

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT (COMMERCIAL LOGISTICS CENTERS)



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As a commercial logistics center ("commercial center") franchisee, you will sell commercial packaging, packing, shipping, moving, pick-up, delivery, crating and transportation services for fragile, large, awkward and/or valuable freight to commercial and residential customers, and you will sell boxes and packaging materials.

The total investments and payments to us necessary to begin operation of the different types of commercial centers are shown in the table below:

		Range of Payments
		To Us or Our
Type of Commercial Center	<b>Total Investment Range</b>	Affiliates
Commercial Center	\$99,700 to \$172,750	\$41,450 to \$63,950
Commercial Center-Conversion	\$35,525 to \$147,975	\$26,475 to \$53,975

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, 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 to you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Mary Ann Canup at 7580 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92108, (800) 456-1525, or mcanup@annexbrands.com.

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 an 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 "<u>A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise</u>," 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 <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

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

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## **How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document**

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION	
How much can I earn?	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Exhibits C and D.	
How much will I need to invest?	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor's direction; Item 7 lists the initial investment to open, and Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.	
Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?	Item 21 or Exhibit F includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.	
Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.	
Will my business be the only Annex Brands business in my area?	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.	
Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.	
What's it like to be an Annex Brands franchisee?	Item 20 or Exhibits C, D and E list current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.	
What else should I know?	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.	

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