**ARKA California Employee, Independent Contractor and Job Applicant**

**Privacy Notice**

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2024

Under the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, as amended by the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (“CPRA”), ARKA Group L.P. and its affiliate companies, including but not limited to AMERGINT Technologies, Inc., Danbury Mission Technologies, LLC, The Stratagem Group, LLC, Lumacron US, LLC, Lumacron Technology Limited and Tethers Unlimited, Inc. (“ARKA,” “we,” “us” or “our”) are required to notify you that we collect certain personal information in connection with your employment, application for employment or independent contractor relationship. This privacy notice solely applies to employees, job applicants and independent contractors who are California residents.

We collect, use and disclose the following categories of personal information regarding job applicants, employees and their emergency contacts and beneficiaries, and independent contractors:

| **Categories of Personal Information Collected** | **Disclosed for a Business Purpose?** | **Categories of Third Parties to whom the Personal Information is Disclosed** |
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| Name, alias, postal address, unique personal identifier (e.g., employee identification number), online identifier, Internet Protocol address, email address, account name, social security number, driver’s license number, passport number, or other similar identifiers | Yes | * Third-party service providers including, but not limited to, background check agencies, payroll processors, benefits administration providers, human resources information system provider, cyber-security firms, and data storage or hosting providers as well as credit card vendors, travel agents and similar service providers who support the performance of employment responsibilities
* Our affiliates
* Government agencies or law enforcement to comply with legal obligations or valid legal processes such as search warrants, subpoenas or court orders and to protect our rights and property or protect the rights, property or safety of others
* Buyers/acquirors in the event of a corporate transaction, including but not limited to a divestiture, merger, consolidation, or asset sale, or in the unlikely event of bankruptcy
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| Name, signature, social security number, physical characteristics or description, address, telephone number, passport number, driver’s license or state identification card number, insurance policy number, education, employment, employment history, bank account number, credit card number, debit card number, or any other financial information, medical information, or health insurance information  | Yes |
| Characteristics of protected classifications under California or federal law (e.g., race, color, national origin, gender (including pregnancy), disability, age (at least 40 years old), citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression)  | Yes |
| Internet or other electronic network activity information, including, but not limited to, browsing history, search history, and information regarding interaction with an internet website or application  | Yes |
| Geolocation | Yes |
| Audio, electronic, visual, or similar information  | Yes |
| Professional or employment-related information  | Yes |
| Education information  | Yes |

We have “sold” or “shared” the following information collected from job applicants in the preceding 12 months:

| **Category** | **“Sold” or “Shared”?** | **Categories of Third Parties to whom the Personal Information is “Sold” or “Shared”** |
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| Internet or other electronic network activity information, including, but not limited to, browsing history, search history, and information regarding interaction with an internet website, application, or advertisement | Yes | Third-party service providers who provide website analytics or digital advertising services to ARKA relating to the ARKA webpage job applicants visit |

We collect, use and disclose the following categories of sensitive personal information regarding applicants, employees and their emergency contacts and beneficiaries, and independent contractors:

| **Categories of Sensitive Personal Information Collected** | **Disclosed for a Business Purpose?** | **Categories of Third Parties to whom the Sensitive Personal Information is Disclosed** |
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| Personal information that reveals social security, driver’s license, state identification card, or passport number | Yes | * Third-party service providers including, but not limited to, background check agencies, human resource information system providers, payroll processors, benefits administration providers, cyber security firms, and data storage or hosting providers as well as credit card vendors, travel agents and similar service providers who support the performance of employment responsibilities
* Our affiliates
* Government agencies or law enforcement to comply with legal obligations or valid legal processes such as search warrants, subpoenas or court orders and to protect our rights and property or protect the rights, property or safety of others
* Buyers/acquirors in the event of a corporate transaction, including but not limited to a divestiture, merger, consolidation, or asset sale, or in the unlikely event of bankruptcy
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| Personal information that reveals account log-in, financial account, debit card, or credit card number in combination with any required security or access code, password, or credentials allowing access to an account | Yes |
| The contents of mail, email or text messages, where ARKA is not the intended recipient of the communication | Yes |
| Personal information that reveals racial or ethnic origin | Yes |
| Personal information collected and analyzed concerning an individual’s health  | Yes |

ARKA does not use or disclose the above sensitive personal information for any purpose other than those permitted under the CPRA.

