



**ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF ALABAMA
LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE FUND, INC.**

**CYBER LIABILITY AND EXPENSE
COVERAGE DOCUMENT 2026**

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PREAMBLE

IMPORTANT: COVERAGE TRIGGERS. It is important for **you** to review this Coverage Document carefully as the trigger for coverage, including when **you** must notify **us** of a claim, under each Section and Coverage Clause may differ.

This Coverage Document provides cyber liability and expense coverage. **Your** Coverage Document contains all the details of the coverage that **we** provide. This Coverage Document consists of and must be read together with the Declarations and any Endorsements. This Coverage Document is not complete unless it is signed and the Declarations are attached.

Terms in bold uppercase print are references to specific Coverage Clauses, Sections or Conditions. Other terms in bold lower-case print are defined terms and have a special meaning as set forth in the Definitions section and elsewhere. Words stated in the singular will include the plural and vice versa.

In consideration of the **premium contribution** and in reliance upon the information that **you** have provided to **us** prior to the commencement of this coverage (including the information provided in the Application, any cyber-related underwriting survey, and the Liability Renewal Questionnaire, Cyber Section), **we** agree to provide the coverage as set out below:

COVERAGE CLAUSES

COVERAGE CLAUSE 1: CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE

SECTION A: INCIDENT RESPONSE COSTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any reasonable sums necessarily incurred by **you**, or on **your** behalf, as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** to:

- a) gain access to **our 24/7 cyber incident response line**;
- b) engage with **our cyber incident manager** who will coordinate the initial response;
- c) obtain initial advice and consultancy from **our cyber incident manager**, including threat intelligence in relation to the **cyber event**; and
- d) obtain initial remote support and assistance from **our cyber incident manager** to respond to the **cyber event**.

SECTION B: LEGAL AND REGULATORY COSTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any reasonable sums necessarily incurred by **you**, or on **your** behalf, as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** to:

- a) obtain legal advice to determine the correct course of action;
- b) draft **privacy breach** notification letters, substitute notices, website notices or e-mail notification templates;
- c) notify any appropriate governmental, regulatory, law enforcement, professional or statutory body;
- d) respond to any **regulatory investigation**; and
- e) defend any regulatory action.

SECTION C: IT SECURITY AND FORENSIC COSTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any reasonable sums necessarily incurred by **you**, or on **your** behalf, as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** to:

- a) engage with an external IT security consultant to identify the source and scope of the **cyber event**;
- b) obtain initial advice to remediate the impact of the **cyber event**;
- c) conduct a forensic investigation of **your computer systems** where reasonable and necessary or as required by law or a regulatory body (including a requirement for a PCI Forensic Investigator);
- d) contain and remove any malware discovered on **your computer systems**; and
- e) engage with an IT security consultant to provide expert witness testimony at any trial or hearing arising from the **cyber event**.

SECTION D: CRISIS COMMUNICATION COSTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any reasonable sums necessarily incurred by **you**, or on **your** behalf, as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** to:

- a) engage with a crisis communications consultant to obtain specific advice in direct relation to the **cyber event**;
- b) coordinate media relations in response to the **cyber event**;
- c) receive training for relevant spokespeople with respect to media communications in direct relation to the **cyber event**; and
- d) formulate a crisis communications plan in order to reduce damage to **your** brand and reputation as a direct result of the **cyber event**.

SECTION E: PRIVACY BREACH MANAGEMENT COSTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any reasonable sums necessarily incurred by **you**, or on **your** behalf, as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered during the **coverage period** to:

- a) print and post appropriate notices for any individual affected by the actual or suspected **cyber event** or to send e-mail notices or issue substitute notices;
- b) provide credit monitoring services, identity monitoring services, identity restoration services or identity theft insurance to affected individuals;
- c) set up a call center to manage inbound and outbound calls in direct relation to the **cyber event**; and
- d) provide translation services to manage communications with affected individuals.

COVERAGE CLAUSE 2: SYSTEM DAMAGE AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

SECTION A: SYSTEM DAMAGE AND RECTIFICATION COSTS

We agree to reimburse **you** for the additional cost of employing:

- a) contract staff or overtime costs for **employees** to rebuild **your** data, including the cost of data re-entry or data re-creation;
- b) specialist consultants, including IT forensic consultants, to recover **your** data or applications; and
- c) specialist consultants or overtime costs for **employees** working within **your** IT department to

reconstitute **your computer systems** to the position they were in immediately prior to the **cyber event**;

reasonably and necessarily incurred as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**.

SECTION B: INCOME LOSS AND EXTRA EXPENSE

We agree to reimburse **you** for **your income loss** and **extra expense** during the **indemnity period** as a direct result of an interruption to **your business operations** caused by **computer systems** downtime arising directly out of a **cyber event** or **system failure** which is first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**, provided that the **computer systems** downtime lasts longer than the **waiting period**.

SECTION C: DEPENDENT BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

We agree to reimburse **you** for **your income loss** and **extra expense** sustained during the **indemnity period** as a direct result of an interruption to **your business operations** arising directly out of any sudden, unexpected and continuous outage of computer systems used directly by a **supply chain partner** which is first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**, provided that the computer systems downtime lasts longer than the **waiting period** and arises directly out of any **cyber event** or **system failure**.

SECTION D: CONSEQUENTIAL REPUTATIONAL HARM

We agree to reimburse **you** for **your income loss** sustained during the **reputational harm period** as a direct result of the loss of current or future customers caused by damage to **your** reputation as a result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**.

