

# Authorization to Release Information to Accounting Firms (“Authorization Release Form”)

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## Section 1 – Authorization to Release Information

By signing this release, the financial institution identified below (“Institution” or “we”) agrees as follows:

We represent and warrant that we have contracted with one or more outside accounting firms (“Auditing Entity”) to provide auditing services to us and that we have authorized the Auditing Entity to obtain information relating to our Institution’s account(s) held by and maintained on the books of any Federal Reserve Bank (“Accounting Information”). We have authorized the Auditing Entity to request accounting information through a service provided by Thomson Reuters called Confirmation® (“Confirmation Service”).

We understand and agree that Accounting Information will initially include account balance amounts and shares/dividends of capital stock (member banks only) but as the service develops may also include, but shall not be limited to: 1) Credit and Risk Management (loan amounts, collateral balance and collateral balance to accommodate loans and payment system risk operations); 2) Wholesale Operations (pledged collateral, complete holding statement (collateral account)); and, 3) Treasury Services (Treasury, Tax and Loan balances, pledged collateral, TIP Statements). We understand and agree that by signing this authorization form, any Federal Reserve Bank may respond to a confirmation request (“Confirmation Request”) from an Auditing Entity requesting Accounting Information on our Institution received from the Confirmation Service for any of the Accounting Information described above.

We authorize any Federal Reserve Bank to:

- Use and rely upon the Confirmation Service to provide Accounting Information in response to any Confirmation Request from any Auditing Entity;
- Use and rely on the Confirmation Service to determine the identity and authority of any Auditing Entity making a Confirmation Request to a Federal Reserve Bank through Confirmation Service;
- Release Accounting Information through the Confirmation Service in response to Confirmation Requests made by any Auditing Entity.

The Federal Reserve Banks do not warrant or represent that the Accounting Information released to Thomson Reuters will be correctly and safely stored, encrypted, transmitted, delivered or accurately provided to the Auditing Entity by Thomson Reuters or that Thomson Reuters’ service will be uninterrupted, reliable, or free from error. Institution releases all Federal Reserve Banks from any liability arising from the loss or misappropriation of data, lack of security, or the improper handling, storage or delivery of the Accounting Information by Thomson Reuters, its employees or agents. Institution agrees to indemnify and hold harmless any and all Federal Reserve Banks from and against any claims, actions, demands, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities and other amounts including, without limitation, legal fees, costs and expenses imposed upon,

incurred by or asserted against any Federal Reserve Bank or its employees or agents, arising out of or in connection with any Federal Reserve Bank's use of the Confirmation Service, reliance on Confirmation Requests and/or release of any Accounting Information of the Institution to Thomson Reuters or any Auditing Entities through the Confirmation Service. This provision shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Authorization Release Form.

In order to terminate this authorization arrangement, an Authorized Individual of the Institution, who is listed on our Official Authorization List (OAL) currently on file with the Federal Reserve Bank servicing the applicable Master Account, must send a written request to the Federal Reserve Support Center thirty (30) days in advance of the desired effective date of such termination.

A Federal Reserve Bank has the discretion to use or not use the Confirmation Service and may, at any time, elect not to participate or utilize the service, to discontinue or terminate its use and participation in this service, and/or to continue or concurrently receive manual requests from Auditing Firms for Accounting Information.

**For assistance completing this form, please find contact information at [Accounting Services Customer Support](#).**

**Send completed forms to the Support Center at: [ccc.bankservices@kc.frb.org](mailto:ccc.bankservices@kc.frb.org)**

## Section 2: Authorized Approval

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|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Financial Institution Name*      |                |       |           |
| Identification Number (RTN/CIN)* |                |       |           |
| Institution Address*             | Street Address |       |           |
|                                  | City           | State | Zip Code  |
| Name*                            | First          | MI    | Last      |
| Title*                           |                |       |           |
| Phone Number*                    | Country Code   | Phone | Extension |
| Email Address*                   |                |       |           |
| Official Signature* <sup>1</sup> |                |       |           |
| Signature Date*                  |                |       |           |

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<sup>1</sup> Official Signature must be a signer designated on your Institution's Official Authorization List.