



U.S. Small Business Administration
AUTHORIZATION
(SBA 7(A) GUARANTEED LOAN)

Table with 2 columns: Field Name, Value. Rows include SBA Loan #, SBA Loan Name, and Approval Date.

Lender: U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA):
[LenderName] [SBAName]
[LenderAddress] [SBAAddress]
[LenderCity], [LenderState] [LenderZip] [SBACity], [SBASate] [SBAZip]

SBA approves, under Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act as amended, Lender's application, received [DateAccepted], for SBA to guarantee [PercentGuaranteed]% of a loan ("Loan") in the amount of \$[LoanAmount] to assist:

Borrower:

All requirements in the Authorization which refer to Borrower also apply to any Co-Borrower.

A. THE GUARANTEE FEE IS \$[AutoGuaranteeFee].

Lender must have paid the guarantee fee prior to SBA signing this Authorization. Any Lender with authority to sign this Authorization on behalf of SBA certifies that it has paid the guarantee fee to the Small Business Administration prior to signing this Authorization. No guarantee exists if Lender has not paid the guarantee fee in full. SBA will not refund the guarantee fee after the date of this Authorization except as provided in SBA Standard Operating Procedures. Payment of the guarantee fee is not contingent upon disbursement. Lender may collect this fee from Borrower upon receipt by Lender of the Authorization. Borrower may use Loan proceeds to reimburse Lender for the guarantee fee.

B. ONGOING SERVICING FEE

- 1. Lender agrees to pay SBA an ongoing fee equal to 0.50 of one percent per year of the guaranteed portion of the outstanding balance.
2. Lender may not charge or otherwise pass through this fee to Borrower.

**C. IT IS LENDER'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO:**

1. Close the Loan in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Authorization.
2. Obtain valid and enforceable Loan documents, including obtaining the signature or written consent of any obligor's spouse if such consent or signature is necessary to bind the marital community or create a valid lien on marital property.
3. Retain all Loan closing documents. Lender must submit these documents, along with other required documents, to SBA for review if Lender requests SBA to honor its guarantee on the Loan, or at any time SBA requests the documents for review.

**D. REQUIRED FORMS**

1. Lender may use its own forms except as otherwise instructed in this Authorization. Lender must use the following SBA forms for the Loan:

SBA Form 147, Note  
SBA Form 1050, Settlement Sheet, for each disbursement  
SBA Form 159, Compensation Agreement, for each representative  
SBA Form 722, Equal Opportunity Poster  
SBA Form 793, Notice to New Borrowers

2. Lender may use computer-generated versions of mandatory SBA Forms, as long as these versions are exact reproductions.
3. Lenders must submit completed SBA Forms 159 for non-PLP loans to the SBA immediately after final disbursement.

**E. CONTINGENCIES**—SBA issues this Authorization in reliance on representations in the Loan application, including supporting documents. The guarantee is contingent upon Lender:

1. Having and complying with a valid SBA Loan Guarantee Agreement (SBA Form 750 or SBA Form 750B for short-term loans) and any required supplemental guarantee agreements, between Lender and SBA;
2. Having paid the full guarantee fee in the time and manner required by this Authorization and the SOP;
3. Complying with the current SBA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP);
4. Making initial disbursement of the Loan no later than 6 months, and completing disbursement no later than 12 months, from the date of this Authorization, unless either disbursement period is extended by proper SBA procedures;
5. Having no evidence since the date of the Loan application, or since any preceding disbursement, of any unremedied adverse change in the financial condition, organization, management, operation, or assets of Borrower which would warrant withholding or not making any further disbursement, and;
6. Satisfying all of the conditions in this Authorization.

**F. NOTE TERMS:**

1. **Maturity:** This Note will mature in [MaturityYears] year and [MaturityMonths] month from date of Note.
2. **Repayment Terms:** Lender must insert onto SBA Note, Form 147, to be executed by Borrower, the following terms, without modification. Lender must complete all blank terms on the Note at time of closing:

Lender will apply each installment payment first to pay interest accrued to the day Lender receives the payment, then to bring principal current, then to pay any late fees, and will apply any remaining balance to reduce principal.

**Loan Prepayment:**

Notwithstanding any provision in this Note to the contrary:

**Borrower may prepay this Note.** Borrower may prepay 20% or less of the unpaid principal balance at any time without notice. If Borrower prepays more than 20% and the Loan has been sold on the secondary market, Borrower must:

- a. Give Lender written notice;
- b. Pay all accrued interest; and
- c. If the prepayment is received less than 21 days from the date Lender receives the notice, pay an amount equal to 21 days' interest from the date lender receives the notice, less any interest accrued during the 21 days and paid under subparagraph b., above.

If Borrower does not prepay within 30 days from the date Lender receives the notice, Borrower must give Lender a new notice.

All remaining principal and accrued interest is due and payable [MaturityYears] year and [MaturityMonths] month from date of Note.