SECTION E: HARDWARE REPLACEMENT COSTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any reasonable sums necessarily incurred to replace any computer hardware or tangible equipment forming part of **your computer systems** that have been damaged as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**, provided that replacing the computer hardware or tangible equipment is a more time efficient and cost effective solution than installing new firmware or software onto **your** existing hardware.

COVERAGE CLAUSE 3: NETWORK SECURITY & PRIVACY LIABILITY

SECTION A: NETWORK SECURITY LIABILITY

We agree to pay on **your** behalf all sums which **you** become legally obliged to pay (including the establishment of any consumer redress fund and associated expenses) as a result of any **claim** arising out of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** that results in:

- a) the transmission of malware to a **third party's** computer system;
- b) **your computer systems** being used to carry out a denial of service attack;
- c) **your** failure to prevent unauthorized access to information stored or applications hosted on **your computer systems** or a **third party's** computer systems; and
- d) identity theft, experienced by **your employees, senior executive officers** or any **third party**.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on **your** behalf.

SECTION B: PRIVACY LIABILITY

We agree to pay on **your** behalf all sums which **you** become legally obliged to pay (including the establishment of any consumer redress fund and associated expenses) as a result of any **claim** arising out of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** that results in:

- a) an actual or suspected disclosure of or unauthorized access to any Personally Identifiable Information (PII), including payment card information or Protected Health Information (PHI);
- b) **your** failure to adequately warn affected individuals of a **privacy breach**, including the failure to provide a data breach notification in a timely manner;
- c) a breach of any rights of confidentiality as a direct result of **your** failure to maintain the confidentiality of any data pertaining to an **employee** or a **senior executive officer**;
- d) a breach of any rights of confidentiality, including a breach of any provisions of a non-disclosure agreement or breach of a contractual warranty relating to the confidentiality of commercial information, PII, or PHI;
- e) a breach of any part of **your** privacy policy; or
- f) actual or suspected disclosure of or unauthorized access to **your** data or data for which **you** are responsible.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on **your** behalf.

SECTION C: MANAGEMENT LIABILITY

We agree to pay on behalf of any **senior executive officer** all sums they become legally obliged to pay as a result of any **claim** made against them arising directly out of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on behalf of **your senior executive officers**.

However, **we** will not make any payment under this Section for which the **senior executive officer** is entitled to indemnity under any other insurance, except for any additional sum which is payable over and above the other insurance.

SECTION D: REGULATORY FINES

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any fines and penalties resulting from a **regulatory investigation** arising as a direct result of a **cyber event** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on **your** behalf.

SECTION E: PCI FINES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS

We agree to pay on **your** behalf any fines, penalties and card brand assessments including fraud recoveries, operational reimbursements, non-cooperation costs and case management fees which **you** become legally obliged to pay **your** acquiring bank or payment processor as a direct result of a **payment card breach** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period**.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on **your** behalf.

COVERAGE CLAUSE 4: MEDIA LIABILITY

SECTION A: DEFAMATION

We agree to pay on **your** behalf all sums which **you** become legally obliged to pay (including liability for claimants' costs and expenses) as a result of any **claim** first made against **you** during the **coverage period** for any:

- a) defamation, including but not limited to libel, slander, trade libel, product disparagement and injurious falsehood; or
- b) emotional distress or outrage based on harm to the character or reputation of any person or entity; arising out of any media content.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on **your** behalf.

SECTION B: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS INFRINGEMENT

We agree to pay on **your** behalf all sums which **you** become legally obliged to pay (including liability for claimants' costs and expenses) as a result of any **claim** first made against **you** during the **coverage period** for any:

- a) infringement of any intellectual property rights, including, but not limited to, copyright, trademark, trade dilution, trade dress, commercial rights, design rights, domain name rights, image rights, moral rights, service mark or service name, but not including patent;
- b) act of passing-off, piracy or plagiarism or any misappropriation of content, concepts, format rights or ideas or breach of a contractual warranty relating to intellectual property rights;
- c) breach of any intellectual property rights license acquired by **you**; or
- d) failure to attribute authorship or provide credit; arising out of any media content.

We will also pay **costs and expenses** on **your** behalf.

COVERAGE CLAUSE 5: COURT ATTENDANCE COSTS

We agree to reimburse **you** for any reasonable sums necessarily incurred by **you** with **our** prior written agreement (which will not be unreasonably withheld) to attend court or any tribunal, arbitration, adjudication, mediation or other hearing in connection with any claim for which **you** are entitled to indemnity under this Coverage Document.

COVERAGE CLAUSE 6: CYBER CRIME

SECTION A: FUNDS TRANSFER FRAUD

We agree to reimburse **you** for **loss** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** as a direct result of any **third party** committing:

- a) any unauthorized electronic transfer of funds from **your** bank;
- b) theft of money or other financial assets from **your** bank by electronic means;
- c) theft of money or other financial assets from **your** corporate credit cards by electronic means; or
- d) any phishing, vishing or other social engineering attack against any **employee** or **senior executive officer** that results in the transfer of **your** funds to an unintended **third party**.

SECTION B: THEFT OF FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW

We agree to reimburse **you** for **loss** (including compensation **you** are legally obliged to pay) first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** as a direct result of **you** having to reimburse any **third party** for theft from a bank account held in **your** name of money or other financial assets held by **you** on behalf of that **third party**, provided that the theft was committed by electronic means by any other **third party**.

