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# FORM LM-20 AGREEMENT AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

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# READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PREPARING THIS REPORT.

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4. Date fiscal year ends: 5. Type of person:			
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Nature of Agreement or Arrangement			
6. Full name and address of employer with whom made (include ZIP Code):	7. Date entered into:		
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Organization Biery Cheese Company	8. Name of person(s) through whom made:		
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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.)			
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Specific Activities to be Performed	
11. For each activity, separately list in detail the information required (See instruc	tions):
a. Nature of activity:	
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11.b. Period during which performed:	11.c. Extent performed:
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11.d. Name and address through whom performed:	Additional Name and address through whom performed, if any:
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12.a. Identify subject groups of employees:	12.b. Identify subject labor organizations:
Employees at Biery Cheese Company in Louisville, OH	



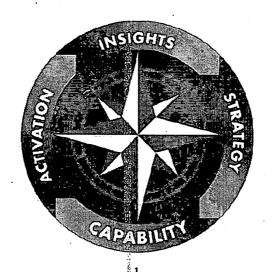


# **Engagement Letter For**



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September 15, 2017

Mr. Ben Biery Chief Executive Officer BIERY CHEESE 6544 Paris Ave NE Louisville, OH 44641

Ben,

This follows up our conversation this week regarding MPI Consulting providing strategic consulting services for Biery Cheese in support of your union free strategy.

### **Background**

Biery Cheese seeks to strengthen its approach to remaining union free in using MPI's best practice approaches in proactive union avoidance. Given the current pace of change in employee relations and labor law, it is prudent for organizations to stay abreast of best practices and incorporate them into their daily operations. Biery Cheese has engaged MPI Consulting, one of the top Labor Relations Human Resource firms in the U.S., to provide strategic consulting and training support on Biery Cheese's labor relations and proactive union avoidance practices.

MPI Consulting is one of the top 5 Labor Consulting firms in the U.S. with +400 union campaigns in diverse industries with a success rate in winning +90% of union representation elections for its clients. In addition, our experience and success goes far beyond winning union elections. For 42 years, MPI Consulting has assisted an even greater number of clients with Human Resource, Employee Relations, Talent Management, Employee Engagement and Front Line Manager Training programs.

The current needs addressed in this engagement letter is to 1.) assess and understand new employee issues at Biery Cheese's since the recent employee survey results in January 2017. 2.) Activate the results from the employee survey using MPI's Employee Engagement Approach as well as 3.) Prepare and educate the organization for the upcoming union election in approximately 75 days.





# Scope of Work

The current scope of work detailed in this engagement letter is as follows:

- 1.) Complete a Gap Analysis using existing Biery Cheese's employee survey data (if available) based on MPI's union vulnerability filters. MPI Consulting will work with Biery Cheese HR leadership to complete a "Gap Analysis" to identify potential areas of risk which should be addressed on a priority basis and recommend opportunities for improvement based on MPI's union vulnerability experience. Estimated Cost: \$3k \$5K
- 2.) Conduct Union Awareness training for Biery Cheese's Front Line Managers in Louisville, OH (approximately 50 managers). We recommend that key managers, staff and supervisors attend union avoidance training (3 4 hours per training session; 2 3 training sessions). The training will be a refresh for some individuals focused on embedding previous training and new for other individuals. During this training, we cover the following topics:
  - How unions operate and organize employees;
  - · The legal process for organizing;
  - Why employees seek union representation;
  - Positive employee relations for supervisors;
  - The role of managers/supervisors in a campaign;
  - What company representatives can and cannot say, and should be saying during an organizing campaign.

Estimated Cost: \$7k - \$10k

3.) Conduct in-depth 1:1, face to face, Union Vulnerability Assessments with front line supervisors (approximately 50 managers). The objective of these assessments are to identify current employee issues and the level of support for the Company in the advent of a union organizing drive. This assessment will become the baseline of information in developing strategies and developing preventive steps to remain union-free by creating a positive employee engagement action steps. The scope of this initial assessment is approximately 50 front line supervisors in Louisville, OH. These assessments are a pivotal element of MPI's success model in helping clients remain union free as we build risk profiles by individual and department based on employee trends. The MPI union vulnerability assessment process will gauge the current state of employee relations at Biery Cheese beyond the top line findings in your employee survey.





Employee concerns and issues will be identified as well as the perceived level of support for the Company; i.e., interest and/or support among employees for outside third party representation. It will also provide deeper insights regarding organizational issues and the level of work satisfaction/dissatisfaction following your recent employee survey. All of these indicators are useful in identifying the overall level of vulnerability to a union organizing drive. This assessment involves gathering data and information related to the employee relations environment and the preparation of a demographic analysis to report results by department, job classification, length of service, age group, shift, gender, race, pay grade, etc.

The Vulnerability Assessment includes:

- Data collection including demographic information on the workforce;
- Confidential, one-on-one interviews with the supervisors and other key Personnel, each interview is approximately 45 min - 1 hour;
- Analysis of findings and observations;
- Demographic analysis;
- Preparation of a written report;
- On-site review of findings/report with executive management.

Initial Assessment: \$12k - \$15k during a campaign VA's are ongoing and built into the estimated cost of running a union campaign.