The personal information, including the sensitive personal information, described above are collected directly from you when you apply for employment and during your employment or from other sources such as benefit providers, third parties for reference checks (e.g., past employers), recruitment agencies, background check agencies, timekeeping software, internal or third-party tracking of usage of ARKA email and telephone systems and computer networks, public agencies (e.g., tax authorities, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the California Labor Commissioner, the California Occupational Safety Administration, and if applicable to the position, the California Department of Motor Vehicles), workers’ compensation carriers, law enforcement agencies and litigation. With the limited exception of internet or other network activity that may be collected and shared with our third-party website analytics and digital advertising service providers if you visit our website, such information is not sold or shared as such terms are defined under the CPRA. See the Section of this privacy notice, below, entitled “CPRA Rights” for more information about how to opt-out of the sale or sharing of personal information. ARKA does not have actual knowledge that it sells or shares such information of children under 18 years of age.

We use the personal information, including the sensitive personal information, described above only for business purposes related to your employment or independent contractor relationship. Those purposes may include:

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| * To evaluate an applicant’s qualifications and suitability for employment
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| * To evaluate an employee’s performance
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| * To administer pre-employment and post-employment tests and training activity
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| * To complete the onboarding process
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| * To conduct criminal and other background checks
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| * To manage the terms and conditions of employment, such as payment of wages/salary, direct deposit authorization, the provision and administration of benefits and leaves of absence and maintenance of emergency contact information
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| * To process work related claims (e.g., insurance claims)
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| * To prepare and maintain legally required records, such as I-9 forms, EEO-1 forms and affirmative action plans
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| * To provide a safe work environment
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| * To manage employee timekeeping
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| * To maintain information regarding training, disciplinary action, injuries and other employment history
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| * To ensure compliance with company policies and regulatory and legal requirements
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| * To meet tax obligations
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| * To detect security incidents, protect against malicious, deceptive, fraudulent, or illegal activity, and prosecute those responsible for that activity
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| * To achieve other operational purposes for which the personal information was collected that are compatible with the context in which the personal information was collected and our employment or independent contractor relationship
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We will retain the personal information, including sensitive personal information, described above as long as necessary to fulfill the purpose for which it was collected, or as required by applicable laws or regulation.

**CPRA Rights**

As a California resident, you have the following rights under the CPRA:

*Right to Know*: You have the right to request that we disclose certain information to you about our collection and use of certain personal information, including sensitive personal information, about you as described below:

* + The specific pieces of personal information collected;
	+ The categories of personal information collected;
	+ The categories of sources from whom the personal information is collected;
	+ The purpose for collecting, selling or sharing the personal information;
	+ The categories of third parties with whom we have disclosed the personal information;
	+ The categories of personal information that we have sold or shared, and the categories of third parties to whom the personal information was sold or shared, by category or categories of personal information for each third party to whom the personal information was sold or shared;
	+ The categories of personal information that we disclosed for a business purpose and the categories of persons to whom it was disclosed for a business purpose.

*Right to Delete*: You have the right to request that we delete your personal information, subject to certain exceptions.

*Right to Correct Inaccurate Personal Information*: You have the right to request that we correct inaccurate personal information we maintain about you, taking into account the nature of the personal information and the purposes of the processing of the personal information.

*Right to Opt-Out of Sale or Sharing*: ARKA does not sell personal information to third parties for monetary consideration. However, certain sharing of information with our third-party analytics and digital advertising vendors may qualify as a “sale” and is considered “sharing” under the CPRA. This data collection is not directly related to your relationship to ARKA as an applicant but may be collected from any user of our website generally. To opt-out of certain sharing of information with our third-party analytics and digital advertising service providers, please visit the [Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information](https://dev-arka-p1.pantheonsite.io/cookie-policy/) link at the bottom of our website.

*Right to Limit the Use and Disclosure of Sensitive Personal Information for Certain Purposes*: As stated above, we do not use or disclose your sensitive personal information for any purpose other than those permitted under the CPRA.

*Freedom from Discrimination*: You have the right not to receive discriminatory treatment for exercising your rights above, including not to be retaliated against for exercising such rights.

To exercise the rights above, you must submit a verifiable request to us by writing to ARKA Group, L.P. 100 Wooster Heights Road, Danbury, CT 06810 or by submitting a “Contact Us” form on arka.org/contact-us. To submit a verifiable request, you will be asked to provide certain information to help us verify your identity. The information we ask you to provide to initiate a request may differ depending upon the type of request, the type, sensitivity and value of the personal data that is the subject of the request, and the risk of harm to you that may occur as a result of unauthorized access or deletion, among other factors.

You may designate an authorized agent to make a request on your behalf by providing the agent with signed written permission to do so.

**Contact**

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this notice, please contact us at “Contact Us” available at arka.org/contact-us.

**Changes to Our Notice**

Any changes to this notice will be posted to this page so users are always aware of the information we collect and how we use it. Accordingly, please refer back to this page frequently as it may change.