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Primary Contact

The primary contact identified in your account should be the same individual identified as the responsible party for (1) all activities within your account; and (2) EFIN documentation.

EFIN

You represent and agree that you will only use a valid EFIN on your account. Your business must be the holder of the EFIN. You may not use an EFIN held by a friend, family member, or another business (even if the business is affiliated with your business). In accordance with IRS regulations, invalid uses of an EFIN include:

- Using an EFIN owned by a previous employer.
- Using an EFIN that may no longer be associated with your firm.

• Using an EFIN of a firm whose structure changed due to the death of a Principal listed on the application.

You agree that per IRS regulations, your EFIN is not transferable. Even if you transfer your business by sale, gift, or other disposition, you may not transfer your EFIN. You must protect your EFIN from unauthorized use at all times. If you acquire a business, you are responsible for obtaining a new EFIN rather than use an old EFIN previously associated with the business.

By requesting e-file capabilities on an account, you agree to follow the rules and regulations outlined in IRS Publication 3112 (IRS e-file Application & Participation). You understand that any deviation or violation of the rules and regulations outlined in IRS Publication 3112 will result in e-file capabilities being immediately removed from your account until such a time as the deficiencies have been corrected and compliance with IRS Publication 3112 has been achieved.

Your EFIN account must be up to date and in good standing with the IRS. As a condition for using our services, you will be required to provide documentation to verify your EFIN.

9. SMS TERMS

You can receive different types of text messages from us, including, but not limited to, communications regarding activities within your account, other account-related or transactional messages and promotional offers. If you agree to receive text messages from us, you agree to and understand the following:

- Your wireless service carrier's standard text message and data rates may apply.
- You agree that we may communicate with you by automated SMS, MMS, text message or other electronic means to your mobile device.
- Message frequency varies.
- In the event you change or deactivate your mobile telephone number, you agree to promptly update your account information.
- We may send you a message to confirm your choice to receive text messages.
- You can cancel text messaging at any time by replying "STOP" to the most recent text message you received.
 - If you have agreed to receive multiple types of text messages, you will need to cancel each message type separately.
 - We will send you a text message to confirm you have been unsubscribed.
- Reply "HELP" for instructions and how to unsubscribe.
 - This may not be available for some message types.

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10. CONTENT AND FUNCTIONALITY OF THE SITES

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- c. Promoting illegal activities or conduct that is abusive, threatening, obscene, defamatory or libelous; or promote any criminal activity or enterprise or provide instructional information about illegal activities, such as making or buying illegal weapons or violating someone's privacy
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- k. Disrupting the activities or enjoyment of the Sites for other users
- 1. Collecting, or storing personal data about other users

Further, you agree that all User Content you provide will be on-topic, relevant and will not include profanity or any other disruptive or disrespectful behavior. The User Areas are not the appropriate channel to express individual concerns or specific customer support issues. Such concerns and issues should be addressed directly with CrossLink's customer or technical support. You agree to evaluate and assume all risks associated with the use of User Content, including without limitation any risk relating to any reliance on the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of User Content. We assume no responsibility for User Content or for the use of any User Area. You agree to abide by all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and are solely responsible for all acts or omissions that occur under your account or password, including without limitation any User Content you create or upload.

You acknowledge that User Content is not endorsed by CrossLink and such user content should not be considered to have been reviewed, screened or approved by CrossLink. You should exercise discretion before relying on information contained in User Content.

We may, in our sole discretion, remove any User Content from a User Area at any time and for any or no reason. CrossLink will not be liable to you or any third party for any deletion of any User Content on the Sites.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular communication, any User Content transmitted through the Sites, will be treated as non-confidential and nonproprietary. In addition, CrossLink is free to use any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques contained in any User Content for any purpose including, but not limited to, developing and marketing products using such information without compensation to you.

You also acknowledge that the technical processing and transmission of the Sites, including without limitation User Content, may involve transmissions over various networks and changes to conform and adapt to technical requirements of connecting networks or devices.