- a) behalf, in response to an extortion demand first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** as a direct result of any threat to introduce malware, or the actual introduction of malware, including Ransomware, into **your computer systems**;
- b) prevent access to **your computer systems** or data or any **third party** systems hosting **your** applications or data;
- c) reveal **your** confidential information or confidential information entrusted to **you**; or
- d) damage **your** brand or reputation by posting false or misleading comments about **you** on social media sites.

SECTION C: THEFT OF PERSONAL FUNDS

We agree to reimburse any senior executive officer for personal financial loss first discovered by them during the **coverage period** as a direct result of any third party compromising the company's network security which results in:

- a) theft of money or other financial assets from a personal bank account of the senior executive officer; or
- b) identity theft of the senior executive officer as a result of a privacy breach suffered by you.

SECTION D: EXTORTION

We agree to reimburse you for any ransom paid by you, or on your behalf, in response to an extortion demand first discovered by you during the **coverage period** as a direct result of any threat to:

- a) introduce malware, or the actual introduction of malware, including Ransomware, into your computer systems;
- b) prevent access to your computer systems or data or any third party systems hosting your applications or data;
- c) reveal your confidential information or confidential information entrusted to you; or
- d) damage your brand or reputation by posting false or misleading comments about you on social media sites.

SECTION E: TELEPHONE HACKING

We agree to reimburse **you** for **loss** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** as a direct result of **your** telephone system being hacked by a **third party** including the cost of unauthorized calls or unauthorized use of **your** bandwidth.

SECTION F: UNAUTHORIZED USE OF COMPUTER RESOURCES

We agree to reimburse **you** for **loss** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** as a direct result of **cryptojacking** or **botnetting**.

HOW MUCH WE WILL PAY

YOUR MAXIMUM LIMITS UNDER THIS COVERAGE DOCUMENT

The maximum amount payable by **us** under this Coverage Document for any one claim or series of related claims is the **coverage limit**.

The maximum amount payable by **us** under any Coverage Clause for any one claim or series of related claims is the amount shown as the limit in the Declarations page for that Coverage Clause.

The maximum amount payable by **us** under any Section for any one claim or series of related claims is the amount shown as the limit in the Declarations page for that Section.

YOUR MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR RELATED INCIDENTS

Where more than one claim arises from the same original cause or single source or event, all of those claims will be deemed to be one claim and only one **coverage limit** will apply in respect of that claim.

In the event that cover is provided under multiple Coverage Clauses or multiple Sections for any one claim, only one **coverage limit** will apply in total for that claim.

In respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSES 3 and 4**, **we** may at any time pay to **you** in connection with any **claim** the amount of the **coverage limit** (after deduction of any amounts already paid). Upon that payment being made **we** will relinquish the conduct and control of the **claim** and be under no further liability in connection with that **claim**.

If **costs and expenses** are stated in the Declarations page to be in addition to the **coverage limit** or if the operation of local laws require **costs and expenses** to be paid in addition to the **coverage limit**, and if a damages payment in excess of the **coverage limit** has to be made to dispose of any **claim**, **our** liability for **costs and expenses** will be in the same proportion as the **coverage limit** bears to the total amount of the damages payment.

YOUR DEDUCTIBLE

We will only be liable for that part of each and every claim which exceeds the amount of the **deductible**. If any expenditure is incurred by **us** which falls within the amount of the **deductible**, then **you** will reimburse that amount to **us** upon **our** request.

Where more than one claim arises from the same original cause or single source or event all of those claims will be deemed to be one claim and only one **deductible** will apply.

In respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 2 (SECTIONS B and C only)**, a single **waiting period**, **deductible** and **indemnity period** will apply to each claim. Where the same original cause or single source or event causes more than one period of computer systems downtime these will be considered one period of computer systems downtime whose total duration is equal to the cumulative duration of each individual period of computer systems downtime.

Where coverage is provided under multiple Sections or multiple Coverage Clauses only one **deductible** will apply to that claim and this will be the highest **deductible** of the Sections under which cover is provided.

DEFINITIONS

1. **"Botnetting"** means

the unauthorized use of **your computer systems** by a **third party** for the purpose of launching a denial of service attack or hacking attack against another **third party**.
2. **"Business operations"** means

the business operations stated in the Declarations page.
3. **"Claim"** means
 - a) a written demand for compensation;
 - b) a written request for a retraction or a correction;
 - c) a threat or initiation of a lawsuit; or
 - d) a disciplinary action or regulatory investigation. made against you.
4. **"Computer systems"** means

all electronic computers used directly by **you**, including operating systems, software, hardware and all communication and open system networks and any data or websites wheresoever hosted, off-line media libraries and data back-ups and mobile devices including but not limited to smartphones, iPhones, tablets or personal digital assistants.
5. **"Continuity date"** means

the **inception date** or if **you** have maintained uninterrupted insurance of the same type with **us**, the date this insurance was first incepted with **us**.
6. **"Costs and expenses"** means
 - a) **third party** legal and professional expenses (including disbursements) reasonably incurred in the defense of **claims** or circumstances which could reasonably be expected to give rise to a **claim** or in quashing or challenging the scope of any injunction, subpoena or witness summons;
 - b) any post judgment interest; and
 - c) the cost of appeal, attachment and similar bonds including bail and penal bonds.
Subject to all **costs and expenses** being incurred with the **cyber incident manager's** prior written agreement.
7. **"County"** means

the county named as the Named Covered Person in the Declarations page or any **subsidiary**.

