



## Engagement Agreement Corporation Income Tax Returns

Questions on this engagement agreement? Please call (619) 220-0375 and we'll be happy to help. Thanks!

Printed Name, Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name, President/CEO: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Client(s):

Thank you for choosing Fortunate Fields, Inc to prepare your corporation income tax returns. This letter confirms the terms of our engagement and the nature, timing, and limitations of the services we will provide.

We will prepare your 2016 federal and state corporation income tax returns from information you furnish us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although it may be necessary to request clarification and/or documentation of some of the information. Generally, we will rely on your representation that you have maintained the documentation required by law to support the information you provide, including expenses for meals, entertainment, travel, gifts, vehicle use, charitable contributions, etc. If you are not clear regarding what documentation is needed for any given item of income or deduction, we'd be happy to discuss it with you.

We will perform limited analysis of your accounts, as we deem necessary in our professional judgment, solely for purposes of preparing your tax returns. We may propose adjusting journal entries to your accounts. Our analysis cannot be relied upon to discover defalcations or irregularities; however, we will inform you of any such discoveries.

Management is responsible for proper recording of transactions in the accounts, safeguarding assets, and for the accuracy of the financial records. ***Because you have final responsibility for the tax returns, you should review them carefully before you sign and authorize our electronic filing of them or file them on paper.***

We will use our professional judgment in resolving issues when the tax law is unclear or when there is conflict among the authorities.

New for 2016 returns, they are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month following the close of the tax year. (April 15 for calendar year corporations, for example). In order to meet this filing deadline, we must receive your information in substantially complete form by March 31, 2017 (or the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month in which the return is due).

If an extension of time to file is needed, we will use the information available to us at the time to prepare the extension. To prepare a valid, accurate extension, we need as much information as is available, including your express approval to file the extension on your behalf. ***An extension, however, only provides you more time to file, not an extension to pay. Taxes paid after the return's due date will result in penalties and interest.***

***Of special concern to California corporations, the 2016 minimum franchise tax payment of \$800 is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month after the tax year ends (April 15 for calendar-***

*year corporations). Other states may have similar tax payments due so please consult us if your corporation is in another state.*

It is our office practice to electronically file federal business returns. Under California law, however, we are required to electronically file your returns. A provision exists to request a waiver of the California e-file rules. If you prefer not to e-file, please notify us before your return is ready in draft format. Sometimes, tax rules and regulations make it necessary to file on paper and we will advise you of those situations. *When paper filing is optional, we do increase our fee to reflect the additional use of time and resources.*

You are responsible for reporting foreign financial activities. By signing this letter you acknowledge that you will inform us if you have income from foreign sources or if you have signatory authority over any foreign financial account. If you are unsure whether income or an account is foreign, we will review it. ***Note that the penalties for failure to report foreign activities are severe.***

Your tax returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. If you receive a notice or learn that your returns have been selected for examination, please contact us immediately and send a copy of the notice(s) you receive. We will review and assess the matter and will provide you with an explanation of how to proceed. We will fix, at our cost, any errors we made and inform you of costs to address the matter if we are not in error. If our error causes a penalty or interest to be assessed, we will cover the cost of the penalty and may offer to cover some or all of the interest, on a case by case basis.

We generally retain, for seven years, the final work product generated for our clients. After this period, the documents are destroyed. We do not keep original documents – they are returned to you after completion of the returns. It is your responsibility to retain your records for possible future use, including possible examination by the taxing authorities.

We are required to provide a copy of our work product to each client. Generally, this copy is provided in an electronic format. While there is no additional fee to receive a paper copy of your tax return(s), we will print your returns only upon request.

Our fees for tax preparation services are based on a per-form charge at our standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses. All invoices are due and payable upon presentation. ***Tax returns will not be filed electronically or released for paper filing until fees are paid.***

If the foregoing fairly sets forth your understanding, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to our office. Work cannot commence until a signed copy of this document is returned.

Thank you for trusting Fortunate Fields, Inc with your important tax work. We are deeply grateful to be of service.

***Dave Yoshida, EA***  
Chief Number Cruncher

Acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Corporate Officer