#### CRAFTING THE SBA 7(A) LOAN AUTHORIZATION CHOOSING YOUR REQUIREMENTS WISELY



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#### **Small Business Lending Industry Discussion**



#### Bob and Charles Show 1:50 - 2:00 PM ET.

We are featuring a complimentary small business lending industry discussion with Bob Coleman, Editor of the Coleman Report and Charles Green, Author of The SBA Loan Book: Bestselling book on SBA-guaranteed financing. This discussion will start at 1:50 PM ET and end at 2:00 PM ET.



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## THE SBA 7 (A) LOAN AUTHORIZATION

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A loan specific contract between the SBA & the Lender!

### Definitions

#### What it is:

A map to your loan, a "living" document

A tool, a guide, a reference

#### A contract between you, the lender, and SBA.

## **Two loan authorization keys**

**The Boilerplate** 

#### The Master Document



#### The SBA Authorization Wizard

The technical authorization tool for specific loans

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#### And what the authorization is NOT.....

It is NOT a contract with the borrower...however the Borrower must acknowledge receipt.

This closing document can be found at the back of the boilerplate Borrower initials sections & signs last page and is considered the acknowledgement of the receipt of the authorization.

#### THE BORROWER's CERTIFICATION

#### More on what the authorization is NOT:

To be prepared without a defined process in place.  To be submitted to SBA without thoughtful consideration to consequences of its contents.

#### **CONSISTENCY** between.....

- Loan system booked parameters
- □ Credit approval
- □ Loan authorization
- Legal documents, loan documents

## **SOP pages for later reference...**

Loan Authorization notes on pages 207 on & 230 Current SOP – 5010 E

Loan modification notes on page 216

## **NOTICE SBA for...**

- Entire loan cancellation
- □ Change in maturity date
- Change in address, name of the business, trade name or legal name etc

Some servicing can be done on e tran... By the way, reality check:

A name change not able to be done on e tran even though the SOP says it can be!

## **SBA Approval required for....**

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□ Increase or decrease in the loan dollar amount

Increase or decrease in the guaranty percentage

# For loans *after SBA approval but not yet fully disbursed...*

- Lender may request modifications to the terms and conditions of the authorization at any time after approval.
- COMPLETE requests are to be submitted to the Loan Guaranty Processing Center...
   via email at:7aLoanMod@sba.gov or by fax: 916-735-1975

#### FOR PLP lenders...still a living document

Any revisions made after initial authorization prepared by PLP lender must be documented clearly in your file!

PLP lenders can utilize delegated authority for most modifications.

Take an "outsider's" point of view: the memos should be EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW!

Lenders know the loan but auditors and or the purchase center do not.

## For loans fully disbursed .

 If changes not completed in e-tran, lenders submit SBA Form 2237 to the applicable servicing center.

-If e tran can process a servicing request, no additional separate notice is required to SBA.  After final disbursement, loans "reside" at the applicable servicing centers.

### Technical help with the wizard..

#### Wizard or boilerplate help...

#### AUTH-7a@sba.gov

## **The Authorization Library**

http://www.sba.gov/cate gory/lendernavigation/steps-sbalending/7aloans/approvalauthorization/7a-loanpackage-templates

#### From the SBA website: "7(a) Loan Package Templates

These resources provide detailed information for various 7(a) loan package templates.

**Standard 7(a) Authorization Wizard** W7a2011W3.exe and W7a2011W7.exe -- the 7a Wizard Setup Program The 7a Wizard Setup Program will install the Wizard, Boilerplate and sample ......"

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## Authorization types...

- □ Standard 7(a)
- □ CapLines
- Export Working
   Capital
- Express
- □ Etc...

Whenever changes are announced to the authorization, Lenders have a 30 day grace period to begin using the current authorization version.

## Who prepares the authorization?

#### Two answers...

 Depending on the Lender's SBA designated authority
 Every lender Standard 7(a) – a signed 750 agreement

SBA does not require a draft loan authorization but it is suggested.

SBA will prepare a signed authorization to which Lender is responsible to comply.

#### Who...continued...

CLP program participant: Draft loan
 authorization to
 accompany lender
 loan packages/

#### More on who...

□ PLP lenders...

Prepare their own and modify with designated authority with proper justification DESIGNATED AUTHORITY BY SBA....certifying that they are following SBA SOP guidelines and requirements

## **Utilize the BOILERPLATE**

During the loan origination and servicing....

- □ As "they" say:
- "There is always time to redo something later when you rush through the first time.

#### The nine sections of the Boilerplate

- □ Guaranty fee
- □ Servicing fee
- Lender requirements
- **SBA** forms
- Lender contingencies

- □ The note
- Use of Proceeds
- Collateral
- Additional conditions

## The Wizard ...

THE technical tool for loan specific authorization preparation in conjunction with the SOP requirements Initial set up:

 One time entry for lender information and as information may change.

