

_____,
a stock insurance company, herein
called the Insurer



PREMIER PROTECTION FIDUCIARY ERISA BOND APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Applicant:
(Together with all other entities for whom the insurance is intended, "you.")
2. Address of Applicant:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3. Date Established: _____
4. Proposed Effective Date of coverage? _____
5. Are you an SEC registered investment advisor? ☐ yes ☐ no
6. CRD#: _____

II. COMPLIANCE PLAN COVERAGE

7. **Please attach a detailed schedule of all prospective Insured Plans to be covered. For each prospective Insured Plan, include the plan name and respective assets.** Insured Plan means: 1) any employee benefit plan, including plan participant account(s), subject to ERISA; and 2) any welfare or pension benefit plan not subject to ERISA, proposed for coverage, for which the Applicant is a Fiduciary.
 - a. What is the aggregate limit of liability required for all Insured Plans for which you want covered under this policy?
 - *This is the aggregate limit of liability and equals the sum of the required limits for all Insured Plans.*
 - b. Do any Insured Plans hold employer securities (The term "employer security", within the meaning of ERISA section 407(d)(1), means company stock or other securities issued by an employer of employees covered by the plan, or by an affiliate of such employer)? ☐ yes ☐ no
 - *If yes, please include in the above-referenced schedule each Insured Plan that holds employer securities.*

Generally, the required limit for each plan is calculated by taking 10% of plan assets handled up to a maximum of \$500,000 per plan, whichever is less, but not less than \$1,000 per plan. However, for any plan that holds employer securities, as defined in ERISA section 407(d)(1), a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 applies.

III. CUSTODY AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

8. Do you ever take physical possession of any of your clients' plan assets? ☐ yes ☐ no
If yes, describe the circumstances, type of assets, and where they are kept.
9. Do you utilize qualified third party custodians for covered client plan assets? ☐ yes ☐ no
10. Does an individual, other than one who is authorized to provide investment advice for clients, review client statements of account activity? ☐ yes ☐ no

If no, why is this review process not segregated?

11. Is there a formal process for reconciling plan account discrepancies? ☐ yes ☐ no

12. Do you have an internal audit department, or some form of internal audit function, that oversees or monitors plan account transactions? ☐ yes ☐ no

If no, summarize the type of audit related oversight there is on plan accounts to ensure there are no suspicious transactions and that procedures are being followed.

IV. PRIOR LOSSES

Please provide details of any employee fraud or dishonesty loss to a client ERISA plan account or a client Non-ERISA qualified retirement and employee benefit plan account, discovered or sustained in the last three years. Include description of loss, amount of loss, and corrective internal controls implemented.

Check here if none: ☐

Insurance Fraud Warning

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application for insurance, or a statement of claim containing any false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime in certain jurisdictions.

Maryland Applicants Only - A binder or policy is subject to a 45-day underwriting period beginning on the effective date of coverage. An Insurer may cancel a binder or policy during the underwriting period if the risk does not meet our underwriting standards of the Insurer. If the Insurer discovers a material risk factor during the underwriting period, the Insurer shall recalculate the premium for the policy or binder based on the material risk factor as long as the risk continues to meet the underwriting standards of the Insurer.

FRAUD WARNING STATEMENTS

ATTENTION ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, RHODE ISLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY (OR WILLFULLY IN MARYLAND) PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY (OR WILLFULLY IN MARYLAND) PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.

ATTENTION COLORADO APPLICANTS: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING FACTS OR INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES, DENIAL OF INSURANCE, AND CIVIL DAMAGES. ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING FACTS OR INFORMATION TO A POLICY HOLDER OR CLAIMANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD THE POLICY HOLDER OR CLAIMANT WITH REGARD TO A SETTLEMENT OR AWARD PAYABLE FROM INSURANCE PROCEEDS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE COLORADO DIVISION OF INSURANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

ATTENTION FLORIDA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER FILES A STATEMENT OF CLAIM OR AN APPLICATION CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE.

ATTENTION KANSAS APPLICANTS: INSURANCE FRAUD IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN KANSAS. A " FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT " MEANS AN ACT COMMITTED BY ANY PERSON WHO, KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD, PRESENTS, CAUSES TO BE PRESENTED OR PREPARES WITH KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO OR BY AN INSURER, PURPORTED INSURER, BROKER OR ANY AGENT THEREOF, ANY WRITTEN ELECTRONIC, ELECTRONIC IMPULSE, FACSIMILE, MAGNETIC, ORAL, OR TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION OR STATEMENT AS PART OF, OR IN SUPPORT OF, AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF, OR THE RATING OF AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR PERSONAL OR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE, OR A CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OR OTHER BENEFIT PURSUANT TO AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR COMMERCIAL OR PERSONAL

INSURANCE WHICH SUCH PERSON KNOWS TO CONTAIN MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO; OR CONCEALS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO.