**G. USE OF PROCEEDS**

All amounts listed above are approximate. Lender may not disburse Loan proceeds solely to pay the guarantee fee. Lender may disburse to Borrower, as working capital only, funds not spent for the listed purposes as long as these funds do not exceed 10% of the specific purpose authorized or \$10,000.00, whichever is less. An Eligible Passive Company may not receive working capital funds.

Lender must document that Borrower used the loan proceeds for the purposes stated in this Authorization. Lender must complete SBA Form 1050, Settlement Sheet, for each disbursement and retain these forms in its Loan file. Lender must retain, with the Form 1050, documentation supporting the disbursement of proceeds as authorized, such as joint payee checks or evidence of deposit into controlled accounts.

## H. COLLATERAL CONDITIONS

Lender must obtain a lien on 100% of the interests in the following collateral and properly perfect all lien positions:

The following language must appear in all lien instruments including Mortgages, Deeds of Trust, and Security Agreements:

*“The Loan secured by this lien was made under a United States Small Business Administration (SBA) nationwide program which uses tax dollars to assist small business owners. If the United States is seeking to enforce this document, then under SBA regulations:*

- a) When SBA is the holder of the Note, this document and all documents evidencing or securing this Loan will be construed in accordance with federal law.*
- b) Lender or SBA may use local or state procedures for purposes such as filing papers, recording documents, giving notice, foreclosing liens, and other purposes. By using these procedures, SBA does not waive any federal immunity from local or state control, penalty, tax or liability. No Borrower or Guarantor may claim or assert against SBA any local or state law to deny any obligation of Borrower, or defeat any claim of SBA with respect to this Loan.*

*Any clause in this document requiring arbitration is not enforceable when SBA is the holder of the Note secured by this instrument.”*

## I. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

### 1. Insurance Requirements

Prior to disbursement, Lender must require Borrower to obtain the following insurance coverage and maintain this coverage for the life of Loan:

- a. **Flood Insurance.** If FEMA Form 81-93 reveals that any portion of the real property, equipment, fixtures or inventory that is collateral for the loan is located in a special flood hazard zone, Lender must require Borrower to obtain Federal flood insurance, or other appropriate special hazard insurance, in amounts equal to the lesser of the insurable value of the property or the maximum limit of coverage available. Insurance coverage must contain a MORTGAGEE CLAUSE/LENDER'S LOSS PAYABLE CLAUSE (or substantial equivalent) in favor of Lender. This clause must provide that any act or neglect of the mortgagor or owner of the insured property will not invalidate the interest of Lender. (Borrower will be ineligible for any future SBA disaster assistance or business loan assistance if Borrower does not maintain any required flood insurance for the entire term of the Loan.)

## 2. Borrower, Guarantor and Operating Company Documents

- a. Prior to closing, Lender must obtain from Borrower, Guarantor and Operating Company a current copy of each of the following as appropriate:
  - (1) **Corporate Documents**—Articles or Certificate of Incorporation (with amendments), any By-laws, Certificate of Good Standing (or equivalent), Corporate Borrowing Resolution, and, if a foreign corporation, current authority to do business within this state.
  - (2) **Limited Liability Company (LLC) Documents**—Articles of Organization (with amendments), Fact Statement or Certificate of Existence, Operating Agreement, Borrowing Resolution, and evidence of registration with the appropriate authority.
  - (3) **General Partnership Documents**—Partnership Agreement, Certificate as to Partners, and Certificate of Partnership or Good Standing (or equivalent), as applicable.
  - (4) **Limited Partnership Documents**—Partnership Agreement, Certificate as to Partners, and Certificate of Partnership or Good Standing (or equivalent), as applicable, Certificate of Limited Partnership, and evidence of registration with the appropriate authority.
  - (5) **Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Documents**—Partnership Agreement, Certificate as to Partners, Certificate of Partnership or Good Standing (or equivalent) as applicable, and evidence of registration with the appropriate authority.
  - (6) **Trustee Certification**—A Certificate from the trustee warranting that:
    - (a) The trust will not be revoked or substantially amended for the term of the Loan without the consent of SBA;
    - (b) The trustee has authority to act;
    - (c) The trust has the authority to borrow funds, guarantee loans, and pledge trust assets;
    - (d) If the trust is an Eligible Passive Company, the trustee has authority to lease the property to the Operating Company;
    - (e) There is nothing in the trust agreement that would prevent Lender from realizing on any security interest in trust assets;
    - (f) The trust agreement has specific language confirming the above; and
    - (g) The trustee has provided and will continue to provide SBA with a true and complete list of all trustors and donors.
  - (7) **Trade Name**—Documentation that Borrower has complied with state requirements for registration of Borrower's trade name (or fictitious name), if one is used.
- b. Prior to closing, Lender must obtain from Borrower and Operating Company:
  - (1) **Ownership**—Evidence that ownership and management have not changed without Lender's approval since the application was submitted.