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#### Section of the wizard:

Section 1: Loan information – Boilerplate sections A through E Basic details, identification of applicant/borrower

Section 2: Repayment terms – Boilerplate section F Loan terms

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## **Section 3 of the Authorization**

Section 3: Use of Proceeds – Boilerplate section G DO NOT -DO NOT -DO NOT bundle the uses of proceeds together

#### Example:

If two loans are being refinanced, include two listings here.

Each item should have its own listing: equipment, inventory etc.

### **Section 4**

Collateral –Boilerplate Section H

-Real estate
-Business Assets:
Machinery & Equipment
Inventory, a/r, intangibles, etc.
-Cash Value of life
insurance
Etc...

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## **Section 5**

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Additional Conditions one and two...Boilerplate Section I

Protecting your asset, the loan and the collateral behind it.

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Care and protection of your loan and the repayment ability

#### Last Section #6

#### □ SIGNATURE(s)

IMPORTANT NOTE: some guidelines, some requirements are STANDARD for all loans and some are loan specific.

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#### **Example of standard language required**

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#### "Loan Prepayment:

Notwithstanding any provision in this Note to the contrary:

- Borrower may prepay this Note. Borrower may prepay 20 percent or less of the unpaid
- principal balance at any time without notice. If Borrower prepays more than 20 percent and the
- Loan has been sold on the secondary market, Borrower must:
- □ a. Give Lender written notice;
- □ b. Pay all accrued interest; and
- c. If the prepayment is received less than 21 days from the date Lender receives the notice,
- pay an amount equal to 21 days' interest from the date lender receives the notice, less any
- interest accrued during the 21 days and paid under subparagraph b., above.
- If Borrower does not prepay within 30 days from the date Lender receives the notice, Borrower
- □ must give Lender a new notice."

# Standard language to be added for loans of 15 years or longer...

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"Subsidy Recoupment Fee. When in any one of the first three years from the date of initial disbursement Borrower voluntarily prepays more than 25% of the outstanding principal balance of the loan, Borrower must pay to Lender on behalf of SBA a prepayment fee for that year as follows:

SBA Loan Number: ------

SBA Loan Name: -----

a. During the first year after the date of initial disbursement, 5% of the total prepayment amount;

b. During the second year after the date of initial disbursement, 3% of the total prepayment amount; and

c. During the third year after the date of initial disbursement, 1% of the total prepayment amount."

#### Follow the FINAL Authorization EXACTLY!

- Some sections are optional & some sections are required...
- However regardless of this fact....

ALL ITEMS that are included in the AUTHORIZATION MUST BE FOLLOWED TO THE LETTER to insure the guaranty remains intact.

# And perhaps this road is not the road less travelled! Food for thought, anyone?



Stop before possible
"group-think"!
Follow guidelines to get to an objective not only to follow the car ahead of you.

## Some nitty gritty...

First few pages of the boilerplate are logistical details, then information about the current version and a list of the recent changes within the current document. Be sure to use the latest version available of the wizard:

The wizard's first section includes:

Borrower name etc, EPC, OC, co borrower, if applicable...

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#### Wizard section guaranty fee

This guaranty fee can be automatically calculated based on the loan amount and the percentage of the guaranty. IF MORE THAN ONE LOAN within a 90 day period, this fee amount will be different than the automatic calculation for the one loan.

Multiple loans within 90 days of each other must be added together to determine the guaranty fee due.

#### **Ongoing servicing fee...**

Known as the 1502 fees and are due monthly through the SBA's fiscal transfer agent Wizard will default to what is in place currently....

Presently at 55 bps...

#### Next.....

Some standard language.... Lender's responsibility...to close the loan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the authorization, obtain valid and enforceable loan documents, obtain correct signatures, perfect security interests.....

#### ...continued..

Required

forms...

- □ Note 147
- □ Guaranty(ies) 148
- Settlement sheet 1050
- □ Compensation Agreement 159
- Equal Opportunity poster to be provided to borrower/applicant
- ... others as applicable

#### Date of final disbursement...

Generally 6 to 12 months depending on specific loan requirements  .....'completing disbursement NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_ number of months from the approval date of this authorization.....'
 NO EXCEPTION ALLOWED FOR DISBURSEMENT LATER THAN 48 months from the authorization approval date.

#### **Repayment terms...**

LANGUAGE HERE MUST MATCH <u>EXACTLY</u> VERBAITIM TO THE NOTE REPAYMENT TERMS Repayment terms are provided by the loan authorization.

Term can either be blended using a weighted average or utilize the term associated with the majority use of proceeds. Maturity can be either from the date of the note or date of first disbursement.

