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## **Co - Brokerage Information Packet**

Thank you for allowing River Place Logistics to assist you in the utilization of your services as a broker. We will strive to do our very best to satisfy you and meet your company's goals.

Included are various forms to be completed and returned to River Place Logistics. To insure a quick response to our agreement, please return this request as soon as possible.

### INFORMATION NEEDED FROM YOU

- W9 Form

Your Operating Authority
 Insurance Certificate from your Insurance Agent
 Co-Brokerage Contract signed

Sincerely,

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O.B. Moss, CTB President



## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

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	1	Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the or entity's name on line 2.)	wner's name on line	1, and enter the business/disregarded		
	2	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.				
Print or type. Specific Instructions on page 3.		Ba Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. Individual/sole proprietor C corporation S corporation Partnership Trust/estate LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Other (see instructions) Bb If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions		Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):     Exempt payee code (if any)     Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any)     (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)		
See	5	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name a	and address (optional)		
	6	City, state, and ZIP code				
	7	List account number(s) here (optional)				
Par	t I	Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)				
			Social sec	curity number		

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid				Social security number					
backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a</i>			] -			- [			
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**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

# Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign	Signature of
Here	U.S. person

## **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments**. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

## What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification. New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners way be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

#### **Purpose of Form**

Date

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they



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#### **CO-BROKERAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LICENSED TRANSPORTATION BROKERS**

This agreement is made and intended to be effective on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ by and between River Place Logistics, Inc., with an office located at 4509 Creedmoor Road, Suite 204, Raleigh, NC 27612, "MC # 637628" and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "MC # \_\_\_\_\_" with an office located at \_\_\_\_\_\_

(collectively, the "Parties"). PARTIES for purposes of this Agreement shall include the divisions, subsidiaries and affiliates of the PARTIES identified herein.

#### RECITALS

- A) The Parties are licensed property brokers as noted above, and authorized by the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation) to arrange for the transportation of freight by motor vehicles (including draymen) and/or railroad intermodal service and desire to work with each other to arrange the transportation of freight on behalf of shipper customers and
- B) This Agreement shall apply to transactions where the broker providing the shipping customer(s) whose freight is to be transported, is designated as Broker A, and the broker who contracts with motor carriers (including draymen), and/or rail carriers to transport freight, is designated as Broker B; and
- C) The terms of this Agreement are intended to apply to all co-brokered transactions between the Parties, where either of them may be acting in either capacity, as BROKER A or B.
- D) The licenses of the Parties are not subject to threatened, or pending revocation or suspension; each Party has and will maintain during the term of this Agreement the surety bond required of property brokers to be on file with the FMSCA; and the Parties are, and will be during the term of this Agreement, in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations pertaining to the operation of their businesses.
- E) The persons signing this Agreement are authorized to do so and intend to bind their respective Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, covenants and conditions herein set forth, it is agreed:

<u>Broker B Responsibilities:</u> BROKER B shall be solely responsible for exercising due diligence in selecting carriers for the performance of this Agreement, which includes, but is not limited to: verifying the carrier's operating authority (state and/or federal), obtaining proof of the carrier's insurance coverage, with coverage not less than \$1,000,000.00 for General Liability, \$1,000,000.00 Auto Liability, and \$100,000.00 cargo, verifying the carrier does not have an "Unsatisfactory" safety rating with the FMSCA, executing a written contract with carriers, which

includes carriers representation of compliance with all applicable state and federal safety regulations, and for intermodal shipments, contracting only with motor carriers who have executed, and represent that they are in compliance with the terms of a current Uniform intermodal Interchange Agreement (UIIA).

- 1) <u>Broker B Insurance</u>: BROKER B, shall procure and maintain its own insurance coverage and shall provide BROKER A with proof of insurance satisfactory to Broker A.
- Prohibition Against Re-Brokering: BROKER B shall not, nor allow a carrier to, re-broker, subbroker, subcontract, assign, interline, or warehouse any shipments hereunder without the prior written consent of BROKER A.
- 3) <u>Billings and Payments:</u> BROKER A is authorized to, and shall be responsible for, billing and collection from shippers, consignees, and third parties responsible for payment of its charges. Broker A shall pay Broker B for agreed upon charges (commissions and carrier charges as specified by rate schedule or load confirmations, which are hereby incorporated by reference) within 23 days of receipt of BROKER B's invoice and proof of delivery. BROKER B shall pay the motor carrier(s)/ railroads as required under its written contract(s) with such carrier(s) regardless of whether BROKER A timely pays BROKER B. In the event that payments to carrier(s) are not made in accordance with the payment terms of the BROKER A may pay the delivering carrier(s) directly upon written notification to BROKER B and, in so doing, shall discharge its entire obligation to pay BROKER B. BROKER B shall not bill or collect freight charges from BROKER A's customers/shippers, consignees, or other parties responsible for payment, provided BROKER A has complied with the terms of this Agreement.
- 4) <u>Minimum Shipments:</u> BROKER A shall offer at least one (1) shipment per year to BROKER B.
- 5) <u>Confidentiality:</u> The Parties agree that they shall not use or disclose any of the contents of this Agreement including but not limited to, all sales and marketing information received from each other or from shipper customers or carriers providing transportation services to them, financial information received, brokerage fees charged and received, non-brokerage fees charged and received, amounts charged to and paid by shippers, consignees or others responsible for payment, amounts of freight charges billed and received, and motor carrier rates, given or exchanged with any person or entity except as necessary to conduct the business contemplated hereunder.
- 6) <u>No Back Solicitation</u>: In recognition of the fact that each of the Parties has invested substantial effort and money in developing its customers and each Party may separately procure new accounts during the term of this Agreement, the Parties expressly agree that:
  - a) BROKER B shall not solicit business from nor perform brokerage services directly or indirectly on behalf of any shipper/consignee/third parties first introduced to it by BROKER A, or through the performance of this Agreement. However, if BROKER B, has conducted business with such shippers/consignees/third parties prior to entering into this agreement then BROKER B can continue to solicit those traffic lanes previously served. "Traffic lanes" for purposes of this Agreement shall mean origination locations to destination locations for both truckload and LTL shipments.

