agent to comply with the operating regulations and rules of the applicable card association or network organization, including without limitation any violation, which results in a chargeback to the Merchant. Merchant also agrees that the obligation hereunder to reimburse the Merchant for the value of the card transactions captured by an agent is limited to the value of the transactions (less applicable fees) received by the card processing network from the agent.

NEITHER MEMBER, NOR GLOBAL DIRECT, NOR ANY SUPPLIER MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH RESPECT TO ANY TERMINAL, ANY EQUIPMENT FURNISHED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, OR ANY OF THE SERVICES FURNISHED HEREUNDER.

## 11. INDEMNIFY.

Merchant agrees to satisfy directly with the cardholder any claim or complaint arising in connection with the card sale, regardless of whether such claim or complaint is brought by the cardholder, Global Direct, or another party.. Merchant agrees to indemnify and hold Global Direct and Member harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, damages, disputes, offsets, claims or counterclaims made by a cardholder or any other person or entity with regard to indebtedness sold by Merchant hereunder or any other Service provided hereunder.

## 12. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

Neither Member nor Global Direct shall be liable for failure to provide the Services if such failure is due to any cause or condition beyond such party's reasonable control. Such causes or conditions shall include, but shall not be limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, shortages of labor or materials, freight embargoes, unusually severe weather, breakdowns, operational failures, electrical power failures, communication failures, unavoidable delays, the errors or failures of third party systems, or other similar causes beyond such party's control.

The liability of Global Direct and Member for any loss hereunder, including but not limited to damages arising out of any malfunction of the equipment or the failure of the equipment to operate, the unavailability or malfunction of the Services, personal injury, or property damage, shall, in the aggregate, be limited to actual, direct, and general money damages in an amount not to exceed one (1) month's average charge paid by Merchant hereunder (exclusive of interchange fees, assessments, and any other fees or costs that are imposed by a third party in connection with Merchant's payment processing) for Services during the previous twelve (12) months or such lesser number of months as shall have elapsed subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement. This shall be the extent of Global Direct's and Member's liability in the event of any alleged default by Global Direct or Member under this Agreement, including alleged acts of negligence, breach of contract, or otherwise and regardless of the form in which any legal or equitable action may be brought against Global Direct or Member, whether contract, tort or otherwise, and the foregoing shall constitute Merchant's exclusive remedy. Under no circumstances shall Global Direct or Member be liable for any lost profits, lost interest, or for special, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages, including but not limited to, damages arising out of placement of a Merchant's name on any terminated merchant list for any reason, even if Global Direct or Member has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Under no circumstances shall Global Direct or Member be liable for any settlement amounts pertaining to Switched Transactions; Merchant's recourse therefore shall be to the applicable card issuer.

It is agreed that in no event will Global Direct or Member be liable for any claim, loss, billing error, damage, or expense caused by Global Direct's or Member's performance or failure to perform hereunder which is not reported in writing to Global Direct by Merchant within 60 days of such failure to perform or, in the event of a billing error, within 90 days of the date of the invoice or applicable statement.