25. CROSSLINK MAY FREELY USE THE FEEDBACK YOU PROVIDE

Unless otherwise specified for a particular communication, any communications or materials you e-mail, post, or transmit through the Sites, including data, questions, comments, or suggestions, will be treated as non-confidential and non-proprietary.

By submitting any ideas, feedback, or proposals regarding the Sites or any other CrossLink products or services ("User Feedback"), you expressly acknowledge and agree that: (a) we have no obligation to you, including any obligation for payment or confidentiality, with respect to the User Feedback; and (b) we may freely use, assign, transfer, distribute, exploit, and further develop any ideas, concepts, know-how, or techniques in your User Feedback for any purpose, including but not limited to the development and marketing of products, without compensation to you. To the extent any copyright or other intellectual property rights vest in you concerning the User Feedback, you hereby grant us a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid-up, irrevocable, sublicensable, and perpetual right and license to make, use, copy, sell, distribute, exploit, and create derivative works from the User Feedback. Additionally, you irrevocably release us from any and all liability related to the rights to the User Feedback.

Without limiting your right to post honest consumer reviews under applicable state or federal laws, you agree not to make any statements on the Sites, including but not limited to our blogs and community forums, about CrossLink or its parent company, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, members, managers, or representatives that are false, abusive, harassing, threatening, vulgar, obscene, pornographic, harmful, defamatory, violative of privacy rights, or otherwise illegal or harmful.

26. CROSSLINK MAY MONITOR YOUR CONTENT.

CrossLink may, but has no obligation to, monitor content on the Sites. We may disclose any information necessary to satisfy our legal obligations, protect CrossLink or its customers, or operate the Sites properly. CrossLink, in its sole discretion, may refuse to post, remove, or refuse to remove, any content, in whole or in part, alleged to be unacceptable, undesirable, inappropriate, or in violation of these Terms of Use.

27. PRESERVATION AND DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS

You acknowledge and agree that we may, but shall not be required to, preserve records of all activity within our Sites, including within our User Areas and Portal Sites, and any communication between us, even though we may not be required by applicable law to keep such records. These records will be conclusive and binding on you, including in any legal proceedings, unless you provide clear proof that the records are erroneous or incomplete.

You further acknowledge and agree that we may disclose such records if required to do so by law or if we believe in good faith that such disclosure is reasonably necessary to comply with legal process, enforce these Terms of Use, respond to a claim that a user's content or activities violates any third party's rights, or protect the right, property or personal safety of CrossLink, any users of the Sites, and the public.

28. SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

CrossLink is taking reasonable and appropriate measures to ensure that your personal information is disclosed only to those specified by you. However, the Internet is an open system, and we cannot and do not guarantee that the personal information you have entered will not be intercepted by others and decrypted.

Communication sent over the Internet, including via e-mail, is not secure and may be lost, intercepted, or altered. In the event you send us personal information by e-mail, we will not be liable if it is lost or intercepted, altered, or misused by someone else. If you send us an e-mail, you agree that we may (at our sole discretion) respond to you by e-mail and provide by e-mail any personal information that you have requested. You also agree that we will not be liable if the information we provide to you by e-mail as contemplated in this section is lost or intercepted, altered or misused by someone else.

The computer or other electronic device you use may be vulnerable to viruses or online attacks that seek to intercept or alter information, including sensitive personal information, which you provide through the Internet. To reduce the chances of harm, you should take all reasonable precautions, including ensuring that any computer or other electronic device you use to access the Sites (including a computer at work, the library, an Internet cafe or another public place) has an up-to-date antivirus program, anti-spyware program and a firewall. You should ensure that you have a complete and current backup of the information on your computer system or other electronic device prior to using the Sites. We are not responsible for viruses or online attacks that might occur through the Internet.

29. NOTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR MAKING CLAIMS OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

If you believe that any material contained on the Sites infringes your copyright or other intellectual property rights, you should notify CrossLink of your copyright infringement claim in accordance with the following procedure. CrossLink will process notices of alleged infringement which it receives and will take appropriate action as required by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and other applicable intellectual property laws.

Pursuant to the DMCA, all notifications of claimed copyright infringement on the Sites should be sent ONLY to our Designated Agent:

Name of Agent Designated to Receive Notification of Claimed Infringement:

Crosslink Professional Tax Solutions, LLC Attn: Legal Department 2000 N Alafaya Trail #350 Orlando, FL 32826

Under the DMCA, the notification of claimed infringement must include the following:

- a. An electronic or physical signature of the owner or of the person authorized to act on behalf of the owner of the copyright interest
- b. Identification of the copyrighted work (or works) that you claim has been infringed
- c. A description of the material that you claim is infringing, and the location where the original or an authorized copy of the copyrighted work exists (for example, the URL of the page of the web site

where it is lawfully posted; the name, edition and pages of a book from which an excerpt was copied, etc.)

- d. A clear description of where the infringing material is located on our Sites, including as applicable its URL, so that we can locate the material
- e. Your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- f. A statement that you have a good-faith belief that the disputed use is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or the law
- g. A statement by you, made under penalty of perjury, that the above information in your notice is accurate and that you are the copyright owner or authorized to act on the copyright owner's behalf

NOTE: THE DESIGNATED AGENT IS PROVIDED SOLELY FOR NOTIFYING US THAT YOUR COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL MAY HAVE BEEN INFRINGED. DO NOT SEND ANY INQUIRIES UNRELATED TO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT (e.g., REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR CUSTOMER SERVICE, REPORTS OF E-MAIL ABUSE, etc.) TO THE DESIGNATED AGENT AS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSE. WE CAUTION YOU THAT UNDER FEDERAL LAW, IF YOU KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENT THAT ONLINE MATERIAL IS INFRINGING, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO HEAVY CIVIL PENALTIES. THESE INCLUDE MONETARY DAMAGES, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES INCURRED BY US, BY ANY COPYRIGHT OWNER, OR BY ANY COPYRIGHT OWNER'S LICENSEE THAT IS INJURED AS A RESULT OF OUR RELYING UPON YOUR MISREPRESENTATION. YOU MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR PERJURY.

We will, in appropriate circumstances, terminate repeat infringers. If you believe that an account holder or subscriber is a repeat infringer, please follow the instructions above to contact CrossLink and provide information sufficient for us to verify that the account holder or subscriber is a repeat infringer.

30. COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES AND CONSENT

From time to time, we may send you communications through the various channels that you have provided to us (e.g., push notifications, in-app messages, e-mail address, mailing address). These communications may include, but are not limited to, tips and recommendations, promotions, special offers, and other account-related or transactional messages.

By accepting these Terms of Use and using the Sites, you expressly consent to the receipt of all such communications from or on behalf of us and you are deemed to have received such notices at the latest within two (2) business days from us posting or sending a notice. You may not opt out of receiving account-related or transactional communications.

You are responsible for keeping your account and billing information, including your e-mail address, up to date. We assume no liability nor any responsibility for any consequences resulting from your provision or use of outdated, incomplete, or inaccurate information in connection with the Sites. If you would like to modify your ability to receive communication from our Sites, in some cases, you may control those settings within the settings or preferences. To unsubscribe from receiving general marketing messages from us, click the unsubscribe button on the bottom of every marketing email.

31. TERM AND TERMINATION

Subject to the terms of this section, these Terms of Use will remain in effect for as long as you access or use the Sites. You may cancel your account and terminate these Terms of Use at any time and for any reason. We may terminate these Terms of Use and your access to the Sites at any time and for any reason, with or without notice to you. Upon any termination of these Terms of Use, the rights and licenses granted to you hereunder, including your ability to access and use the Sites, will immediately terminate, and you shall immediately cease using any and all materials and other similar content in your possession

or control that are proprietary to us. You agree that we will have no liability to you for any costs, losses, damages, or liabilities arising out of or related to the termination of these Terms of Use. Any provisions of these Terms of Use that are intended to survive termination of these Terms of Use will remain in effect following termination.

32. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **Governing Law.** These Terms of Use shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to conflicts of law provisions. Any legal action or proceeding between CrossLink and you related to these Terms of Use will be brought exclusively in a federal or state court of competent jurisdiction sitting in the State of Florida, Orange County.
- b. Entire Terms of Use. These Terms of Use, along with any Supplemental Agreements and CrossLink's Privacy Policy, as each may be amended from time to time, constitute the complete agreement between you and us with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous oral or written communications, proposals, representations, understandings, or Terms of Use not specifically incorporated herein.
- c. Assignment. We may assign these Terms of Use or delegate any of our rights or obligations, in whole or in part, to any third party, including our successors-in-interest, without requiring your written consent. You may not assign these Terms of Use, in whole or in part, for any reason. These Terms will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.
- d. **Waiver/ Severability.** The failure of CrossLink to exercise or enforce any right or provision of the Terms of Use shall not be deemed a waiver of that right or provision. If any provision of these Terms of Use is found to be inconsistent with any law or regulation from an administrative or governmental agency, that provision will be modified and interpreted to achieve its intended objectives to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law. The remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect. Should a provision be deemed invalid or unenforceable and cannot be modified, such invalidation or unenforceability will not impact the validity or enforceability of any other provision of these Terms.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

If you have questions or comments about these Terms of Use, you may contact us at 800.345.4337 or <u>support@crosslinktax.com</u>.

SPECIFIC TERMS FOR PORTAL SITES

1. GENERAL

The term "Portal Sites" shall include, but are not limited to:

- https://www.crosslinktax.com/portal22/support_login.aspx
- <u>https://mytaxofficeportal.com/portal22/support_login.aspx</u>
- <u>https://toptax.mytaxofficeportal.com/portal22/support_login.aspx</u>

These specific terms for the use of our Portal Sites set forth the terms and conditions applicable to the Portal Sites through which CrossLink makes available certain Portal Services (as defined below). The Portal Sites provides a repository where certain Portal Customers (as defined below) may obtain information about and access to certain applications, agreements, products, services and software ("Portal Services"). "Portal Customers" means any individual that has been given access by CrossLink to a Portal Site. Such Portal Services might include, but are not limited to: (a) tools for ordering, accessing,

downloading, configuration, management, reporting, monitoring and diagnostics of, and training and support for, CrossLink Software and related products and services ("CrossLink Services"); (b) tools for viewing and accessing usage and billing information and statistics for CrossLink Services; (c) documentation and specifications for CrossLink Services, including, without limitation, application program interface specifications, data, metadata, and other code, concepts, designs, programming techniques and programming concepts, flow charts, graphics, and images; (d) marketing material, information and articles pertaining to CrossLink Services.

2. USE OF PORTAL

2.1. Permissible Use. Usage of Portal Services is permitted only for use with the CrossLink Services in the scope of and in accordance with these Terms of Use and such Portal Customer's valid CrossLink business agreement for CrossLink Services. Use of the Portal Sites for any other purpose is prohibited without the express permission of CrossLink.

The Portal Services and CrossLink Services made available on the Portal Sites may not be accessed, used or distributed by or to any affiliate or third party unless stated otherwise in the applicable CrossLink business agreement. Portal Customer is responsible for ensuring that any use of a Portal Service by such affiliate or third party is in compliance with these Terms of Use and the requirements of such CrossLink business agreement.

Except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed upon in its business agreement with CrossLink, Portal Customer shall be fully responsible for all activity of its Administrators [persons designated by the Portal Customer to control system access to Portal Services by other persons] and other Users [persons designated or given access by the Portal Customer to utilize the Portal Services] in the Portal Sites, and any breach of these Terms of Use by its Administrators and other Users.

Portal Customer hereby represents and warrants that it has all necessary rights, licenses and approvals to provide and manage its content and applications in the Portal Sites, and that its Administrators and Users who access and use the Portal Sites, and undertake any actions within the Portal Sites, have been duly authorized by such Portal Customer, to do so on behalf of such Portal Customer.

Portal Customer hereby agrees to notify CrossLink in the event it becomes aware of any violation of these Terms of Use by it, or any of its Administrators or Users.

2.2. Access to the Portal Sites is granted solely at CrossLink's discretion and may be terminated or suspended at any time. CrossLink may temporarily suspend a Portal Customer's access to any part or all of the Portal Sites under the following conditions: (i) CrossLink reasonably determines that (A) there is a threat or attack on any of the CrossLink's intellectual property rights; (B) Portal Customer's use of the Portal Sites disrupts or poses a security risk to the Portal Sites or to any other customer or vendor of Customer; or (C) Portal Customer is using the Portal Sites for fraudulent or illegal activities; (ii) any vendor of CrossLink has suspended or terminated CrossLink's access to necessary third-party services or products that enable Portal Customer to access Portal Services; or (iii) Portal Customer fails to make timely payments. CrossLink shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide notice of any suspension and updates regarding the resumption of access to the Portal Sites following any suspension. CrossLink will have no liability for any damages, liabilities, losses (including any loss of data or profits), or any other consequences that Portal Customer may incur as a result of a suspension or termination of access to the Portal Sites.

Username, password, and other login credentials are provided to Administrators and Users of a Portal Customer for their sole access to the Portal Sites that they have been authorized to use by such Portal Customer and CrossLink. Portal Customer is responsible for ensuring that its Administrators and Users keep their respective login credentials secure and confidential. Portal Customers are solely responsible with regard to usage and security of login credentials of its Administrators and Users and any activities that occur under the applicable Portal Customer's accounts.

2.3. Group, Multiple, and Shared Login Credentials to Access the Portal. If Portal Customer maintains multiple or shared usernames, passwords, or other login credentials, Portal Customer hereby acknowledges and understands that there is a greater risk of the following events: (a) unauthorized access (and cross-access by multiple users or unauthorized persons) to personal or confidential information despite CrossLink's careful efforts to prevent unauthorized access; (b) unauthorized account transactions or unauthorized changes in account information or login credentials; (c) reduced ability to detect and trace unauthorized users after access by an unauthorized person; (d) failure to cut off access by unauthorized users in a timely manner after loss of authority; (e) administrative errors because of the greater complexity of administering similar login credentials, especially if a third party is involved in establishing credentials and has access to them; and (f) misdelivery or delay in providing reports and tax information. For these and other reasons, CrossLink will not be liable for any loss incurred by a Portal Customer due to the mishandling of group, multiple, or shared login credentials.

2.4. Accurate and Up-to-Date Information of Portal Customer. Use of the Portal Sites depends on Portal Customer providing CrossLink with complete, accurate, and up-to-date information, both now and in the future, in response to the requests for information on the Portal Sites. The assurances for data privacy and security provided herein or in CrossLink's Privacy Policy are conditioned upon Portal Customer's provision of correct contact information and account information to CrossLink, as well as never misrepresenting to CrossLink their identity or account registration information.

3. REFERRAL PROCESS AND DISCLAIMERS

Portal Customer may request and consent, through the Portal Sites, to have their information passed and referred to a third party provider [e.g., a provider of financial products]. We may exercise our absolute discretion to accept and process referral requests placed through the Portal Sites, and we will not incur any liability by reason of acting or failing to act in such respect. In certain circumstances, we may request additional confirmation or clarification before processing the referral request. Referral requests are not processed by us in real time. Any submission of a referral request through the Portal Sites is deemed to be an acceptance of any additional terms we provide in the Portal Sites with respect to such referral requests, including the number of business days that are required to process such referral requests. Portal Customer understands and agrees that any transaction for any third party product is between the user and the third party provider of that product. Portal Customer understands and agrees that the third party provider is solely responsible for approving or denying any application, in its absolute discretion. We are not responsible for the acts or omissions of any third party provider or for any actual, failed, proposed or discussed transaction following Portal Customer's use of the Portal Sites or any other decisions they make as a result of using the Portal Sites.