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# FORM LM-20 AGREEMENT AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PREPARING THIS REPORT. 1. File Number: 00525 Person Filing 2. Name and mailing address (include ZIP Code): 3. Any other address where records necessary to verify this report are kept: Name Name Title Title Organization LRI Consulting Services, Inc. Organization P.O. Box, Bldg., Room No., if any P.O. Box, Bldg., Room No., if any Street 7850 South Elm Place, Suite E Street City City Broken Arrow State Oklahoma ZIP Code + 4 74011 State ZIP Code + 4 5. Type of person: 4. Date fiscal year ends: Individual b. Partnership c. Corporation d. Other (Specify): Dec 31 **Nature of Agreement or Arrangement** 6. Full name and address of employer with whom made (include ZIP Code): 7. Date entered into: 2013 Name 8. Name of person(s) through whom made: Organization COIM USA, Inc. Troy Palermo Name Trade Name, if any Name P.O. Box, Bldg., Room No., if any Name Street 286 Mantua Grove Road City West Deptford Name State NJ ZIP Code + 4 08066 Name **Signatures** Each of the undersigned declares, under penalty of perjury and other applicable penalties of law, that all of the information submitted in this report (including the information contained in any accompanying documents) has been examined by the signatory and is, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete. (See Section VII on penalties in the instructions.) 13. Signed President 14. Signed Treasurer (If other title, see (If other title, see instructions) instructions) President CEO Title Title On 10/23/2013 918-455-9995 10/23/2013 918-455-9995 Telephone Number

Date

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9. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether an object of the activities undertaken, is directly or indirectly:				
a. To persuade employees to exercise or not to exercise, or persuade employees as to the manner of exercising, the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.				
b. To supply an employer with information concerning the activities of employees or a labor organization in connection with a labor dispute involving such employer, except information for use solely in conjunction with an administrative or arbitral proceeding or a criminal or civil judicial proceeding.				
10. Terms and conditions (Explain in detail; see instructions. Written agreements must be attached.):				
See Attached				
Specific Activities to be Performed				
11. For each activity, separately list in detail the information required (See instructions):  a. Nature of activity:				
Engaged to communicate to employees regarding exercising their rights to organize and bargain collectively.				
11.b. Period during which performed:	11.c. Extent performed:			
various days beginning 9/12/13	Fully Performed			
11.d. Name and address through whom performed:	Additional Name and address through whom performed, if any:			
Name Scott Michel	Name			
Organization	Organization			
P.O. Box, Bldg., Room No., if any	P.O. Box, Bldg., Room No., if any			
Street 819 Herman Road	Street			
City Horsham	City			
State PA ZIP Code + 4 19044	State	ZIP Code + 4		
12.a. Identify subject groups of employees:	12.b. Identify subject labor	organizations:		
Production and maintenance	Chemical Workers (UFCW)			

# **Proposal**

September 5, 2013

Troy Palermo, PHR, Human Resources Manager Coim USA, Inc. 286 Mantua Grove West Deptford, NJ 08066-1738

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RE; Petition 4-RC-112267

## Situation Assessment

You have asked for a proposal to provide materials and consulting services to help you win your upcoming NLRB election. You have a few short weeks to educate your employees on the disadvantages of unions and convince them to put their trust in a direct relationship with you as opposed to an outside third party like the union. You want to make sure that your consulting is persuasive, legally sound and provides the best opportunity to build trust with your employees.

# Proposed intervention(s)

Campaign Consulting: For this option we will provide expert campaign consulting with an on-site facilitator to communicate your message directly to employees in employee meetings and one-on-one. Our consultant will work with managers and supervisors at your location to increase your own internal capacity for handling employee relations issues after the campaign is over. Based on our joint assessment of the need, we will assign appropriate consulting resources to your campaign for a pre-approved schedule of meetings.

