CLIENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION SECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION CONTRACT

This Client Financial Information Security and Data Protection Contract (the "Agreement") is entered into as of this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between:

Accounting Service Provider:
Entity Name: _____
Address: _____
Representative: _____

Client:
Entity/Individual Name: _____
Address: _____
Representative: _____

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the standards, responsibilities, and protocols for safeguarding the Client's sensitive financial and accounting information, tax records, and associated personal identifiable information (PII) processed by the Accounting Service Provider during the course of professional services.

2. DEFINITION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

For the purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" shall include, but is not limited to: financial statements, general ledgers, tax returns, payroll records, bank statements, credit card details, business valuations, passwords, access credentials, and any other financial or proprietary data provided by the Client or generated by the Accounting Service Provider on behalf of the Client.

3. DATA PROTECTION AND SECURITY STANDARDS

The Accounting Service Provider agrees to implement and maintain appropriate technical, administrative, and physical safeguards designed to:

1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of the Client's Confidential Information.
2. Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information.
3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of such information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to the Client.
4. Utilize industry-standard encryption protocols for all data transmitted electronically and data stored at rest.

4. AUTHORIZED ACCESS AND USE

The Accounting Service Provider shall restrict access to the Client's Confidential Information strictly to those employees, subcontractors, and agents who require access to perform the contracted accounting services. All such personnel shall be bound by strict confidentiality obligations no less restrictive than those contained in this Agreement.

5. DATA BREACH NOTIFICATION

In the event of any confirmed or reasonably suspected unauthorized access, acquisition, or disclosure of the Client's Confidential

Information (a "Security Incident"), the Accounting Service Provider shall:

1. Notify the Client in writing within _____ hours of discovery.
2. Take immediate steps to mitigate the effects of the Security Incident and prevent further unauthorized access.
3. Cooperate fully with the Client in any investigation, regulatory reporting, or remediation efforts.

6. TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the professional relationship between the parties. Upon termination of the primary service agreement, or upon written request by the Client, the Accounting Service Provider shall safely return or securely destroy all physical and digital copies of the Client's Confidential Information, except as required to be retained by applicable laws or professional regulatory standards.

7. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Jurisdiction of _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Client Financial Information Security and Data Protection Contract as of the date first written above.

For Accounting Service Provider:	**For Client:**
_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Authorized Signature
_____	_____
Printed Name	Printed Name
_____	_____
Title	Title
_____	_____
Date	Date