

Definitions

Telecommuting: A work arrangement in which employees do not commute or travel by bus or car to a central place of work, such as an office building, warehouse, or store. Telecommuters often maintain a specific office or workspace and usually work from this alternative work site during predefined days of the week. This is differentiated from teleworking or working remotely, that may refer to casual or occasional remote work done by a traditional employee while away from their traditional company office.



Overview

Telecommuting allows employees to work at home. Telecommuting is a voluntary work alternative that may be appropriate for some employees and some jobs.

Purpose

For the purposes of this policy, reference is made to the defined telecommuting employee who regularly performs their work from an office that is not within a {COMPANY-NAME} building or suite. Casual telework by employees or remote work by non- employees is not included herein. Focusing on the IT equipment typically provided to a telecommuter, this policy addresses the telecommuting work arrangement and the responsibility for the equipment provided by {COMPANY-NAME}.



Policy Detail

Telecommuting arrangements are made on a case-by-case basis, focusing first on the business needs of the organization.

The company may provide specific equipment for the employee to perform his/her current duties. This may include computer hardware, computer software, mobile phone, email, voicemail, connectivity to host applications, and other applicable equipment as deemed necessary. In order to purchase, configure, ship, and install the required equipment to the remote location, the IT Department shall be notified in advance of the telecommuting start date.

The use of equipment, software, and data supplies, when provided by {COMPANY-NAME} for use at the remote work location, is limited to authorized persons and for purposes relating to {COMPANY-NAME} business. {COMPANY-NAME} will provide for repairs to or replacement of provided equipment. Damage to equipment owned by {COMPANY-NAME}, that is outside the employee's control, will be covered by the organization's insurance policy. In the event of such damage, loaner equipment may be provided when available and must be returned upon request.

The IT Department will be responsible for all equipment installation, maintenance, security access, support, and necessary training related to {COMPANY-NAME} equipment and software at the remote site, even in the event IT chooses to outsource services. All provided, qualified equipment will be tracked in the IT asset program.



The employee shall designate a workspace, within the remote work location, for placement and installation of equipment to be used while teleworking. The employee shall maintain this workspace in a safe condition, free from hazards and other dangers to the employee and equipment. All {COMPANY-NAME} materials should be kept in the designated work area at home and not made accessible to others. All applicable policies for acceptable use, protection of member information, security, reimbursement of

business voice and Internet charges, etc., shall be observed. Personally owned equipment may not be connected to {COMPANY-NAME} owned equipment.

The employee must sign the Telecommuting Equipment Agreement document and the Telecommuting Equipment document for all {COMPANY-NAME} owned property provided to the employee for telecommuting purposes (see Exhibits A and B). When the employee ceases to telecommute or is terminated, all {COMPANY-NAME} owned equipment shall be returned to the IT Department within five (5) business days.



EXHIBIT A

[This is a copy of the addendum A in the telecommuting IT procedure] TELECOMMUTING EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

Employee	Manager
Position	Telecommuting Start Date
This document is to inventory the above at a remote	equipment used for the employee listed
location that has been approved b	y the employee's manager.
The employee's alternative work s	ite is located at the following address:
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
Fmail address	

The employee understands and agrees to the following:

- 1. The employee is responsible for securing the equipment provided to the employee by the {COMPANY-NAME} IT Department.
- 2. No personally owned equipment may be connected to the {COMPANY-NAME} owned equipment.
- 3. This equipment is the sole and exclusive property of {COMPANY-NAME}.



- 4. With the exception of normal wear and tear, the employee is liable for the condition of the equipment and for any damages caused by any misuse, negligence, and/or unauthorized use of the equipment.
- 5. The employee will not modify any {COMPANY-NAME} equipment without written authorization from the IT Department.
- 6. In the event of equipment failure, the employee will notify the IT Department as soon as possible. {COMPANY-NAME} may supply temporary equipment in the event of equipment failure.
- 7. All equipment provided by {COMPANY-NAME} is provided exclusively for use in providing services to {COMPANY-NAME}. Only the employee may use the equipment and only for {COMPANY-NAME} business-related purposes.
- 8. Within five (5) business days after the employee ceases to telecommute or after termination of employment at {COMPANY-NAME}, the employee shall return all supplied equipment to the IT Department. If it should become necessary for {COMPANY-NAME} to resort to legal or other means to recover its equipment, the employee agrees to pay all related costs and attorneys' fees that may be incurred by {COMPANY-NAME}.

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The employee has read, understands, and ackn signing below.	owledges this agreement by
Employee – Signature	
Date	
Manager – Signature Date	
Director of IT – Signature	
 Date	



EXHIBIT B

[This is a copy of the addendum B in the telecommuting IT procedure]

TELECOMMUTING EQUIPMENT

The following {COMPANY-NAME} owned equipment is being provided to the employee, for use at the employee's alternate work site, to accommodate the telecommuting arrangement commencing on this date _____.

Item Description	Serial No.	Make	Model

All line items above are to be maintained in like condition as when it was provided to the employee. This {COMPANY-NAME} equipment and its use is covered in the {COMPANY-NAME} telecommuting policy and procedure, with its Exhibits and Addenda.



Acknowledged:		
Employee – Signature	-	
Date	-	
Manager – Signature	-	
Date	 -	