#### TERMS...Rate ....and more

REPAYMENT LANGUAGE MUST MATCH *EXACTLY* VERBAITIM TO THE NOTE REPAYMENT TERMS □ Interest rate index, if variable:

- Variable rate must include an adjustment period, which period cannot be less than monthly.
- Option to use a ceiling and a floor but the spread must be the same if using both.

□ P&I

Interest plus principal....

#### More terms...

LANGUAGE MUST MATCH <u>EXACTLY</u> TO THE NOTE REPAYMENT TERMS State specific language will default according to the address and city and state entered.

□ Late charge.

#### A caution....

Automate wherever possible.

Set up standard options when possible. Confirm that the repayment terms chosen in the authorization can be accommodated on your loan system or set that up or request that change be added.

BE ABSOLUTELY certain that whatever you chose to set up as repayment terms, each and every detail must match to the loan credit memo and when booked, must be boarded on the loan system EXACTLY as the repayment terms show on the authorization and the note.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

Must benefit the borrower. Not to be used to pay delinquent taxes!!! Standard language here referencing that all disbursement must be documented with receipts etc. to match the approved use of proceeds!

Note: working capital generally includes a 7 year maturity and with a convincing argument, a 10 year term is possible.

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# **COLLATERAL COLLATERAL COLLATERAL**

Reasonable and prudent

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SBA is not a collateral lender...HOWEVER, For all guaranteed loans, *all available collateral* must be included as collateral!!!

UCC Filings: If use of proceeds includes PURCHASE of equipment, inventory, utilize a PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY INTEREST in the asset(s) particularly if another lender has a first lien position.

# 43 **GUARANTIES! GUARANTIES!**

# Full guaranties but the is an option for limited guaranty.

#### **REALTY & LEASEHOLDS**

If your lending institution has a lien position OTHER than first, you must obtain complete information about the lien holders ahead of you....name, amount, position.



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#### Always learn along the way...



Every day is a gift!....One of today's life reminders...

### Back to it...More....on real property.

- Evidence of title and lien priority must be based on what type of title work..
- ALTA policy
  Search only
  other

# Other interesting options....

- Collateral assignment of or lien on purchaser's interest in land contract of sale or seller's interest in land contract of sale
- Leasehold interest in land on building on leased land with or without construction option
   Tribal land....

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#### Other items to consider...

 IF an EPC is a part of the transaction, a collateral condition for an ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS will be automatically added

As it is mandatory and not an option to omit

## Software helps

- Be sure to have your software set up to automatically insert the Federal law language into your lien instruments for all 7a loans.
- The language will automatically appear in the authorization.
   Page 19 of the boilerplate

#### A note on state specifics.

State specific
 language will appear
 automatically as
 needed in the
 authorization.

 APPENDIX B of the boilerplate defines the type of lien instrument
 by state, type of title
 evidence needed &
 reference to required
 boilerplate language.

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# **SECURITY INTEREST**

Several options:

- Type of collateral and lien position....
- Liquor license
- □ Vehicles
- Mobile homes

 Landlord lien waiver is optional HOWEVER at a minimum DO endeavor to obtain this executed document from the landlord!

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### Additional conditions..

#### □ FLOOD INSURANCE....

See boilerplate page 22, middle of the page item 3  If any loan collateral is located in a building, that is NOT collateral for the loan, where any portion is located in a flood zone, STOP and determine if prudent lending would include a requirement for flood insurance! DOCUMENT WHY if this item is waived.

#### Hazard insurance

 MANDATORY for real property and for personal property FULL
 REPLACEMENT
 VALUE

#### LENDER's loss payable clause

- As apposed to LOSS PAYABLE CLAUSE:
- Any action of failure to act by the debtor or owner of the insured property will not invalidate the interest of the lender and the SBA.."

10 day notice....Prior
 written notice to
 lender of policy
 cancellation...

#### Insurance

#### Life insurance -Address carefully!

- Liability insurance
- Product liability insurance
- Liquor liability insurance
- Malpractice, disability, worker's comp

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#### Other mandatory sections...

- Company documents
- Environmental
- Verification of financial information

- □ Lease requirements
- □ Injection
- □ Standby debt
- Appraisal
- □ construction

# Signature page but don't forget the appendix!

- Appendix A standard collateral conditions
- Appendix B State Specific Options
- □ Appendix C FAQ's

Appendix D
 Sample Loan Agreement
 Sample Borrower's
 Certification

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## In conclusion...KEY POINTS

FOLLOW THE FINAL EXECUTED AUTHORIZATION EXACTLY no matter who prepares it. DOCUMENT any changes CLEARLY  USE the boilerplate and the wizard as a tool and a guide....during origination, servicing & request for Guaranty purchase

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## Thank you for tuning in...

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