ATTENTION KENTUCKY AND PENNSYLVANIA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME AND SUBJECTS SUCH PERSON TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

ATTENTION LOUISIANA, MAINE, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON APPLICANTS: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES OR A DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS.

ATTENTION NEW MEXICO APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE AND NEW JERSEY APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO INCLUDES ANY FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO THE BEST OF HER/HIS KNOWLEDGE ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN INSURANCE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

ATTENTION OHIO APPLICANTS:

ANY PERSON WHO, WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR KNOWING THAT HE IS FACILITATING A FRAUD AGAINST AN INSURER, SUBMITS AN APPLICATION OR FILES A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE OR DECEPTIVE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF INSURANCE FRAUD.

ATTENTION OKLAHOMA APPLICANTS: WARNING, ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY, AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER, MAKES ANY CLAIM FOR THE PROCEEDS OF AN INSURANCE POLICY CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY.

ATTENTION OREGON APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR SOLICIT ANOTHER TO DEFRAUD AN INSURER: (1) BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION OR; (2) FILING A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE STATEMENT AS TO ANY MATERIAL FACT MAY BE VIOLATING STATE LAW.

ATTENTION VERMONT APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE MAY BE GUILTY OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SUBJECT TO PENALTIES UNDER STATE LAW.

THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE APPLICANT DECLARES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT:

- THE POLICY CONTAINS A DEFENSE WITHIN LIMITS PROVISION WHICH MEANS THAT DEFENSE COSTS WILL REDUCE THE LIMIT OF LIABILITY AND MAY EXHAUST IT COMPLETELY AND SHOULD THAT OCCUR, THE INSURED SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY FURTHER LOSS, INCLUDING DEFENSE COSTS. IN ADDITION, DEFENSE COSTS ARE APPLIED AGAINST THE RETENTION. THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT PERTAIN TO KANSAS AND VERMONT APPLICANTS WHO PURCHASE PREMIER PROTECTION FIDUCIARY ERISA BOND.
- THE STATEMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE¹. THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORIZED OFFICER AGREES THAT IF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED ON THIS APPLICATION CHANGES BETWEEN THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INSURANCE, THE UNDERSIGNED WILL, IN ORDER FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE TRUE AND COMPLETE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INSURANCE, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE INSURER OF SUCH CHANGES AND THE INSURER MAY WITHDRAW OR MODIFY ANY OUTSTANDING QUOTATIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS OR AGREEMENTS TO BIND THE INSURANCE². THE "EFFECTIVE DATE" IS THE DATE THE COVERAGE IS BOUND OR THE FIRST DAY OF THE POLICY PERIOD, WHICHEVER IS LATER. SIGNING OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT BIND THE APPLICANT OR THE INSURER TO COMPLETE THE INSURANCE, BUT IT IS AGREED THAT THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE THE BASIS OF THE CONTRACT SHOULD A POLICY BE ISSUED AND IT WILL BE DEEMED ATTACHED TO AND

BECOME A PART OF THE POLICY³. ALL WRITTEN STATEMENTS AND MATERIALS FURNISHED TO THE INSURER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS APPLICATION ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS APPLICATION AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

1- In New Hampshire the truth and completeness shall be to the best of her/his knowledge.

2- In Maine this sentence ends at the word "quotations."

3- The application shall actually attach in the following states: North Carolina

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, PRESIDENT OR BOARD CHAIRMAN.

ATTENTION NEW YORK APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION, OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO, COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME, AND SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE STATED VALUE OF THE CLAIM FOR EACH SUCH VIOLATION.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

Additionally required of applicants in Florida, Iowa & New Hampshire

Name of Agent _____
(Required: Florida, Iowa & New Hampshire only)

Agent License #: _____
(Required: Florida only)

Print Name: _____

Name of Agency: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Agent Signature: _____
(Required: Florida & New Hampshire only)

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS PROPOSAL AND APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO:

<Enter the address and phone number of the local The Hartford office.>