## 13. TERM AND TERMINATION.

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for an initial term of three (3) years. This Agreement shall be automatically extended for successive one (1) year periods on the same terms and conditions expressed herein, or as may be amended, unless Merchant gives written notice of termination as to the entire Agreement or a portion thereof at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any extension or renewals thereof, in which case this Agreement will terminate at the end of the then-current term. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, in the event Merchant terminates this Agreement in breach of this Section 13, the lesser of the following amount(s) shall be immediately due and payable to Global Direct - (a) the maximum amount permitted by applicable state law, and (b) \$295, if such termination occurs within the first twelve (12) month period of the initial term of this Agreement, or \$195, if such termination occurs after the first twelve (12) month period of the initial term of this Agreement; and Merchant hereby authorizes Global Direct to accelerate the payment of all such applicable amount(s) and to deduct the total amount(s) from Merchant's account referenced in Section 5, or to otherwise withhold the total amount(s) from amounts due to Merchant from Global Direct, immediately on or after the effective date of termination. If the Merchant's account does not contain sufficient funds for the debit or the amount cannot be withheld by Global Direct from amounts due to Merchant, Merchant shall pay Global Direct the amount due within ten (10) days of the date of Global Direct's invoice for same. The payment of the termination fee as described herein is not a penalty, but rather is hereby agreed by the parties to be a reasonable amount of liquidated damages to compensate Global Direct for its termination expenses and all other damages under the circumstances in which such amounts would be payable. Such amounts shall not be in lieu of but in addition to any payment obligations for Services already provided hereunder (or that Global Direct may continue to provide), which shall be an additional cost, and any and all other damages to which Global Direct may be entitled hereunder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Global Direct may terminate this Agreement or any portion thereof upon written notice to Merchant. Furthermore, Global Direct may terminate this Agreement at any time without notice upon Merchant's default in performing under any provision of this Agreement, upon an unauthorized conversion of all or any part of Merchant's activity to mail order, telephone order, Internet order, or to any activity where the card is not physically present and swiped through the Merchant's terminal, upon any failure to follow the Card Acceptance Guide or any operating regulation or rule of a card association or network organization, upon any misrepresentation by Merchant, upon commencement of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings by or against the Merchant, upon a material change in the Merchant's average ticket or volume as stated in the Merchant Application, or in the event Global Direct reasonably deems itself insecure in continuing this Agreement.

In the event that Global Direct and Member breach the terms and conditions hereof, the Merchant may, at its option, give written notice to Global Direct and Member of its intention to terminate this Agreement unless such breach is remedied within 30 days of such notice. Failure to remedy such a breach shall make this Agreement terminable, at the option of the Merchant, at the end of such 30 day period unless notification is withdrawn.

Any Merchant deposit of sales or credit slips that is accepted by Global Direct and Member or by a designated depository after the effective date of termination will be returned to Merchant and will not be credited (or debited) to merchant's account(s). If the deposit has already been posted to Merchant's account(s), said posting will be reversed and the deposit returned to Merchant. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect Merchant's obligations which have accrued prior to termination or which relate to any indebtedness purchased hereunder prior to termination, including but not limited to chargebacks even if such chargebacks come in after termination. In the event of termination, all equipment leased from Global Direct (but not from any other leasing agent), including but not limited to imprints, terminals, and printers; all supplies; Card Acceptance Guides; and operating instructions must be returned immediately to Global Direct at Merchant's expense.

## 14. RETURNED ITEMS/CHARGEBACKS.

If a cardholder disputes any transaction, if a transaction is charged back for any reason by the card issuing institution, or if Global Direct or Member has any reason to believe an indebtedness previously purchased is questionable, not genuine, or is otherwise unacceptable, the amount of such indebtedness may be charged back and deducted from any payment due to Merchant or may be charged against any of Merchant's accounts or the Reserve Account (as defined below). Merchant acknowledges and agrees that it is bound by the rules of the card associations and network organizations with respect to any chargeback. Merchant further acknowledges that it is solely responsible for providing Global Direct and Member with any available information to re-present a chargeback and that, regardless of any information it provides or does not provide Global Direct and Member in connection with a chargeback, or any other reason, Merchant shall be solely responsible for the liability related to such chargeback. A list of some common reasons for chargebacks is contained in the Card Acceptance Guide provided, however, that such list is not exclusive and does not limit the generality of the foregoing. If any such amount is uncollectible through withholding from any payments due hereunder or through charging Merchant's accounts or the Reserve Account, Merchant shall, upon demand by Global Direct, pay Global Direct the full amount of the chargeback. Merchant understands that obtaining an authorization for any sale shall not constitute a guarantee of payment, and such sales slips can be returned or charged back to Merchant like any other item hereunder.