### 3. Operating Information

#### Prior to any disbursement of Loan proceeds, Lender must obtain:

- a. **Verification of Financial Information**—Lender must submit IRS Form 4506-T (SBA version) to the Internal Revenue Service to obtain federal income tax information on Borrower or, if the Borrower is an EPC, then the Operating Company for the last 3 years (unless Borrower or Operating Company is a start-up business). If the business has been operating for less than 3 years, lender must obtain the information for all years in operation. This requirement does not include tax information for the most recent fiscal year if the fiscal year-end is within 6 months of the application date. Lender must compare the tax data received from the IRS with the financial data or tax returns submitted with the Loan application, and relied upon in approving the Loan. Borrower must resolve any significant differences to the satisfaction of Lender and SBA. Failure to resolve differences may result in cancellation of the Loan.

If the Loan involves purchase of a business or change of ownership, Lender must verify financial information provided by the seller of the business in the same manner as above.

If Lender does not receive a response from the IRS within 10 business days of submitting the IRS Form 4506-T, then Lender may disburse prior to completing this verification provided that Lender has submitted IRS Form 4506-T to the IRS no later than 10 business days from the approval date of this Authorization. Lender must still perform the verification and resolve any significant differences discovered.

- b. **Authority to Conduct Business**—Evidence that the Borrower has an Employer Identification Number and all insurance, licenses, permits and other approvals necessary to lawfully operate the business.
- c. **Flood Hazard Determination**—A completed Standard Flood Hazard Determination (FEMA Form 81-93).

### 4. Certifications and Agreements

- a. Lender must require Borrower to certify that:
  - (1) **Receipt of Authorization**—Borrower has received a copy of this Authorization and SBA Form 793, Notice to New SBA Borrower, from Lender; and acknowledges that:
    - (a) The Authorization is not a commitment by Lender to make a loan to Borrower;
    - (b) The Authorization is between Lender and SBA and creates no third party rights or benefits to Borrower;
    - (c) The Note will require Borrower to give Lender prior notice of intent to prepay.
    - (d) If Borrower defaults on Loan, SBA may be required to pay Lender under the SBA guarantee. SBA may then seek recovery of these funds from Borrower. Under SBA regulations, 13 CFR Part 101, Borrower may not claim or assert against SBA any immunities or defenses available under local law to defeat, modify or otherwise limit Borrower's obligation to repay to SBA any funds advanced by Lender to Borrower.
    - (e) Payments by SBA to Lender under SBA's guarantee will not apply to the Loan account of Borrower, or diminish the indebtedness of Borrower under the Note or the obligations of any personal guarantor of the Note.
  - (2) **Child Support**—No principal who owns at least 50% of the ownership or voting interest of the company is delinquent more than 60 days under the terms of any (a) administrative order, (b) court order, or (c) repayment agreement requiring payment of child support.

- (3) **Current Taxes**—Borrower is current on all federal, state, and local taxes, including but not limited to income taxes, payroll taxes, real estate taxes, and sales taxes.
- b. Lender must require Borrower to certify that it will:
- (1) **Reimbursable Expenses**—Reimburse Lender for expenses incurred in the making and administration of the Loan.
  - (2) **Books, Records, and Reports**—
    - (a) Keep proper books of account in a manner satisfactory to Lender;
    - (b) Furnish year-end statements to Lender within 120 days of fiscal year end;
    - (c) Furnish additional financial statements or reports whenever Lender requests them;
    - (d) Allow Lender or SBA, at Borrower’s expense, to:
      - [1] Inspect and audit books, records and papers relating to Borrower's financial or business condition; and
      - [2] Inspect and appraise any of Borrower's assets; and
      - [3] Allow all government authorities to furnish reports of examinations, or any records pertaining to Borrower, upon request by Lender or SBA.
  - (3) **Equal Opportunity**—Post SBA Form 722, Equal Opportunity Poster, where it is clearly visible to employees, applicants for employment and the general public, and comply with the requirements of SBA Form 793, Notice to New SBA Borrowers.
  - (4) **American-made Products**—To the extent practicable, purchase only American-made equipment and products with the proceeds of the Loan.
  - (5) **Taxes**—Pay all federal, state, and local taxes, including income, payroll, real estate and sales taxes of the business when they come due.
- c. Lender must require Borrower to certify that it will not, without Lender’s prior written consent:
- (1) **Distributions**—Make any distribution of company assets that will adversely affect the financial condition of Borrower.
  - (2) **Ownership Changes**—Change the ownership structure or interests in the business during the term of the Loan.
  - (3) **Transfer of Assets**—Sell, lease, pledge, encumber (except by purchase money liens on property acquired after the date of the Note), or otherwise dispose of any of Borrower’s property or assets, except in the ordinary course of business.

ADMINISTRATOR  
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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[ApprovalDate2]

By: [SBSBA]

Date

In consideration of SBA's guarantee of the Loan to be made by Lender to Borrower, Lender accepts the above conditions.

[LENDERNAME]

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By (name, title):

Date