

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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Payroll Vault





Payroll Vault offers franchisees the opportunity to operate a business that delivers accurate and reliable software-based payroll services including payroll check writing, payroll tax payment and reporting, and independent contractor check writing and reporting, for small, medium and large businesses (Payroll Services). The total investment necessary to begin operation of a franchise is from \$31,950 to \$74,150. This includes \$20,800 to \$36,800 that must be paid to our affiliates or us.

We may grant qualified candidates the right to develop multiple Businesses within a "Development Area" under the terms of an Area Development Agreement. If you are awarded these rights, you will pay a reduced initial franchise fee (Reduced IFF) of \$20,000 for each Business to be opened. At the time you sign the Area Development Agreement, you will pay us the full \$20,000 for the first Business, plus \$10,000 (one-half of the Reduced IFF) for each additional Business you agree to open. The balance of the Reduced IFF per Business is due at the time you sign the then-current Franchise Agreement for each Business.

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 at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental 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 disclosures in different formats, contact Sean Manning at 5231 S. Quebec Street, Suite 260, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111, (303) 763-1828 or sean.manning@PayrollVault.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read your entire 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 "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 <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> 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 (Exhibit A).

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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.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit A** 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 REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION ONLY IN A LOCATION THAT IS WITHIN 15 MILES OF OUR THEN-CURRENT HEADQUARTERS (CURRENTLY GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO). OUT OF STATE MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO SUE, ARBITRATE, AND MEDIATE WITH US IN OUR THEN-CURRENT HEAD QUARTER'S STATE THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRE THAT THE LAW OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE FRANCHISOR'S CORPORATE OFFICE IS LOCATED (CURRENTLY COLORADO), WILL GOVERN THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
  - 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use now, or may use in the future, 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.

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