## 15. RESERVE ACCOUNT.

At any time, Global Direct and Member may, at their option, establish a reserve account to secure the performance of Merchant's obligations under this Agreement to such party ("Reserve Account"). The Reserve Account may be funded, at Global Direct's sole discretion, through any or all of the following: (a) Direct payment by Merchant -- At the request of Global Direct or Member, Merchant will deposit funds in the Reserve Account; (b) The proceeds of indebtedness presented for purchase; or (c) The transfer by Global Direct and Member into the Reserve Account of funds withdrawn from any of the accounts referred to in Section 5 or any other accounts, including certificates of deposit, maintained by Merchant or Merchant's guarantor, if any, with any designated depository or other financial institution. Merchant and Merchant's guarantor hereby grant Member a security interest in all said accounts and authorize Global Direct (to the extent authorized by Member) or Member to make such withdrawals at such times and in such amounts as it may deem necessary hereunder. Merchant and Merchant's guarantor hereby instruct said financial institutions to honor any requests made by Global Direct and Member under the terms of this provision. Merchant and Merchant's guarantor will hold harmless the financial institutions and indemnify them for any claims or losses they may suffer as a result of honoring withdrawal requests from Global Direct and Member.



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Merchant hereby agrees that Global Direct and Member may deduct from this Reserve Account any amount owed to such party in accordance with this Agreement. Any funds in the Reserve Account may be held until the later of (a) the expiration of any potentially applicable chargeback rights in respect of purchased indebtedness under the rules and regulations of the card associations or network organizations and (b) the period necessary to secure the performance of Merchant's obligations under this Agreement, which holding period may extend beyond termination of this Agreement. The Merchant will not receive any interest on funds being held in a Reserve Account. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merchant shall, upon termination of this Agreement, maintain the sum of at least five percent (5%) of gross sales for the 90 day period prior to termination to be held in a Reserve Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Global may, at its discretion upon termination of this Agreement, require that the Merchant maintain more than five percent (5%) of gross sales for the 90 day period prior to termination in a Reserve Account.

## 16. DEFAULT/SECURITY INTEREST.

Upon failure by Merchant to meet any of its obligations under this Agreement (including funding the Reserve Account), any of the accounts referred to in Section 5 or any other accounts belonging to Merchant or Merchant's guarantor held by any designated depository (or by any other financial institution) may be debited without notice to Merchant, and Merchant and Merchant's guarantor gives Member and Global Direct a security interest in all such accounts for these purposes. The scope of the security interest, and Merchant's and Merchant's guarantor's instructions to its financial institutions to accept withdrawal requests from Global Direct and Member, and Merchant's agreement to hold such institutions harmless and to indemnify them are described above in Section 15.

Merchant also agrees that, in the event of a default by Merchant, Member has a right of setoff and may apply any of Merchant's deposit balances or any other monies due Merchant from Member towards the payment of amounts due from Merchant under the terms of this Agreement. The rights stated herein are in addition to any other rights Global Direct and Member may have under applicable law.

## 17. AMENDMENTS.

This Agreement may be amended only in writing signed by Global Direct, Member, and Merchant, except that (a) the Card Acceptance Guide, any and all fees, charges, and/or discounts (including without limitation non-qualified surcharge rates) may be changed immediately, or (b) Global Direct may mail Merchant either a notice describing amendments to this Agreement or an entirely new agreement, which amendments or new agreement will be binding upon Merchant if it deposits sales or credit slips after the effective date of such amendment or new agreement set forth in Global Direct's notice.

## 18. WAIVER.

No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived by any party unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought. No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising on the part of any party hereto, any right, power or privilege under this Card Services Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege under this Card Services Agreement preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

## 19. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

Merchant authorizes Global Direct to order a credit report on Merchant or any owner, officer, shareholder, partner, proprietor, managing agent or guarantor of Merchant. Merchant hereby authorizes Member or any depository institution to release any financial information concerning Merchant or its accounts to Global Direct. Subsequent credit reports may be ordered in connection with updating, renewing or continuing this Agreement. Upon the written request of any individual who is the subject of a consumer credit report, Global Direct will provide the name and address of the consumer credit reporting agency furnishing such report, if any. Global Direct may exchange information about Merchant, Merchant's owners, principals, partners, proprietors, officers, shareholders, managing agents and guarantors with Member, other financial institutions and credit card associations, network organizations and any other party. Merchant hereby authorizes Global Direct to disclose information concerning Merchant's activity to any card association, network organizations, or any of their member financial institutions, or any other party without any liability whatsoever to Merchant.