8. **"Coverage limit"** means
the highest individual limit available where cover is applicable under any Coverage Clause or Section as stated in the Declarations page.
9. **"Coverage period"** means
the period between the **inception date** and the **expiration date** or until the Coverage Document is canceled in accordance with **CONDITION 5**
10. **"Cryptojacking"** means
the unauthorized use of **your computer systems** by a **third party** for the sole purpose of cryptocurrency mining activities.
11. **"Cyber event"** means
any actual or suspected unauthorized system access, electronic attack or **privacy breach**, including denial of service attack, cyber terrorism, hacking attack, Trojan horse, phishing attack, man-in-the-middle attack, application-layer attack, compromised key attack, malware infection (including spyware or Ransomware) or computer virus.
Cyber event does not mean **system failure**.
12. **"Cyber incident manager"** means
the company or individual named as the cyber incident manager in the Declarations page.
13. **"Cyber incident response line"** means
the telephone number stated as the cyber incident response line in the Declarations page.
14. **"Cyber war"** means
any unauthorized access to or electronic attack on computer systems, carried out by or on behalf of a **state**, that directly results in another **state** becoming an **impacted state**.
15. **"Deductible"** means
the amount stated as the deductible in the Declarations page.
16. **"Employee"** means
any employee of the **county**, any volunteer working for the **county** and any individual working for the **county** as an independent contractor.
"Employee" does not mean any **senior executive officer**.
17. **"Expiration date"** means
the expiration date stated in the Declarations page.

18. **"Extra expense"** means
your reasonable sums necessarily incurred in addition to **your** normal operating expenses to mitigate an interruption to and continue **your business operations**, provided that the costs are less than **your** expected **income loss** sustained had these measures not been taken.
19. **"Impacted state"** means
any **state** that suffers a major detrimental impact on its:
a) ability to function; or
b) defense and security capabilities;
as a direct result of any unauthorized access to or electronic attack on computer systems, carried out by or on behalf of another **state**.
20. **"Inception date"** means
the inception date stated in the Declarations page.
21. **"Income loss"** means
your income that, had the **cyber event** or **system failure** which gave rise to the claim not occurred, would have been generated directly from **your business operations** (less sales tax) during the **indemnity period**, less:
a) actual income (less sales tax) generated directly from **your business operations** during the **indemnity period**; and
b) any cost savings achieved as a direct result of the reduction in income.
22. **"Indemnity period"** means
the period starting from the first occurrence of:
a) the **computer systems** downtime; or
b) the downtime of computer systems used directly by a **supply chain partner**; and lasting for the period stated as the indemnity period in the Declarations page.
23. **"Loss"** means
Any direct financial loss sustained by the county.
24. **"Media content"** means
any content created or disseminated by **you** or on **your** behalf, including but not limited to content disseminated through books, magazines, brochures, social media, billboards, websites, mobile applications, television and radio.
"Media content" does not include any:
a) tangible product design;

- b) industrial design;
- c) architectural or building services;
- d) any advertisement created by **you** for a **third party**;
- e) business, company, product or trading name;
- f) product packaging or labeling; or
- g) software products.

25. **"Payment card breach"** means

an actual or suspected unauthorized disclosure of payment card data stored or processed by **you** arising out of an electronic attack, accidental disclosure or the deliberate actions of a rogue **employee**.

"Payment card breach" does not mean a situation where payment card data is deliberately shared with or sold to a **third party** with the knowledge and consent of a **senior executive officer**.

26. **"Premium contribution"** means

the amount stated as the premium contribution in the Declarations page and any subsequent adjustments.

27. **"Privacy breach"** means

an actual or suspected unauthorized disclosure of information arising out of an electronic attack, accidental disclosure, theft or the deliberate actions of a rogue **employee** or **third party**.

"Privacy breach" does not mean a situation where information is deliberately shared with or sold to a **third party** with the knowledge and consent of a **senior executive officer**.

28. **"Regulatory investigation"** means

a formal hearing, official investigation, examination, inquiry, legal action or any other similar proceeding initiated by a governmental, regulatory, law enforcement, professional or statutory body against **you**.

29. **"Reputational harm period"** means

the period starting from when the **cyber event** is first discovered and lasting for 12 months.

30. **"Senior executive officer"** means

commission members, county officials, county administrators, department heads, in-house lawyers and risk managers of the **county**.

31. **"State"** means

sovereign state.

32. **"Subsidiary"** means

any entity in which the **county** has majority ownership of on or before the **inception date**.

33. **"Supply chain partner"** means

any:

- a) **third party** that provides **you** with hosted computing services including infrastructure, platform, file storage and application level services; or
- b) **third party** listed as a supply chain partner in an endorsement attaching to this Coverage Document which **we** have issued.

34. **"System failure"** means

any sudden, unexpected and continuous downtime of **your computer systems** which renders them incapable of supporting their normal business function and is caused by an application bug, an internal network failure or hardware failure.

However, in respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 2 (SECTION C only)**, **system failure** also means any sudden, unexpected and continuous downtime of computer systems used directly by a **supply chain partner** which renders them incapable of supporting their normal business function and is caused by an application bug, an internal network failure or hardware failure.

System failure does not mean a **cyber event**.

35. **"Third party"** means

any person who is not an **employee** or any legal entity that is not the **county**.

36. **"Waiting period"** means

the number of hours stated as the waiting period in the Declarations page.

37. **"War"** means

any physical:

- a) war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power; or
- b) action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to a. above.

38. **"We/our/us"** means

the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc.

38. **"You/your"** means

the **county**, **employees** and **senior executive officers** solely acting in the normal course of the **county's business operations**.

