

# FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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The franchises described in this disclosure document are for the development and operation of a **LINK** Franchised Business that will provide business brokerage services using the mark LINK and its various services and benefits. The total investment necessary to begin operation of each Franchised Business is \$53,200 to \$148,500. This includes \$45,000 that must be paid to the franchisor.

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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 and payment to the franchisor 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 Ron Hottes at the above address and telephone number.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not 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, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of 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 franchisor 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 D** for information about the franchisor 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:

1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT ALL DISAGREEMENTS MAY BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN NORTH CAROLINA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
2. ARBITRATION WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY DISPUTE WHICH INVOLVES A FRANCHISEE'S CONTINUED USAGE OF ANY OF THE MARKS OR ANY ISSUE INVOLVING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST FRANCHISEE, ALL OF THESE ISSUES WILL BE SUBMITTED INITIALLY TO A COURT IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PARTIES CONSENT TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION IN NORTH CAROLINA OVER ANY SUCH ISSUES NOT SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION.
3. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAW OF THE STATE WHERE MOST OF YOUR TERRITORY IS LOCATED GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT.
4. YOU MUST MEET THE DESIGNATED MINIMUM PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS, WE COULD TERMINATE YOUR AGREEMENT AND YOU COULD LOSE YOUR INVESTMENT.
5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

## **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:

Florida:                      April 8, 2017

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