

**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

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As a SIGNS BY TOMORROW® franchisee, you will operate a store that sells computer-generated signs and graphics, and related products and services.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a SIGNS BY TOMORROW franchised business ranges from \$176,150 ~~146,900~~ to \$246,750 ~~219,400~~ (plus any deposit for additional protected territory). This includes \$52,500 ~~41,225~~ that must be paid to franchisor.

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 Mike Cline at Signs By Tomorrow-USA, Inc., 8681 Robert Fulton Drive, Columbia, Maryland 21046, (410) 312-3600, (800) 765-7446, or mikec@signsbytomorrow.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 "[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](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 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 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 REQUIRES YOU TO ARBITRATE WITH US ONLY IN THE AAA OFFICE NEAREST OUR HOME OFFICE (CURRENTLY IN COLUMBIA, MARYLAND). OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT ALSO MAY COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN THE AAA OFFICE NEAREST OUR OFFICE THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MARYLAND LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
3. YOU MUST GRANT US A PRIORITY SECURITY INTEREST IN ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE ACCOUNTS, INVENTORY, EQUIPMENT, INTANGIBLES, PROCEEDS AND INTEREST IN THE FRANCHISE. THIS SECURITY INTEREST MAY IMPAIR YOUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN FINANCING FOR YOUR OPERATIONS.
4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We 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 make sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

Effective Dates: **See next page for effective dates in various jurisdictions.**

**STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

**This disclosure document is effective as of the issuance date for use in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, Washington, D.C., American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, North Mariana Islands (including Saipan), Palau, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands**

**This disclosure document is effective and may be used in the following states, where the disclosure document is filed, registered or exempt from registration:**

<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
<b><u>California</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Illinois</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Indiana</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Maryland</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Minnesota</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>New York</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Rhode Island</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Virginia</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Washington</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>
<b><u>Wisconsin</u></b>	<b><u>Pending</u></b>

**This disclosure document is not effective and may not be used in the following states, where it is not currently filed, registered or exempt from registration:**

**Hawaii, North Dakota and South Dakota.**

California: \_\_\_\_\_ April 27, 2010

Illinois: \_\_\_\_\_ April 21, 2010

Indiana: \_\_\_\_\_ April 21, 2010

Maryland: \_\_\_\_\_ May 12, 2010

Minnesota: \_\_\_\_\_ April 22, 2010

New York: \_\_\_\_\_ June 14, 2010

Rhode Island: \_\_\_\_\_ April 22, 2010

Virginia: \_\_\_\_\_ May 24, 2010

Washington: \_\_\_\_\_ May 4, 2010

Wisconsin: \_\_\_\_\_ April 21, 2010

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