EXCLUSIONS

We will not make any payment under this Coverage Document:

EXCLUSIONS RELATING TO SYSTEM DAMAGE AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

In respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 2** only:

1. **Business interruption liability**

for that part of any **claim** that constitutes actual or alleged liability to a **third party**, or legal costs in the defense of any **claim**, including customer compensation.

EXCLUSIONS RELATING TO MEDIA LIABILITY

In respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 4** only:

2. **Antitrust**

for or arising out of any actual or alleged antitrust violation, restraint of trade, unfair competition, false, deceptive or unfair trade practices, violation of consumer protection laws or false or deceptive advertising.

EXCLUSIONS RELATING TO ALL COVERAGE CLAUSES

3. **Associated companies**

- a) in respect of any **claim** made by any company, firm or partnership in which the **county** has greater than a 10% executive or financial interest, unless the **claim** emanates from an independent **third party**;
- b) in respect of any **claim** made by any company, firm, partnership or individual which has greater than a 10% executive or financial interest in the **county**, unless the **claim** emanates from an independent **third party**;
- c) arising out of or resulting from any of **your** activities as a trustee, partner, officer, director or employee of any employee trust, charitable organization, corporation, company or business other than that of the **county**; or
- d) in respect of any **claim** made by or on behalf of the **county** against a **third party**.

4. **Betterment**

which results in **you** being in a better financial position or **you** benefitting from upgraded versions of **your computer systems** as a direct result of the event which gave rise to the claim under this Coverage Document.

However, in the event of a hacking attack, malware infection or computer virus, when rebuilding **your computer systems** we will pay the additional costs and expenses incurred to install a more secure and efficient version of the affected **computer system**, provided that the maximum amount **we** will pay is 25% more than the cost that would have been incurred to repair or replace the original model

or license. Under no circumstances will **we** pay the cost of acquiring or installing **computer systems** which did not form a part of **your computer systems** immediately prior to the incident which gave rise to the claim.

However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSE 2 (SECTION E: HARDWARE REPLACEMENT COSTS)**.

5. **Bodily injury and property damage**

arising directly or indirectly out of bodily injury, or tangible property damage.

However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSES 3 (SECTIONS A, B and C only)** and **4** for any **claim** as a direct result of mental injury or emotional distress.

6. **Chargebacks**

for any credit card company or bank, wholly or partially, reversing or preventing a payment transaction, unless specifically covered under **COVERAGE CLAUSE 3 (SECTION E only)** for which **you** have purchased coverage.

7. **Core internet infrastructure failure**

arising directly from a failure, material degradation or termination of any core element of the internet, telecommunications or GPS infrastructure that results in a regional, countrywide or global outage of the internet or core telecommunications network, including a failure of the core DNS root servers, satellite network or the IP addressing system or an individual state or non-state actor turning off all or part of the internet.

8. **Domain name suspension or revocation**

arising directly or indirectly from the suspension, cancellation, revocation or failure to renew any of **your** domain names or uniform resource locators.

9. **Insolvency**

arising out of or relating directly or indirectly to **your** insolvency or bankruptcy, or the insolvency or bankruptcy of any **third party**. However, **your** insolvency will not relieve **us** of any of **our** legal obligations under this contract of insurance where this insolvency does not give rise to a claim under this Coverage Document.

10. **Known claims and circumstances**

arising out of any actual or suspected **cyber event, claim** or circumstance which might give rise to a claim under this Coverage Document of which a **senior executive officer** was aware of, or ought reasonably to have been aware of, prior to the **continuity date**, including any claim or circumstance notified to any other insurer.

11. **Liquidated damages, service credits and penalty clauses**

for liquidated damages or service credits, or arising out of penalty clauses unless **you** would have been liable in the absence of any contract stipulating the liquidated damages or service credits or penalty clauses.

12. **Loss of economic value**
for the reduction in economic or market value (including loss of potential future sales) of any of **your** intellectual property assets.
13. **Management liability**
for any sums that **your senior executive officers** become legally obliged to pay, including **costs and expenses**, as a result of any **claim** made against them arising out of a **cyber event**. However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSE 3 (SECTION C)** only).
14. **Misleading advertising**
arising directly or indirectly from any advertisement, promotion or product description that is actually or alleged to be false or misleading.
15. **Nuclear**
arising directly or indirectly from or contributed to by:
- a) ionizing radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
 - b) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component.
16. **Other insurance**
for which **you** are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance except for:
- a) any additional sum which is payable over and above the other insurance where that insurance has been declared to **us**, or
 - b) any contribution that **we** are obliged to make by law and that contribution will be in proportion to the indemnity available under the Policies.
17. **Patent infringement**
arising directly or indirectly out of the actual or alleged infringement of any patent or inducing the infringement of any patent.
18. **Payment card industry related fines, penalties and assessments**
for fines, penalties and card brand assessments, including fraud recoveries, operational reimbursements, non-cooperation costs and case management fees which **you** become legally obliged to pay **your** acquiring bank or payment processor as a direct result of a **payment card breach**.
However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSE 3 (SECTION E)** only).
19. **Power and utility failure**
arising directly or indirectly from any:

- a) failure in the power supply, including that caused by any surge or spike in voltage, electrical current or transferred energy; or
- b) failure, disruption or reduction in the supply of utilities, including but not limited to gas and water infrastructure or services.

20. **Product IP infringement**

arising directly or indirectly from the actual or alleged theft or misappropriation of any trade secret by an **employee** from a former employer of theirs or infringement of any intellectual property right by any product manufactured, designed, formulated, licensed, distributed, or sold by **you** or the misappropriation of any trade secret by **you** or a **third party**.