## 20. GENERAL.

If any provision of this Agreement or portion thereof is held to be unenforceable, such a determination will not affect the remainder of this Agreement. Paragraph headings are included for convenience only and are not to be used in interpreting this Agreement.

## 21. NOTICES.

All notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent by telefax, by overnight carrier, or by regular or certified mail. All notices sent to Global Direct or Member shall be effective upon actual receipt by the Corporate Secretary of Global Direct Payments Direct, Inc., 10 Glenlake Parkway North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30328. All notices sent to Merchant shall be effective upon the earlier of actual receipt or upon sending such notice to the address provided by Merchant in the Merchant Application or to any other address to which notices, statements and/or other communications are sent to the Merchant hereunder. The parties hereto may change the name and address of the person to whom notices or other documents required under this Agreement must be sent at any time by giving written notice to the other party.

## 22. MERGER.

The Agreement, including these Terms and Conditions and the Merchant Application, constitutes the entire Agreement between Merchant, Global Direct, and Member and supersedes all prior memoranda or agreements relating thereto, whether oral or in writing.

## 23. CHOICE OF LAW/ATTORNEY'S FEES/VENUE/JURY TRIAL WAIVER.

Should it be necessary for Global Direct or Member to defend or enforce any of its rights under this Agreement in any collection or legal action, Merchant agrees to reimburse Global Direct and/or Member, as applicable, for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, as a result of such collection or legal action. Merchant waives trial by jury with respect to any litigation arising out of or relating to this Agreement. Global Direct, Member, and Merchant agree that any and all disputes or controversies of any nature whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out, relating to, or in connection with (a) this Agreement, (b) the relationships which result from this Agreement, or (c) the validity, scope, interpretation or enforceability of the choice of law and venue provisions of this Agreement, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia, notwithstanding any conflicts of laws rules, and shall be resolved, on an individual basis without resort to any form of class action and not consolidated with the claims of any other parties. Global, Member, and Merchant agree that all actions arising out, relating to, or in connection with (a) this Agreement, (b) the relationships which result from this Agreement, or (c) the validity, scope, interpretation or enforceability of the choice of law and venue provision of this Agreement shall be brought in either the courts of the State of Georgia sitting in Fulton County or the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and expressly agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts.

## 24. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Agreement shall become effective only upon acceptance by Global Direct and Member, or upon delivery of indebtedness at such locations as designated by Global Direct for purchase, whichever event shall first occur.

## 25. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY.

The financial institution set forth in the Merchant Application is designated by Merchant as a depository institution ("Depository") for its credit card indebtedness. Such financial institution must be a member of an Automated Clearing House Association. Merchant authorizes payment for indebtedness purchased hereunder to be made by paying Depository thereof with instructions to credit Merchant's accounts. Depository, Member, and/or Global Direct may charge any of Merchant's accounts at Depository for any amount due under this Agreement. Global Direct must approve in writing any proposed changes to the account numbers or to the Depository. Merchant hereby authorizes Depository to release any and all account information to Global Direct as Global Direct may request without any further authorization, approval or notice from or to Merchant.

## 26. FINANCIAL ACCOMMODATION.

The acquisition and processing of sales slips hereunder is a financial accommodation and, as such, in the event Merchant becomes a debtor in bankruptcy, this Agreement cannot be assumed or enforced, and Global Direct and Member shall be excused from performance hereunder.

