

BENEFITS GUIDEBOOK

Purpose

The Client Guidebook is a living document designed to centralize all HR-related processes, contacts, and compliance information for each client. It ensures continuity, supports smooth transitions between team members, and provides clients with a clear understanding of how their HR support is structured.

How to Fill It Out



Start with Company Basics

Complete the About, History, and Number of Employees sections.

Use the company's website for the overview



Outline Processes Clearly

Capture payroll steps, time-off request flow, and onboarding/offboarding checklists.

Keep them short and step-based



Add Contacts & Roles

List key client contacts (HR, payroll, benefits).

Specify Acacia's lead and support staff for the account.



Summarize Benefits & Policies

Enter providers, eligibility rules, and employer contribution percentages.



Document Systems & Tools

Record platforms used for payroll, benefits, HRIS, and communication

Include links and login instructions (but never store passwords here).



Link to benefits guides retirement SOPs, and compliance docs.

Build the Compliance Calendar

Note annual or quarterly deadlines (5500, ACA, Medicare, etc.).

This section should be reviewed and updated annually.



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Best Practices

- Keep information general but specific enough to be actionable.
- Update the guidebook whenever a system, provider, or policy changes,
- Share a copy with both the Acacia team and the client point of contact.
- Use embedded links for supporting documents instead of pasting content.

CLIENT GUIDEBOOK

(Sample Version with Generic Example)

Lead: Jane Smith

Support: Alex Johnson

ABOUT

Acme Co. is a regional technology consulting firm supporting small-to mid-sized businesses with IT infrastructure and software solutions.

For a better understanding of their services, click here. www.acmecoco.com.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Acme Co. currently has 42 employees, All employees are full-time except for two part-time, non-exempt.

SPECIAL TASK

Assist with quarterly compliance reporting.

CLIENT-SPECIFIC TASK

Support bi-annual compensation benchmarking.

SYSTEMS AND TOOLS

Email:

- Mail access: www.acmecoco.com

Communication occurs via Acacia (email) and HR Business Partner emails.

Chat:

Platform: Microsoft Teams

PROCESS FLOWS

Client Documents: [Link](#)

- Employee Handbook [Link](#)
- Offer Letter Template [Link](#)
- Payroll Calendar [Link](#)
- Holiday List [Link](#)

OFFER A:

Open Enrollment
Prorated retroactive
• Vacation

Death
Benefit Office approval.

BENEFITS MANAGEMENT

System: Ease Benefits

Acacia Handles: Acausa

- New hire enrollment
- Open enrollment administration
- Processing qualifying events
- Monthly audits
- ACA reporting
- Reviewing Invoices

MEDICAL / DENTAL / VISION

Providers:

- Blue Shield (Medical)
- Delta Dental (Dental)
- VSP (Vision)

General Info:

- Employees First of the month following 30 days of employment
- Employer Contribution: 75% of employee premiums, 50% of dependent premiums

RETIREMENT

Provider: Fidelity 401(k)

General Info:

- Eligibility: After 90 days of employment.
- Employer Match: 4%
- Retirement SOP: [Link](#)
- 401(k) Guide: [Link](#)

PROCESS FLOWS

Client Documents:

- Employee Handbook [Link](#)
- Offer Letter Template [Link](#)
- Payroll Calendar [Link](#)
- Holiday Pay [Link](#)

COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

Quarter 1:

- Open Enrollment
- 401(k) Compliance

Quarter 2:

- State Poster Updates

TEMPALTE

ABOUT

[Insert Company Overview]

For a better understanding of organization's work, click here [Insert Link.]

HISTORY AND CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

This client has outsourced HR solutions to Acacia since [Year].

Currently, we serve as the client's full HR support including payroll, benefits.

CONTACT INFO

[Insert Contact Information]

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The organization currently has [#] employees. All employees are full time exempt except for [#] part-time, non-exempt.

SPECIAL TASK

[Insert Special Task]

CLIENT- SPECIFIC TASK

SYSTEMS AND TOOLS

Email: [Insert System Name]

Web Address: [insert Web Address]

Payroll / HRIS: Payroll runs a bi-weekly schedule. The majority of employees are salaried, with a few hourly.

Payroll Process Overview:

- On payroll week, the HR Generalist requests hours from [Client Contact].
- Generalist updates Payroll Changes Tracker with non-exempt hours, hours are entered into the HRIS/payroll system
Payroll EET amount is sent to [Client Contact] for approval

[Insert [Payroll] payroll is submitted.

[Insert Link to Payroll Changes Tracker]

[Insert Link to Payroll Process]

BENEFITS MANAGEMENT

System [Insert Benefits Platform]

Benefits are managed by [Client Contact/Role], with Acacia having employer access to the benefits system.

Acacia's responsibilities include:

- New hire enrollment
- Open enrollment administration
- Processing qualifying events
- Monthly audits
ACA reporting
Reviewing invoices

TIME OFF POLICY

Vacation	Vacations
Employees receive [#] days of sick leave annually.	Employees receive [#] days of vacation annually New hires receive pro-rata vacation based on hire date. Vacation generally cannot be taken during the probationary period of [#] days.
Employers are typically not taken on probationary period. [#] days:	SCA Leave Employees receive [#] days of sick leave annually.
Request Procedure [Insert Link to Procedure/Plot]	Request Procedure [Insert Link to Procedure unit] [Insert Link to Recruitment]

PROCESS FLOWS

Client Documents:	[Insert Provider]
Employer Handbook [insert Link]	[Insert Corroborate Contact info] [insert Link to Payroll Process]
Offer Letter Template.	[Insert Compliance Tasks] [insert Link to Benefits]

COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

Quarter 1: Open enrollment 401(k) Compliance Testing	Quarter 2: [Insert Compliance Tasks] 550a Filing for 301(k) P
Quarter 2: [insert Compliance Tasks]	
Quarter 3 [insert Link to Benefits]	