21. **Professional liability**

arising directly out of any negligent advice or professional services provided to a client for a fee except when arising directly from a **cyber event**.

22. **Property and hardware costs**

for any tangible property repair or replacement including the cost of repairing any hardware or replacing any tangible property or equipment that forms part of **your computer systems**.

However, where repairing or replacing hardware or tangible property or equipment is a more practical and cost effective solution than installing new firmware or software onto **your** existing components, **we** will pay the costs required to do so.

However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSE 2 (SECTION E: HARDWARE REPLACEMENT COSTS)**.

23. **Regular hours staff costs**

for contracted salary and bonus costs paid to **employees** or **senior executive officers**.

24. **Sanctions**

or will be deemed to provide any cover, to the extent that the provision of such payment or cover will expose **us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under the United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of Australia, Canada, the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

25. **Terrorism**

arising directly or indirectly out of:

- a) any act or threat of force or violence by an individual or group, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organization or government, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; or
- b) any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to a. above.

However, this Exclusion does not apply to a **cyber event** affecting **your computer systems** or a **supply chain partner's** computer systems.

26. **Theft of funds**

arising directly or indirectly out of the theft of money or other financial assets.

However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSE 6: CYBER CRIME**.

27. **Uninsurable fines**

for fines, penalties, civil or criminal sanctions or multiple, punitive or exemplary damages, unless insurable by law.

28. **Unlawful surveillance**

in respect of any actual or alleged eavesdropping, wiretapping, or unauthorized audio or video recording committed by **you** or by a **third party** on **your** behalf with the knowledge and consent of **your senior executive officers**.

29. **Unsolicited communications**

arising directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged violation of:

- a) the CAN-SPAM Act of 2003 or any subsequent amendments to that Act;
- b) the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991 or any subsequent amendments to that Act; or
- c) any other law, regulation or statute relating to unsolicited communication, distribution, sending or transmitting of any communication via telephone or any other electronic or telecommunications device.

However, this Exclusion will not apply to **COVERAGE CLAUSE 3 (SECTION A only)**.

30. **War and cyber war**

arising directly or indirectly out of:

- a) **war**; or
- b) **cyber war**.

However, part b. above will not apply to:

- a) the **INCIDENT RESPONSE COSTS SECTION**; and
- b) that part of any claim relating to any computer systems which are physically located outside of an **impacted state**.

31. **Willful or dishonest acts of senior executive officers**

arising directly or indirectly out of any willful, criminal, malicious or dishonest act, error or omission by a **senior executive officer** as determined by final adjudication, arbitral tribunal or written admission.

CONDITIONS

1. What you must do if an incident takes place

If any **senior executive officer** becomes aware of any incident which may reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim under this Coverage Document, **you** must:

- a) other than in accordance with **CONDITION 2**, notify the **cyber incident manager** as soon as is reasonably practicable and follow their directions. However, this notification must be made no later than the end of any applicable extended reporting period. A telephone call to **our cyber incident response line** or confirmed notification via **our** cyber incident response app will constitute notification to the **cyber incident manager**;
- b) in respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSES 3 and 4**, not admit liability for or settle or make or promise any payment or incur any **costs and expenses** without **our** prior written agreement (which will not be unreasonably withheld); and
- c) in respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 6: CYBER CRIME, SECTIONS A, B, and C** only, report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Due to the nature of the coverage offered by this Coverage Document, any unreasonable delay by **you** in notifying the **cyber incident manager** could lead to the size of the claim increasing or to **our** rights of recovery being restricted. **We** will not be liable for that portion of any claim that is due to any unreasonable delay in **you** notifying the **cyber incident manager** of any incident in accordance with this clause. However, if **you** are prevented from notifying **us** by a legal or regulatory obligation then **your** rights under this Coverage Document will not be affected.

If **you** discover a **cyber event** or **system failure**, **you** may only incur costs with the prior written consent of the **cyber incident manager** (which will not be unreasonably withheld).

2. What you must do in the event of a circumstance which could give rise to a claim

In respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 4**, should a **senior executive officer** become aware of:

- a) a situation during the **coverage period** that could give rise to a **claim**; or
- b) an allegation or complaint made or intimated against **you** during the **coverage period**;

then **you** have the option of whether to report this circumstance to **us** or not. However, if **you** choose not to report it this circumstance **we** will not be liable for that portion of any **claim** that is greater than it would have been had **you** reported this circumstance.

If **you** choose to report this circumstance **you** must do so no later than the end of any applicable extended reporting period for it to be considered under this Coverage Document and **we** will require **you** to provide full details of the circumstance, including but not limited to:

- a) the time, place and nature of the circumstance;
- b) the manner in which **you** first became aware of this circumstance;
- c) the reasons why **you** believe that this circumstance could give rise to a **claim**;
- d) the identity of the potential claimant; and
- e) an indication as to the size of the **claim** that could result from this circumstance.

Any subsequent **claim** arising directly from this circumstance will be deemed to have been made at the time this circumstance was notified to **us** and **we** will regard this **claim** as having been notified under this Coverage Document.

3. **Additional covered persons**

We will indemnify any **third party** as an additional covered person under this Coverage Document, but only in respect of sums which they become legally obliged to pay (including liability for claimants' costs and expenses) as a result of a **claim** arising solely out of an act, error or omission committed by **you**, provided that:

- a) **you** contracted in writing to indemnify the **third party** for the **claim** prior to it first being made against them; and
- b) had the **claim** been made against **you**, then **you** would be entitled to indemnity under this Coverage Document.

