

## AMCHECK® FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchise offered is for the operation of an AMCHECK® business within a particular geographic territory. The AMCHECK business provides a variety of payroll, human resource and employee benefit and administration services to employers.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an AMCHECK business with a territory of up to 40,000 businesses is \$93,700 to \$171,100. This includes \$75,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliates. The total investment necessary for a conversion franchise to begin operation of an AMCHECK business is \$54,200 to \$149,100. This includes \$37,500 which must be paid to us or our affiliates.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, us or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosure in different formats, contact Jane Whitman at AmCheck National Franchise Corporation, 5030 E. Sunrise Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85044, (480) 763-5900.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## **STATE COVER PAGE**

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchise to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for more information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER

THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS YOU TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE AND LITIGATE DISPUTES ONLY IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, OR AT SUCH OTHER PLACE AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO THE PARTIES. OUT OF STATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT ALSO MAY COST MORE TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA GOVERN THE AGREEMENT. TO THE EXTENT NOT SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION, ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CLAIM, SUIT OR DEMAND MUST BE BROUGHT IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA OR IN MARICOPA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNING LAW MAY PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT DESIGNATING JURISDICTION OUTSIDE OF THE STATE ARE VOID. IT MAY COST MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

EVEN THOUGH THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA GOVERN THE AGREEMENT, LOCAL LAW MAY SUPERSEDE IT IN YOUR STATE. PLEASE REFER TO ANY STATE-SPECIFIC ADDENDUM THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS.

THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We may use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

See next page for Effective Dates.

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## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates.

California: Illinois

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