

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR BIZ CONNECT COALITION CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

1. INTRODUCTION

- a. By applying for membership in a Biz Connect Coalition Chapter ("Chapter"), you ("Member") agree to abide by these Terms & Conditions. Membership provides access to exclusive networking opportunities, referrals, events, and collaborative business environments. By joining, you voluntarily exchange contact information in return for these benefits and acknowledge and accept the terms outlined herein.

2. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY & AGREEMENT

- a. Membership is open to business professionals, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders who wish to grow their networks.
- b. All information submitted must be accurate, including full name, business name, phone number, email, industry, and website (if applicable).
- c. Membership is non-transferable and subject to approval by Chapter leadership.
- d. Chapter leadership reserves the right to deny or revoke membership at any time based on violations of conduct, attendance, or these terms.

3. CONTACT INFORMATION USAGE & CONSENT

- a. Members agree to share their contact details with fellow members and strategic partners within the Biz Connect Coalition.
- b. Biz Connect Coalition may use this information to:
 - i. Facilitate business introductions, referrals, and networking
 - ii. Distribute newsletters, updates, and event notifications
 - iii. Share promotional and educational opportunities relevant to membership
- c. Member data will not be sold or distributed outside of the Biz Connect network without explicit consent.

4. MEMBER CONDUCT & EXPECTATIONS

- a. Members must conduct themselves with professionalism, integrity, and respect.
- b. Misuse of member information, including for unsolicited promotions or personal gain, is strictly prohibited.
- c. Members agree to support a cooperative, collaborative, and non-competitive culture within the Chapter.
- d. Harassment, discrimination, or unethical business practices will result in immediate review and potential termination of membership.

5. ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

- a. Members are encouraged to attend Chapter events regularly and communicate with leadership of absences when possible.
- b. Active participation is encouraged, including offering referrals, inviting guests, and contributing to discussions or presentations.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & BRAND PROTECTION

- a. All Biz Connect Coalition materials (including but not limited to branding, training materials, meeting structures, and proprietary content) are the intellectual property of Biz Connect Coalition and may not be copied, shared, or used for external purposes without written permission.
- b. Members may not use the Biz Connect name or logo in any marketing or promotional material without prior approval.
- c. Any breach of intellectual property terms will result in immediate termination and potential legal action.

7. NON-COMPETE & CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. During active membership and for a period of 12 months following the termination of membership, Members agree not to:
 - i. Create or participate in a competing referral/networking group that replicates the Biz Connect Coalition's model, structure, or proprietary content.
 - ii. Solicit current Biz Connect members for the purpose of joining another similar networking organization without written permission.
- b. Members agree to maintain confidentiality regarding strategic discussions, member business information, and internal operations.

8. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. Biz Connect Coalition reserves the right to terminate or suspend a Member for:
 - i. Breach of these Terms & Conditions
 - ii. Failure to uphold the Code of Conduct
 - iii. Engaging in unethical or harmful behavior
- b. Members may voluntarily withdraw from membership with written notice. No refunds or prorated fees (if applicable) will be issued.

9. PHOTO & MEDIA RELEASE

- a. By participating in any Biz Connect Coalition ("Biz Connect") event, meeting, photoshoot, or activity, Members grant Biz Connect Coalition, its chapters, affiliates, and representatives the unrestricted right and permission to capture, record, and use their likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance in photographs, video recordings, audio, or any other media format.
- b. Members understand and agree that such content may be used in marketing, promotional materials, websites, social media, press releases, and other communications representing Biz Connect Coalition without further notice, review, or compensation.
- c. All media captured at Biz Connect events shall be considered the property of Biz Connect Coalition, and Members hereby waive any rights to inspect or approve final materials, as well as any claim to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of such materials.

- d. Members who do not wish to appear in photographs or media are responsible for notifying event organizers in writing prior to participation in the event. Biz Connect Coalition will make reasonable efforts to honor such requests but cannot guarantee exclusion from all images captured in public or group settings

10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- a. Biz Connect Coalition is not responsible for any business outcomes, contracts, or financial exchanges resulting from referrals or introductions made within the network.
- b. Members are responsible for conducting their own due diligence and legal review when engaging with fellow members.

11. MODIFICATIONS TO TERMS & CONDITIONS

- a. Biz Connect Coalition reserves the right to update or modify these Terms & Conditions.
- b. Members will be notified of material changes. Continued participation after notice constitutes acceptance of the revised terms.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

- a. By checking the box, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms & Conditions in full.