Before **we** indemnify any additional covered person they must:

- a) prove to **us** that the **claim** arose solely out of an act, error or omission committed by **you**; and
- b) fully comply with **CONDITION 1** as if they were **you**.

Where a **third party** is treated as an additional covered person as a result of this Condition, any **claim** made by that **third party** against **you** will be treated by **us** as if they were a **third party** and not as a covered person.

4. **Agreement to pay claims (duty to defend)**

We have the right and duty to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defense of any **claim**. **We** will not have any duty to pay **You** may ask the **cyber incident manager** to consider appointing **your** own lawyer to defend the **claim** on **your** behalf and the **cyber incident manager** may grant **your** request if they consider **your** lawyer is suitably qualified by experience, taking into account the subject matter of the **claim**, and the cost to provide a defense.

We will endeavor to settle any **claim** through negotiation, mediation or some other form of alternative dispute resolution and will pay on **your** behalf the amount **we** agree with the claimant. If **we** cannot settle using these means, **we** will pay the amount which **you** are found liable to pay either in court or through arbitration proceedings, subject to the **coverage limit**.

We will not settle any **claim** without **your** consent. If **you** refuse to provide **your** consent to a settlement recommended by **us** and elect to continue legal proceedings in connection with the **claim**, any further **costs and expenses** incurred will be paid by **you** and **us** on a proportional basis, with 80% payable by **us** and 20% payable by **you**. As a consequence of **your** refusal, **our** liability for the **claim**, excluding **costs and expenses**, will not be more than the amount for which the **claim** could have been settled.

5. **Cancellation**

This Coverage Document may be canceled with 30 days written notice by either **you** or **us**.

If **you** give **us** notice of cancellation, the return **premium contribution** will be in proportion to the number of days that the Coverage Document is in effect. However, if **you** have made a claim under this Coverage Document there will be no return **premium contribution**.

If **we** give **you** notice of cancellation, the return **premium contribution** will be in proportion to the number of days that the Coverage Document is in effect.

We also reserve the right of cancellation in the event that any amount due to **us** by **you** remains unpaid more than 60 days beyond the **inception date**. If **we** exercise this right of cancellation it will take effect from 14 days after the date the written notice of cancellation is issued.

The Coverage Administration Fee will be deemed fully earned upon inception of the Coverage.

6. **Continuous cover**

If **you** have neglected, through error or oversight only, to report an incident discovered by **you** that might give rise to a **claim** under this Coverage Document during the period of a previous renewal of this Coverage Document issued to **you** by **us**, then provided that **you** have maintained uninterrupted insurance of the same type with **us** since the expiration of that earlier Coverage Document, then, notwithstanding **EXCLUSION 10**, **we** will permit the matter to be reported under this Coverage Document and **we** will indemnify **you**, provided that:

- a) the indemnity will be subject to the applicable limit of liability of the earlier Coverage Document under which the matter should have been reported or the **coverage limit**, whichever is the lower;
- b) **we** may reduce the indemnity entitlement by the monetary equivalent of any prejudice which has been suffered as a result of the delayed notification; and
- c) the indemnity will be subject to all of the terms, Conditions, Definitions and Exclusions of this Coverage Document, other than a) above.

7. **Extended reporting period**

An extended reporting period of 60 days following the **expiration date** will be automatically granted at no additional premium. This extended reporting period will cover, subject to all other terms, conditions and exclusions of this Coverage Document:

- a) any **claim** first made against **you** during the **coverage period** and reported to **us** during this extended reporting period;
- b) any **cyber event** or **system failure** first discovered by **you** during the **coverage period** and reported to **us** during this extended reporting period; and
- c) any circumstance that a **senior executive officer** became aware of during the **coverage period** and reports to **us** during this extended reporting period.

No claim will be accepted by **us** in this 60 day extended reporting period if **you** are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance, or would be entitled to indemnity under such insurance if its limit of liability was not exhausted.

8. **Optional extended reporting period**

If **we** or **you** decline to renew or cancel this Coverage Document, then **you** will have the right to have issued an endorsement providing an optional extended reporting period for the duration stated in the

Declarations page which will be effective from the cancellation or non-renewal date. This optional extended reporting period will cover, subject to all other terms, conditions and exclusions of this Coverage Document:

- a) any **claim** first made against **you** and reported to **us** during this optional extended reporting period, provided that the **claim** arises out of any act, error or omission committed prior to the date of cancellation or non-renewal; and
- b) any **cyber event** or **system failure** first discovered by **you** during this optional extended reporting period, provided that the **cyber event** or **system failure** occurred during the **coverage period**;

If **you** would like to purchase the optional extended reporting period **you** must notify **us** and pay **us** the optional extended reporting period premium contribution stated in the Declarations page within 30 days of cancellation or non-renewal.

The right to the optional extended reporting period will not be available to **you** where cancellation or non-renewal by **us** is due to non-payment of the **premium contribution** or **your** failure to pay any amounts in excess of the applicable **coverage limit** or within the amount of the applicable **deductible** as is required by this Coverage Document in the payment of claims.

At the renewal of this Coverage Document, **our** quotation of different **premium contribution**, **deductible**, limits of liability or changes in coverage language will not constitute non-renewal by **us**.

9. **Fraudulent claims**

If it is determined by final adjudication, arbitral tribunal or written admission by **you**, that **you** notified **us** of any claim knowing it to be false or fraudulent in any way, **we** will have no responsibility to pay that claim, **we** may recover from **you** any sums paid in respect of that claim and **we** reserve the right to terminate this Coverage Document from the date of the fraudulent act. If **we** exercise this right **we** will not be liable to return any **premium contribution** to **you**. However, this will not affect any claim under this Coverage Document which has been previously notified to **us**.