- 4.) Employee Captive Audience Meetings Employee Captive Audience Meetings will be used to educate employees on key topics related to union organizing and the implications of being in a union. During an active union campaign we would ideally conduct 1-2 captive audience meetings weekly. However, during the run up to the next petition vote we would propose 3 captive audience meetings in total (1 per month). The topics to be covered in those meetings will be determined after the Vulnerability Assessments are completed however key topics could include:
  - Union Dues and Dues Checkoff
  - Collective Bargaining
  - Union Constitution and Financials
  - Management Rights
  - Strikes etc.





5.) <u>Employee Action Teams</u> - The overall objective of MPI's Employee Action Teams (EAT) is to give employees a voice by directly engaging them on the most important workplace issues identified in the 2017 Employee Opinion survey.

This will be accomplished through facilitated employee action teams that will work together to explore root causes of issues, develop recommendations for corrective actions and then work together with management to develop an implementation plan. Once the recommendations have been vetted and the results have been evaluated, they can then be rolled out on a larger scale. The activities and progress of these teams will be communicated out on a regular basis to all employees so that everyone has full visibility to their progress and achievements. Importantly, the MPI EAT approach provides a sustainable framework to drive employee engagement which over time is lead internally by the client. Clients using this approach have proven its effectiveness in reducing union vulnerability.

**EAT Proposed Deliverables, Timeline and Estimated Costs** 

Deliverables: May-December 2017	Cost
Ambassador, Team Facilitation: Provide consulting support to prepare, launch and drive	resident in
engagement teams at Louisville, OH, 1 hour each week per team, up to 10 sessions per team,	\$12K - \$15K,
estimate 2 = 3 teams based on survey results	714N 714N
(8 hours/week for preparation, delivery and summary of session results)	
Bi monthly update meetings for Leadership Team (1-2 hours/week for preparation,	Included
coordination and meeting time)	miciadea
Development and review of bi-monthly communications materials such as bulletins and	\$2.5K = \$5K
supervisor talking points (3-4 hours monthly)	32.3K 33K
Preparation and presentation of EAT recommendations to Steering, Site Leaders and	Included
Executive Teams (1 day)	included.
Preparation and presentation of results to employees in town hall sessions per shift [ ]	included
(1-2 days)	
Next step project planning and scheduling sessions with project Core team and Steering Team.	Included
to prepare for project implementation (1-2 days)	
TOTAL	\$15K - \$20K
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The Project Leader for this project will be John Hawkins, MPI President. Jon will be supported by Steve Kuebbing, VP MPI Consulting and Maureen Donnellan, MPI Employee Engagement Practice Leader. Administrative Support will be provided by Nancy Sies and other consultants and staff may be assigned as requested or required.

# Fees and Expenses

The cost of this engagement has been structured to give the client flexibility to pick the most important items to address their organizational needs.

#### **Action Plan and Estimated Fees**

Activities 1.1 Med 2017	Deliverables	Timing	Cost
Phase 1 – Insights Discovery, Gap Analysis	Employee Survey Union Vulnerability Gap Analysis	Sept 2017	\$3K - \$5K
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Phase 2a – Capability and Strategy Development	Conduct Union Awareness Training for Front Line Managers and Supervisors (approx. 50 managers)	Sep 2017 and Oct 2017	\$12K - \$15K '
Phase 2b – Capability and Strategy Development	Union Vulnerability Assessment - Overall assessment of the level of vulnerability to a union organizing drive. (200 front line managers)	Sep 2017 and Oct 2017	\$12K - \$15K
Phase 2c – Capability and Strategy Development	All Employee Captive Audience Meetings (approx. 500 employees) - 1 all employee captive audience meeting per month - 25 employees attending each session planned - approx. 20 total employee sessions per month	Oct 2017, Nov 2017 and Dec 2017	\$20K - \$25K
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Phase 3 – Employee Action Teams	Facilitated focus groups focused on developing recommendations to the company and serving as ambassadors to their peers.  3 teams meeting weekly for 10 weeks	Oct 2017 thru Jan 2018	\$15K - \$20K
Total	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$62K - \$80K





In addition to the agreed cost for professional fees, all out-of-pocket expenses including such things as travel, lodging, meals, and project-related materials are billed at additional cost. Since the client is local, we anticipate limited out-of-pocket expenses.

# **Limitations**

This agreement details a professional consulting relationship between MPI Consulting and Biery Cheese with respect to the opportunities and projects assigned to MPI Consulting during the term of this Agreement. As part of this Agreement, the client assumes full responsibility for any action taken on recommendations developed by MPI Consulting if such programs are implemented by the client, or under the client's direction, and are not implemented solely by MPI Consulting.

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# Confidentiality

In order to reach meaningful conclusions and make actionable recommendations, it will be necessary for MPI Consulting to have access to confidential information. MPI Consulting commits itself to protect the interests of its clients by ensuring that confidential information is carefully safeguarded and not revealed to anyone other than to those people involved in the project.

### **Agreement**

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project. With your signature below, this can serve as our formal basis of agreement. Once you have signed this copy and returned it, we can plan formal kickoff for the project.

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Client Contact	Ben Biery				
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Proposed +	\$62K - \$80K				





Cost			
	☐ Option 1 - Estimated fees billed monthly as professional fees are		
	incurred		
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	months. The retainer engagement costs	represents a -10% sa	aving potential on the
Expected i	September 2017	Expected Completion	January 2018
Start Date		Date	Junuary 2010
Date	15 September 2017	Order No. if applicable	
For	Management Performance International, Inc.		
Signed	N. 11	and	
Title	John Hawkins, President	CEO	
Date	15 September 2017		