

TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 Southfield Building, 4000 South IH-35
 Austin, Texas 78704

If you are not certain whether all parties meet the requirements for entering into this agreement, you may wish to consult an attorney.

Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 406.141(2) defines "independent contractor" as follows: (2) "Independent contractor" means a person who contracts to perform work or provide a service for the benefit of another and who: (A) is paid by the job, not by the hour or some other time-measured basis; (B) is free to hire as many helpers as he desires and to determine what each helper will be paid; and (C) is free to work for other contractors, or to send helpers to work for other contractors, while under contract to the hiring employer.

CHECK BOX OF STATEMENT THAT APPLIES

JOINT AGREEMENT TO AFFIRM INDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP FOR CERTAIN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

Notice of Declaration

The undersigned Hiring Contractor and the undersigned Independent Contractor hereby declare that the Independent Contractor meets the qualifications of an Independent Contractor under Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 406.141, that the Independent Contractor is not an employee of the Hiring Contractor, and that:

- (A) the Independent Contractor and the Independent Contractor's employees shall not be entitled to workers' compensation coverage from the Hiring Contractor; and
- (B) the Hiring Contractor's workers' compensation insurance carrier shall not require premiums to be paid by the Hiring Contractor for coverage of the Independent Contractor or the Independent Contractor's employees, helpers, or subcontractors.

THIS DECLARATION TAKES EFFECT UPON RECEIPT BY THE TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION. THIS DECLARATION APPLIES TO ALL HIRING AGREEMENTS EXECUTED BY THE HIRING CONTRACTOR AND THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DURING THE YEAR AFTER THIS DECLARATION IS FILED UNLESS A SUBSEQUENT HIRING AGREEMENT IS MADE TO WHICH THE DECLARATION DOES NOT APPLY. IN THE EVENT THAT A HIRING AGREEMENT TO WHICH THIS DECLARATION DOES NOT APPLY IS MADE, THE HIRING CONTRACTOR AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SHALL SO NOTIFY THE TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION AND THE HIRING CONTRACTOR'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIER (IF ANY) IN WRITING WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE NON-APPLYING AGREEMENT IS MADE. ONCE THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, THE SUBCONTRACTOR AND THE SUBCONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FROM THE HIRING CONTRACTOR UNLESS A SUBSEQUENT WRITTEN AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED, AND FILED ACCORDING TO COMMISSION RULES, EXPRESSLY STATING THAT THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT APPLY.

AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP FOR CERTAIN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

Notice of Agreement

The undersigned Hiring Contractor and the undersigned Independent Contractor hereby agree that the Hiring Contractor will withhold will not withhold the cost of workers' compensation insurance coverage from the Independent Contractor's contract price and that the Hiring Contractor will purchase workers' compensation insurance coverage for the Independent Contractor and the Independent Contractor's employees. Once this agreement is signed, for the purpose of providing workers' compensation insurance coverage, the Hiring Contractor will be the employer of the Independent Contractor and the Independent Contractor's employees. This agreement makes the Hiring Contractor the employer of the Independent Contractor and the Independent Contractor's employees only for the purposes of workers' compensation laws of Texas and for no other purpose.

TERM (DATES) OF AGREEMENT: FROM: _____
 TO: _____

LOCATION OF EACH AFFECTED JOB SITE (OR STATE WHETHER THIS IS A BLANKET AGREEMENT):

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AFFECTED: _____

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TAKE EFFECT NO SOONER THAN THE DATE IT IS SIGNED.

Hiring Contractor's Affirmation

If the Hiring Contractor's workers' compensation carrier change during the effective period of coverage, it is advisable for the Hiring Contractor to file this form with the new insurance carrier.

_____ Federal Tax I.D. Number

 Signature of Hiring Contractor

 Date

 Address (Street)

 Printed Name of the Hiring Contractor

 Address (City, State, Zip)

Independent Contractor's Affirmation

_____ Federal Tax I.D. Number

 Signature of Independent Contractor

 Date

 Address (Street)

 Printed Name of the Independent Contractor

 Address (City, State, Zip)

Four copies of this form must be completed: This agreement must be filed by the Hiring Contractor with both the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and the workers' compensation insurance carrier of the Hiring Contractor within 10 days of the date of execution. **The original must be filed with the Commission.** The agreement must be filed by PERSONAL DELIVERY OR REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL. Both the Hiring Contractor and the Independent Contractor must also retain a copy of the agreement.