## 27. DISCOVER PROGRAM MARKS.

Merchant is hereby granted a limited non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use Discover brands, emblems, trademarks, and/or logos that identify Discover cards ("Discover Program Marks"). Merchant is prohibited from using the Discover Program Marks other than as expressly authorized in writing by Global Direct. Merchant shall not use the Discover Program Marks other than to display decals, signage, advertising and other forms depicting the Discover Program Marks that are provided to Merchant by Global Direct pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise approved in advance in writing by Global Direct. Merchant may use the Discover Program Marks only to promote the services covered by the Discover Program Marks by using them on decals, indoor and outdoor signs, advertising materials and marketing materials; provided that all such uses by Merchant must be approved in advance by Global Direct in writing. Merchant shall not use the Discover Program Marks in such a way that customers could believe that the products or services offered by Merchant are sponsored or guaranteed by the owners of the Discover Program Marks. Merchant recognizes that it has no ownership rights in the Discover Program Marks and shall not assign to any third party any of the rights to use the Discover Program Marks.

### DEBIT / ATM PROCESSING SERVICES: ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Merchant agrees to utilize the Services in accordance with the Agreement, its exhibits or attachments, and Global Direct's instructions and specifications (including but not limited to the Card Acceptance Guide which is incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement), and to provide Global Direct with the necessary data in the proper format to enable Global Direct to properly furnish the Services. Merchant acknowledges that Merchant and Global Direct must comply with all of the requirements, rules, and regulations of the Networks. Copies of the relevant agreements or operating regulations shall be made available upon request. Merchant agrees to hold Global Direct harmless from any costs of compliance or failure to comply with any such obligation by Merchant. Global Direct may terminate or modify the provision of Services to Merchant if any of Global Direct's agreements with Networks are terminated for any reason or if any entity threatens to terminate services to Global Direct due to some action or inaction on the part of Merchant.

### MERCHANT ACCEPTANCE OF EBT TRANSACTIONS: ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Merchant agrees to issue Benefits to Recipients in accordance with the procedures specified herein, and in all documentation and user guides provided to Merchant by Global Direct, as amended from time-to-time (including but not limited to the Card Acceptance Guide which is incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement); and pursuant to the Quest Operating Rules (the "Rules"), as amended from time-to-time, issued by the National Automated Clearing House Association as approved by the Financial Management Service of the U.S. Treasury Department. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed them in the Rules. Merchant will provide each recipient a receipt of each Benefit issuance. Merchant will be solely responsible for Merchant's issuance of Benefits other than in accordance with authorizations. Merchant agrees to comply with all the requirements, laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the delivery of services to Benefit Recipients and Benefit Recipient confidentiality. If Merchant issues FS Benefits under this Agreement, Merchant represents and warrants to Global Direct that Merchant is an FNS-authorized "Merchant" (as such term is defined in the Rules) and is not currently suspended or disqualified by FNS. Merchant agrees to secure and maintain at its own expense all necessary licenses, permits, franchises, or other authorities required to lawfully effect the issuance and distribution of Benefits under this Agreement, including without limitation, any applicable franchise tax certificate and non-governmental contractor's certificate, and covenants that Merchant will not issue Benefits at any time during which Merchant is not in compliance with the requirements of any applicable law. Merchant agrees to hold Global Direct harmless from any costs of compliance or failure to comply with any such obligation by Merchant. Global Direct may terminate or modify the provision of Services to Merchant if any of Global Direct's agreements with government EBT agencies are terminated for any reason or if any party threatens to terminate services to Global Direct due to some action or inaction on the part of Merchant. If any of these Terms and Conditions are found to conflict with Federal or State law, regulation or policy of the Rules, these Terms and Conditions are subject to reasonable amendment by Global Direct, the State or its EBT Service Provider to address such conflict upon ninety (90) days written notice to Merchant, provided that Merchant may, upon written notice, terminate the Agreement upon receipt of notice of such amendment. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the State from commencing appropriate administrative or legal action against Merchant or for making any referral for such action to any appropriate Federal, State, or local agency. Any references to "State" herein shall mean the State in which Merchant issues Benefits pursuant hereto. If Merchant issues Benefits in more than one State pursuant hereto, then the reference shall mean each such State severally, not jointly.

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