FINANCIAL DATA SECURITY AND ACCOUNTING CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Financial Data Security and Accounting Confidentiality Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into and made effective as of _____ (the "Effective Date"), by and between:

Accounting Services Provider: _____, with a principal place of business at _____ ("Provider"), and

Client: _____, with a principal place of business at _____ ("Client").

Provider and Client may collectively be referred to as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party."

1. PURPOSE

The Client engages the Provider to perform professional accounting, bookkeeping, tax, or financial advisory services. In connection with these services, the Provider will have access to non-public, sensitive, and proprietary financial information and accounting data of the Client. This Agreement establishes the security standards and confidentiality obligations required to protect such data.

2. DEFINITION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

For purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" includes, but is not limited to, all financial records, tax returns, bank statements, ledger balances, transaction histories, accounts payable/receivable records, payroll and employee data, proprietary business processes, financial projections, client lists, and any other data marked as confidential or that reasonably should be understood to be confidential given the nature of the information and circumstances of disclosure.

3. DATA SECURITY OBLIGATIONS

The Provider agrees to implement and maintain industry-standard administrative, physical, and technical safeguards designed to secure the Client's Confidential Information from unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction. These safeguards shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Encrypting all financial data both in transit and at rest.
2. Restricting access to the Client's financial data to only those employees, contractors, or agents of the Provider who require access to perform the contracted accounting services.
3. Utilizing secure, multi-factor authenticated portals for the transmission and retrieval of all financial files and communication.
4. Maintaining updated anti-malware, firewall protection, and system security patches on all devices used to access or process the Client's accounting data.

4. PERMITTED USE AND RESTRICTIONS

The Provider shall use the Client's Confidential Information solely for the purpose of performing the agreed-upon accounting and financial services. The Provider shall not sell, lease, trade, or otherwise disclose the Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Client, except as required by law, regulation, or valid legal process.

5. SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION

In the event of any confirmed or reasonably suspected unauthorized access, acquisition, alteration, or disclosure of the Client's accounting data (a "Security Breach"), the Provider shall notify the Client in writing within _____ hours of discovery. The Provider shall cooperate fully with the Client to investigate, mitigate, and remediate the effects of the Security Breach.

6. TERM AND RETURN OF DATA

This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and remain in effect until terminated by either party. Upon written request by the Client or upon termination of the business relationship, the Provider shall securely return to the Client or permanently destroy, at the Client's sole option, all copies of the Client's Confidential Information in its possession, custody, or control, except to the extent that retention is required by applicable professional accounting standards, tax regulations, or laws.

7. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of _____, without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law. Any legal action arising under this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in the courts located in _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Financial Data Security and Accounting Confidentiality Agreement as of the Effective Date written above.

PROVIDER:	**CLIENT:**
_____	_____
Signature	Signature
_____	_____
Printed Name	Printed Name
_____	_____
Title	Title
_____	_____
Date	Date