## **Privacy Shield Statement**

Collaborative Solutions LLC ("Collaborative Solutions") complies with the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework and the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework as set forth by the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding the collection, use, and retention of personal information from European Union and Switzerland to the United States. Collaborative Solutions has certified to the Department of Commerce that it adheres to the Privacy Shield Privacy Principles of notice, choice, accountability for onward transfer, security, data integrity and purpose limitation, access, recourse, enforcement, and liability. If there is any conflict between the policies in this Privacy Shield Statement (the "Policy") and the Privacy Shield Privacy Principles, the Privacy Shield Privacy Principles shall govern. To learn more about the Privacy Shield program, please visit <u>https://www.privacyshield.gov</u>.

All Collaborative Solutions' employees who handle Personal Data from Europe and Switzerland are required to comply with the Principles stated in this Policy. For purposes of this Policy, "Personal Data" and "personal information" means data about an identified or identifiable individual that are within the scope of the Directive, received by an organization in the United States from the European Union, and recorded in any form. Collaborative collects Personal Data in the course of performing marketing services, and supplements the Personal Data with data collected from third parties (including other companies). Further, in the course of performing services to clients, Collaborative Solutions may receive access to Personal Data that contains names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. of EU Persons, or such other categories of Personal Data, as authorized by our clients. Such clients typically have a closer employment or business relationship with the EU Person (and therefore, can provide additional information on categories of Personal Data shared with us).

Collaborative collects and uses Personal Data of the purposes of providing information about our services and events, providing services and support to our clients, and for conducting related tasks for legitimate business purposes.

Collaborative Solutions is subject to the investigatory and enforcement powers of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

#### **Privacy Shield Principles**

Collaborative Solutions handles Personal Data in accordance with our Policy, which is based upon the seven principles identified in the Privacy Shield Framework.

Where required by applicable data protection laws, we will ensure that appropriate or suitable safeguards are in place to protect Personal Data, and that any transfer of Personal Data is in compliance with applicable data protection laws. It is Collaborative Solutions policy that where a country outside of the EU is not subject to an adequacy decision under Article 45 of the GDPR, then standard data protection clauses under

Article 46(2) of the GDPR will be put in place. We will ensure that the international transfer of Personal Data will be compliant with all other applicable requirements set out in the GDPR.

When Collaborative Solutions receives client Personal Data for processing pursuant to instructions of our clients, we are acting as an agent for our client and do not provide notice to individuals regarding the collection and use of their personal data. Our clients remain responsible for providing notice, if and to the extent they believe such notice is necessary under applicable EU or Swiss law.

Collaborative Solutions understands the importance of securing the Personal Data of our clients and has instituted multiple controls to ensure its confidentiality and integrity. Collaborative Solutions protection methods are based upon the Privacy Shield Framework published by the US Department of Commerce with respect to personal data about individuals in the EU that we receive from our clients. Client Personal Data processed by Collaborative Solutions may be subject to contractual agreements with our clients that require more stringent privacy and security safeguards than the requirements in the Privacy Shield Framework, such as data processing agreements based on the EU Standard Contract Clauses.

Collaborative Solutions ensures compliance with the Privacy Shield Program through its information security program which is maintained by the Information Security Department and approved by the Legal Department. We will monitor, test, and upgrade our policies, practices, and systems to aid in the protection of Personal Data. We take steps in accordance with good industry practice and in compliance with Article 32 and 35 of the GDPR to protect the information we collect from unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction. Collaborative Solutions safeguards the security of the Personal Data you send us with physical, electronic, and managerial procedures. Access to Personal Data will be limited to those with a legitimate basis to use the Personal Data (in connection with one or more of the purposes previously identified) - i.e. on a 'need to know' basis and the relevant employees will be subject to confidentiality obligations.Please note that data safeguards do not guarantee data security.

You can obtain a copy of the relevant safeguard, where this is documented, by contacting security@collaborativesolutions.com.

## **Personal Data Collection and Use**

In general, we collect Personal Information from you when you voluntarily provide it by: (1) providing information to us in furtherance of our business relationships; (2) registering on our website or otherwise contacting us to obtain information relating to our services; (3) signing up to enter a promotion, participate in an event or survey, receive newsletters or other literature; or (4) providing information when we contact you either at trade events or by other means such as email or phone. In some cases we collect this information from

you directly and we may also receive such information from our business partners (such as Hubspot, Workday, Tech Validate) who may collect this information from you in the context of your business relationship with us and/or the business partner.

