

ENTITY REQUIREMENTS - WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Limited Liability Company (LLC)	
Required Documents	Description
Articles of Organization – Filed/Stamped with	This document is the initial company filing with
Secretary of State	the State in order to become a company.
Certificate of Amendment (If Applicable) –	This document is filed when there is a change
Filed/Stamped with Secretary of State	made to the Articles (i.e. Name Change).
Operating Agreement	This document is a break-down of how the
	company is run, whom is authorized to sign,
	percent shares in LLC and an expansion of legal
	protections offered by LLC.
Resolutions Authorizing Signatory (If Applicable)	Necessary when the winning bidder is not
	expressly authorized to sign in the Operating
	Agreement.
Authorization to Sign Electronically	Agreement between the entity and signatory
	granting the authorized signatory the ability to
	sign electronically.
Certificate of Good Standing – No more than 30	This verifies that the buying entity has paid its
days old	taxes and renewal fees to the state and is still
	recognized by the state as its own legal entity.

Incorporation (INC)	
Required Documents	Description
Articles of Incorporation – Filed/Stamped with	This document is the initial company filing with
Secretary of State	the State in order to become a company.
Certificate of Amendment (If Applicable) –	This document is filed when there is a change
Filed/Stamped with Secretary of State	made to the Articles (i.e. Name Change).
ByLaws	This document is a break-down of how the
	company is run, responsibilities of the various
	officers and how the Board of Directors makes
	decisions.
List of Corporate Officers and Directors	Clearly explains who the officers of the company
	are and who make up the Board of Directors.
Resolutions Authorizing Signatory	Almost always Required. This is an authorization
	by the Board of Directors authorizing one
	individual to sign on behalf of the corporation.
Authorization to Sign Electronically	Agreement between the entity and signatory
	granting the authorized signatory the ability to
	sign electronically.
Certificate of Good Standing – No more than 30	This verifies that the buying entity has paid its
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Limited Partnership (LP)		
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Certificate of Limited Partnership – Filed/Stamped	This document is the initial company filing with	
with Secretary of State	the State in order to become a company.	
Certificate of Amendment (If Applicable) –	This document is filed when there is a change	
Filed/Stamped with Secretary of State	made to the Certificate of Limited Partnership	
	(i.e. Name Change).	
Limited Partnership Agreement	This document is a break-down of how the	
	company is run, who is authorized to sign and	
	percent shares in LP.	
Resolutions Authorizing Signatory (If Applicable)	Necessary when the winning bidder is not	
	expressly authorized to sign in the Limited	
	Partnership Agreement	
Authorization to Sign Electronically	Agreement between the entity and signatory	
	granting the authorized signatory the ability to	
	sign electronically.	
Certificate of Good Standing – No more than 30	This verifies that the buying entity has paid its	
days old	taxes and renewal fees to the state and is still	
	recognized by the state as its own legal entity.	

Trust	
Required Documents	Description
Certification of Trust – Signed and Notarized	This document is a summarized statement about
	the trust and lists all parties in trust. Not
	acceptable unless notarized.
Declaration of Trust – Signed and Notarized	This document is full explanation of goal of the
	trust and the roles played by all parties in the
	trust. Not acceptable unless notarized.
Amendments to Declaration of Trust (If	This document is used usually as an addendum to
Applicable) – Signed and Notarized	the initial Declaration of Trust when a change is
	made. Not acceptable unless notarized.
Authorization to Sign Electronically	Agreement between the entity and signatory
	granting the authorized signatory the ability to
	sign electronically.