## **Objectives**

- Win the NLRB election by as wide a margin as possible or achieve a withdrawal of the petition, without meritorious election objections or unfair labor practice charges.
- Increase trust and credibility of the current leadership team by improving communication and developing their ability to create a positive employee relations environment.
- Maintaining a direct-relationship at your facility (unionized facilities are less productive and profitable than direct relationship ones - the estimated "dead weight cost" of unionization around 25% more than the cost of operating non-union).

### Value to Organization

- You avoid a steep-and slippery-learning curve and are free to do the most important trust-building work.
- You can talk to employees without engaging in "mud-slinging." You are free to spend your time on a positive message about the company.
- Your communication strategy is legally proven and sound. Our communication tools have never been found to be objectionable by the NLRB in thousands of elections.
- You receive a proven program, with over 10,000 successful client engagements.

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### **Terms and Conditions**

The fee for the Partially Guaranteed Option is a project price of \$15,000 (plus expenses) which assumes approximately 10 half days of consulting (a total of 5 consulting days). Should additional days of consulting be requested by the client it is understood those additional days will be billed at our customary rate of \$3,000 per day and added to the project price. \$4,950 of the fee is an incentive fee guaranteeing an election win. The standard material fee of \$5,495.00 will be waived. This agreement covers consulting up to and including the initial election date (October 10, 2013) directed or stipulated to by the company and the union. For purposes of this agreement, an 'election win' is defined as a withdrawal of the petition or a win at the ballot box, and an election loss is defined as a certification by the NLRB that the union was selected as representative of your employees. Should the election date be extended beyond this date for any reason whatsoever, the parties agree to enter into another agreement for additional consulting or to pay for additional consulting days at our customary rate of \$3,000 per consultant per day. Should the client fail to schedule additional consulting days on a mutually agreeable schedule the parties understand and agree that the initial retainer fee shall become nonrefundable and due to LRI. Travel expenses and any additional consulting days beyond the election date in this agreement will be billed separately and are not subject to the guarantee. For purposes of this proposal a consulting day means each calendar day worked by each consultant. If more than one consultant is working on your case the parties understand and agree that multiple consulting days may be worked on each calendar day.

## **Payment Terms**

For the Partially Guaranteed Option we require a 50% retainer due upon acceptance of the proposal. We will apply that retainer to the project price. Based on the vote count and in the event of a "win," you agree to pay the balance of the project price plus a bonus of \$3,000 within 7 days of the NLRB election. Should your company lose the NLRB election, you will owe only \$2,550 (the balance of the project price less the incentive fee of \$4,950), however you will still be obligated to pay any reasonable travel expenses incurred by the consultant. Any expenses incurred by consultant will be billed to you and are due upon receipt and you agree to settle those statements within 7 days. You agree and acknowledge that failure to pay fees or expenses associated with this project under these terms will result in reassignment of consultant(s), a penalty of the maximum allowable interest rate per month plus any costs we incur to collect an outstanding balance, until all outstanding invoices are paid in full.

It is further understood that all materials included in or with the above referenced items or programs are fully covered and protected by federal copyright laws. Federal law provides civil and criminal penalties for the unauthorized reproduction, distribution or exhibition of protected products. Criminal copyright infringement is investigated by the FBI and may constitute a felony penalty of up to five years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

You further acknowledge that no representation by LRI or its representatives were relied on by you or any member of your company in entering this agreement, and that this document represents the full understanding of the parties. You also acknowledge and agree that we have informed you of the obligation to report any direct persuader activity performed on your behalf to the United States Department of Labor by both our firm and your firm and that failure to timely file these reports can subject your company criminal penalties. Your payment, in the absence of your signature below, indicates your acceptance of this project and the terms and conditions as stated herein. The terms and conditions on

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this proposal are good for 90 days from the date on this proposal unless specified otherwise. The parties agree that Oklahoma law governs any dispute between them and to resolve any disputes by arbitration in Tulsa, Oklahoma under the American Arbitration Association rules.

We accept the proposal above and the intervention(s) selected:
\_\_\_\_\_Campaign Consulting

For LRI Consulting Services, Inc.

Phillip B. Wilson, President/General Counsel

Date: September 5, 2013

For Coim USA, Inc.

6/2012 President

Date

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