In addition, we may collect Personal Data in the course of performing services for our clients. Collaborative Solutions is a full service Finance and HR consultancy. The services that we provide may require the collection and transmission of the client's Personal Data. The Personal Data we collect and transmit is provided to us by the client as per the contractual agreement that must be signed by both parties. Collaborative Solutions will not use client Personal Data for any other purposes than for the purposes that Collaborative Solutions clients provide such information. Such collection and transmission of client Personal Data shall be

under the direction and in accordance to the requirements of our clients.

#### **Onward Transfer of Personal Data**

Collaborative Solutions recognizes the potential liability in cases of onward transfer to third parties/partners. We will not transfer any Personal Data to our partners without first ensuring that they adhere to the Privacy Shield Principles. We will not transfer any client Personal Data to our partners without the express consent of our clients. We do not transfer Personal Data to unrelated third-parties, unless lawfully directed by a client, or in certain limited or exceptional circumstances in accordance with the Privacy Shield Framework.

Should Collaborative Solutions learn that an unrelated third party to which Personal Data has been transferred by Collaborative Solutions is using or disclosing Personal Data in a manner contrary to this Policy, Collaborative Solutions will take reasonable steps to prevent or stop the use or disclosure.

Personal Data is accessible only by those Collaborative Solutions' employees and authorized partners who have a reasonable need to access such information in order to fulfill contractual, legal and professional obligations. All of our employees and consultants have entered into strict confidentiality agreements, and/or have been subjected to thorough criminal background checks requiring that they maintain the confidentiality of such Personal Data.

Collaborative Solutions may be required to disclose Personal Data in response to lawful requests by public authorities, including to meet national security or law enforcement requirements.

#### **Annual Assessment**

Collaborative Solutions will renew its EU-U.S. Privacy Shield and Swiss – U.S. Privacy Shield certifications annually, unless it subsequently determines that it no longer needs such certifications. Collaborative Solutions will complete a self-assessment to ensure

that we maintain compliance with the Privacy Shield Policy. As with all Collaborative Solutions policies, any employee found in violation will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment and/or criminal prosecution.

## **Notification**

Collaborative Solutions provides notification regarding its adherence to data protection regulations and the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield and Swiss – U.S. Privacy Shield principles through its publicly posted website privacy policy, available at: http://www.collaborativesolutions.com/privacy-policy

# Access, Change, or Delete Personal Data

You have the right to request access to any of your Personal Information that Collaborative Solutions may hold, and to request correction of any inaccurate data relating to you. You furthermore have the right to request deletion of any irrelevant data we hold about you.

If you would like to access or change any of your Personal Information which we hold please email us at security@collaborativesolutions.com. You may also request the removal or correction of your Personal Information held by us by sending an email to the same address.

If you choose to remove your information, you should be aware that we may retain some Personal Information to the extent required to prevent fraud, resolve disputes, troubleshoot problems, enforce Collaborative Solutions' Terms and Conditions, respect your opt-out preferences, and comply with legal requirements, if permitted by law.

In addition, Collaborative Solutions receives Personal Data from our clients. If an EU person requires access to their Personal Data or needs to update, correct, or delete such Personal Data that is retained by the client, such requests must be submitted directly to the client that provided such Personal Data to Collaborative Solutions.

# **Policy Changes**

This Policy may occasionally be updated in order to stay consistent with the Privacy Shield Principles and applicable data protection and privacy laws.

## **Privacy Shield Contact**

In compliance with the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield and Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield, Collaborative Solutions commits to resolve complaints about your privacy and our collection or use of Personal Data. European Union and Swiss individuals with inquiries or complaints regarding this Policy can contact us by:

• sending a letter to

Collaborative Solutions, LLC

11190 Sunrise Valley Dr., Ste 110, Reston, VA 20191

• Or by sending an email to <a href="mailto:security@collaborativesolutions.com">security@collaborativesolutions.com</a>

We will promptly investigate and attempt to resolve complaints and disputes in a manner that complies with the principles described in this Policy.

If you are not satisfied with our response, or if contacting us does not resolve your complaint, you can contact JAMS: <u>https://www.jamsadr.com/eu-us-privacy-shield</u> – an **independent dispute resolution** mechanism, pursuant to the EU-U.S. and Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework.

EU Persons ("Data Subjects") may complain to their home data protection authority and can invoke binding arbitration for some residual claims not resolved by other redress mechanisms.

If you have a comment or concern that cannot be resolved with us directly, you may contact the competent local data protection authority.

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