10. **Innocent non-disclosure**

We will not seek to avoid the Coverage Document or reject any claim on the grounds of non-disclosure or misrepresentation except where the non-disclosure or misrepresentation was reckless or deliberate.

11. **Mergers and acquisitions**

If **you** acquire an entity during the **coverage period** whose annual revenue does not exceed 20% of the **county's** annual revenue, as stated in its most recent financial statements, cover is automatically extended under this Coverage Document to include the acquired entity as a **subsidiary**.

If **you** acquire an entity during the **coverage period** whose annual revenue exceeds 20% of the **county's** annual revenue, as stated in its most recent financial statements, cover is automatically extended under this Coverage Document to include the acquired entity as a **subsidiary** for a period of 45 days.

We will consider providing cover for the acquired entity after the period of 45 days if:

- a) **you** give **us** full details of the entity within 45 days of its acquisition; and
- b) **you** accept any amendment to the terms and conditions of this Coverage Document or agree to pay any additional **premium contribution** required by **us**.

In the event **you** do not comply with a. or b. above, cover will automatically terminate for the entity 45 days after the date of its acquisition.

Cover for any acquired entity is only provided under this Coverage Document for any act, error or omission committed on or after the date of its acquisition.

No cover will be automatically provided under this Coverage Document for any acquired entity:

- a) whose business activities are materially different from **your** business activities;
- b) that has been the subject of any lawsuit, disciplinary action or regulatory investigation in the 3 year period prior to its acquisition; or
- c) that has experienced a **cyber event** in the 3 year period prior to its acquisition, if the **cyber event** cost more than the highest **deductible** of this Coverage Document.

If during the **coverage period** **you** consolidate, merge with or are acquired by another entity then all coverage under this Coverage Document will terminate at the date of the consolidation, merger or acquisition unless **we** have issued an endorsement extending coverage, and **you** have agreed to any additional **premium contribution** and terms of coverage required by **us**.

12. **Our rights of recovery**

You must maintain all of **your** rights of recovery against any **third party** and make these available to **us** where possible.

We will not exercise any rights of recovery against any **employee** or **senior executive officer**, unless this is in respect of any fraudulent or dishonest acts or omissions as proven by final adjudication, arbitral tribunal or written admission by **you**.

Any recoveries will be applied in proportion to the amounts paid by **you** and **us**.

13. **Prior subsidiaries**

Should an entity cease to be a **subsidiary** after the **inception date**, cover in respect of the entity will continue as if it was still a **subsidiary** during the **coverage period**, but only in respect of an act, error, omission or event occurring prior to the date that it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

14. **Process for adjustment of business interruption losses**

In order to determine the amount of **your** financial loss following an interruption to **your business operations** covered under **COVERAGE CLAUSE 2 (SECTIONS B and C only)**, **you** must provide **us** with **your** calculation of the financial loss including:

- a) how the loss has been calculated and what assumptions have been made; and
- b) supporting documents including account statements, sales projections and invoices.

If **we** are unable to agree with **your** calculation, an appropriate **third party** expert will be appointed between **you** and **us**.

If an independent expert cannot be agreed upon, one will be appointed by an arbitrator mutually agreed between **you** and **us** whose decision will be final and binding. Once an independent expert has been appointed, their calculation of loss will be final and binding.

We will not pay for costs incurred by any experts retained solely by **you**.

15. **Process for paying privacy breach notification costs**

Any **privacy breach** notification transmitted by **you** or on **your** behalf must be done with **our** prior written consent. **We** will ensure that notification is compliant with any legal or regulatory requirements and contractual obligations. No offer must be made for financial incentives, gifts, coupons, credits or services unless with **our** prior written consent which will only be provided if the offer is commensurate with the risk of harm.

We will not be liable for any portion of the costs **you** incur under **COVERAGE CLAUSE 1 (SECTION E only)** that exceed the costs that **you** would have incurred had **you** gained **our** prior written consent. In the absence of **our** prior written consent **we** will only be liable to pay **you** the equivalent cost of a notification made using the most cost effective means permissible under the governing law.

16. **Supply chain interruption events**

In respect of **COVERAGE CLAUSE 3 (SECTION D only)**, it is a condition precedent to liability under this Coverage Document that **you** submit to **us** a written report from the **supply chain partner** confirming the root cause and length of the outage.

17. **Choice of law and service of suit**

In the event of a dispute between **you** and **us** regarding this Coverage Document, the dispute will be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

18. **Dispute resolution**

All disputes or differences between **you** and **us** will be referred to mediation or arbitration and will take place in the State of Alabama.

In respect of any arbitration proceeding **we** will follow the applicable rules of the arbitration within the State of Alabama, the rules of which are deemed incorporated into this Coverage Document by reference to this Condition. Unless the applicable arbitration association rules state otherwise, a single arbitrator will be appointed who will be mutually agreed between **you** and **us**. If **you** and **we** cannot agree on a suitable appointment then **we** will refer the appointment to the applicable arbitration association.

Each party will bear its own fees and costs in connection with any mediation or arbitration proceeding

but the fees and expenses of the arbitrator will be shared equally between **you** and **us** unless the arbitration award provides otherwise.

Nothing in this Condition is intended to remove **your** rights under **CONDITION 17**. However, if a determination is made in any mediation or arbitration proceeding, **CONDITION 17** is intended only as an aid to enforce this determination.