- b) It is further agreed that this non-solicitation provision shall be in force and effect during the term of this Agreement and for a period of one (1) year from the date of the termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- c) In the event of non- compliance with the specific provisions of this paragraph, BROKER B shall, upon discovery of breach by BROKER A, be liable to BROKER A for five percent (5%) of the gross transportation revenue received by BROKER B from said shipper(s) within one (1) year after the date of termination of this Agreement.

#### 7) Indemnification:

- a) BROKER A shall defend, indemnify, and hold BROKER B and its carrier(s) harmless from any and all claims, loss, damage, expenses, or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of BROKER A's performance of this Agreement, or any violation by BROKER A of any of the terms of this Agreement or caused by Broker A;s shipper customer.
- b) BROKER B shall defend, indemnify, and hold BROKER A and its shipper, consignee, or third parties responsible for payment, harmless from any and all claims, loss, damage, expenses, or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of BROKER B's and/or its carrier's performance of this Agreement, or any violation by BROKER B of any of the terms of this Agreement.
- c) Unless the Parties notify each other in writing prior to transportation of any shipment, of greater freight values, the Parties indemnification obligations for freight loss and damage shall not exceed \$250,000.00 for any one shipment.
- 8) <u>Notice of Claims</u>: The Parties shall provide each other with immediate notice of any cargo loss or damage claims as well as any other claims arising out of this Agreement and will cooperate with each other in resolution of any such claim(s).
- 9) <u>Disputes:</u> In the event of a dispute arising out of this Agreement the Parties shall provide each other with 15 days prior detailed written notice in which to "cure": any alleged default. If no "cure" is completed (or is not substantially in process), legal proceedings may be commenced in not more than two (2) years from date of the last occurrence of default, in the state(s) in which either of them have their principal offices. The prevailing Party in any legal proceeding shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees. Unless preempted or controlled by federal transportation law and regulations, the laws of the state of the Party commencing legal proceedings shall be controlling without regard to conflicts of laws principles. The Parties wave all objections to venue and jurisdiction in those states.
- 10) <u>No Assignment</u>: This Agreement may not be transferred, assigned, or pledged by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties, their heirs, executors administrators, successors and assigns.
- 11) <u>Notices:</u> Unless the Parties notify each other in writing of a change of address, and all notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing (certified

US mail, return receipt requested, or fax with machine imprint on paper acknowledging successful transmission) and shall be addressed as shown in the signature lines below.

- 12) <u>Validity/Survival</u>: If any provision of the Agreement shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall remain in full effect. The representations, rights and obligations of the Parties shall survive termination of the Agreement for any reason.
- 13) <u>Waiver</u>: No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or of the breach thereof, shall be construed as a continuing waiver of shall constitute a waiver of any other provision or breach. This Agreement is for specified services pursuant to 49 USC 14101 (b). To the extent that the provisions herein are inconsistent with pat (b), Subtitle IV, of Title 49 USC (ICC Termination Act of 1995) the Parties expressly waive all rights and remedies they may have under the Act.
- 14) <u>Independent Contractors</u>: The relationship of the Parties to each other shall at all times be that of independent contractors.
- 15) <u>Recitals / Headings:</u> The Recitals above are contractual as well as recital. Paragraph headings are intended for convenience only, and shall not be considered substantive.
- 16) Integration: This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings, verbal and/or written between the Parties with respect to such subject matter. The Parties intend that no extrinsic evidence may be introduced to reform this Agreement in any legal or equitable proceeding. This Agreement does not supersede any agreement that either Broker has with any shipper or carrier.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties have signed this A 20 ——————————————————————————————————	Agreement thisday of
BROKER:	BROKER: River Place Logistics, Inc.
SIGNED:	SIGNED: J.B. Ma
PRINTED:	PRINTED: O.B. MOSS
TITLE:	TITLE: President
FAX NUMBER:	FAX NUMBER: (919) 783-5122
DATE:	DATE:

