

Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement



The undersigned prospective purchaser (“Buyer”) hereby requests confidential information, currently and from this time forward, on businesses represented by Sunbelt Business Advisors (“Sunbelt”). Buyer hereby acknowledges that Sunbelt first provided such information to the Buyer. In consideration of Sunbelt having provided such information, the Buyer hereby agrees:

1. Any information Sunbelt provides about a business was obtained from the business owner, and Sunbelt makes no representations or warranties as to its accuracy or completeness. Buyer is solely responsible for investigating all aspects of the business and obtaining any legal, tax or other counsel Buyer deems necessary, prior to purchasing the business.
2. Any information Buyer is given about a business, including its availability for acquisition, shall be treated as confidential and proprietary. Buyer shall not disclose, without prior written permission, any such information to any third party except Buyer’s representatives/affiliates engaged in evaluating the information, and shall obtain the agreement of such third parties to maintain confidentiality. If Buyer decides not to purchase the business, Buyer shall promptly notify Sunbelt of this fact and shall promptly return all documentation without retaining copies, summaries, analyses or extracts. Any unauthorized disclosure shall constitute a material breach of Buyer’s duty to the Seller and Sunbelt and could result in their seeking recourse against the Buyer. Buyer shall indemnify, defend and hold Sunbelt harmless from any liability resulting from such unauthorized disclosure.
3. The Seller of each business about which a Buyer shall be given information by Sunbelt has entered into an agreement providing that Seller shall pay a fee to Sunbelt if, during the term of that agreement or within twenty four months thereafter, the business is transferred to a Buyer introduced by Sunbelt. Should Buyer, Buyer Family Member or anyone with whom Buyer is connected acquire any interest in or become affiliated in any capacity with such a business, Buyer shall protect Sunbelt’s right to a fee from the Seller.
4. Buyer shall conduct all inquiries into and discussion with any business about which Sunbelt provides information solely through Sunbelt, and shall not directly contact the owner, employees or other representatives of the business except by prior arrangement with Sunbelt.
5. If Buyer breaches the terms of this Agreement or in any way interferes with Sunbelt’s right to a fee, Buyer shall be liable for such fee and any other damages, including reasonable attorney’s fees. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with those rules. Any arbitrator so selected need not be a member of the American Arbitration Association.
6. Sunbelt may act as a dual agent representing both Buyer and Seller. In a dual agency situation, the agent has the following affirmative obligations to both the Seller and the Buyer: a) a fiduciary duty of utmost care, integrity, honesty and loyalty in the dealings with either the Seller or the Buyer, b) diligent exercise of reasonable skill and care in performance of the agent’s duties, c) a duty of honest and fair dealing and good faith and d) a duty to disclose all facts known to the agent materially affecting the value or desirability of the business that are not known to, or within the diligent attention and observation of, the parties.
7. Buyer Acknowledges receiving a copy of this Agreement.
8. The undersigned executes this Agreement on behalf of Buyer and warrants that he/she is duly authorized to do so.

Business of interest: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

Agent for SUNBELT, GREATER BAY AREA: _____

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