Dear Friend,

We appreciate your consideration of membership in ESCA.

Professional members are an integral part of ESCA’s membership that, since 1998, has grown to more than 165 companies, and 205,000 employee-owners in every state in the nation. Members share our commitment to ensuring that no harm comes to S ESOPs as a result of intentional or unintended federal policy actions and supporting legislative initiatives to spur the creation of more employee-owned companies. Your participation is crucial to our long-term success.

The threat to this structure has been particularly acute in a political and policy environment marked by political change, high budget deficits, the passage of significant tax reform legislation in 2017 and the never-ending search for ways to raise new tax revenue by changing existing tax laws. To help ensure that the retirement benefits from the S ESOP structure are preserved, ESCA’s singular purpose is to make sure that those who make political and policy decisions that could affect us know about S ESOPs and are committed to their future. It is a substantial task, but ESCA has achieved remarkable results.

We continue to work with our ***congressional supporters in the Senate and House on bipartisan legislation, the*** ***Promotion and Expansion of Private Employee Ownership Act, and are so pleased that House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal’s retirement savings bill includes the 1042 provision we have been working on.***

***ESCA’s annual Federal Policy Conference and Lobby Day will be held in Washington, DC, if we are able to gather in person, September 22-24, 2021. Registration will be available on our website,*** [***www.esca.us***](http://www.esca.us)***.*** The annual conference draws over 150 senior executives of S corporation ESOPs and leading practitioners from around the country, in additional to employee-owners attending to participate in the lobby day. This unique event gives company executives and employee-owners the opportunity to educate their members of Congress about the importance of employee ownership. Other events include hearing from members of the House and Senate who play key roles in the federal tax policymaking process, an ESCA-focused political update, and networking with other top S ESOP executives.

Please call Stephanie at (202) 466-8700 or David at (913) 469-0101 if we can answer any questions you have, or if you would like to speak to another ESCA professional member for their perspective on the benefits of being part of this important group. We look forward to working with you.

Best Regards,

David Cimpl Stephanie Silverman

Chairman, Board of Directors President and CEO

Chief Financial Officer, MMC Corp

Kansas City, MO

| ESCA PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM |
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| **HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT ESCA?** |
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| **Please e-mail completed form to Diandra Brennan at** **diandra@esca.us**Employee-owned S Corporations of America1341 G Street NW, 6th FloorWashington, DC 20005Phone: 202-466-8700[www.esca.us](http://www.esca.us/)Once your membership form is received and it is determined you meet the membership criteria, you will be invoiced for your membership according to the current dues structure. |

**2021 ESCA Membership Rates**

**2021 Professional Membership**

**General Professional Membership**

Practitioners in the S corporation and ESOP fields are eligible to join ESCA as professional members. Though professional members may not sit on the Board of Directors, they are invited to the semi-annual ESCA meetings. In addition, professional members receive all updates, information and materials provided to the general membership and are eligible to serve on ESCA’s Advisory Committee. Eligible practitioners approved by the ESCA Board of Directors Membership Committee pay dues of $2,500 in 2021.

**Advisory Committee Membership**

Up to 20 of ESCA’s Professional Members are invited on an annual basis by the ESCA Board of Directors to serve on ESCA’s Advisory Committee. Appointment to the Advisory Committee is based upon the Professional Member’s commitment to ESCA’s goals of promoting and preserving the S-ESOP structure as evidenced by maintaining a high level of professionalism and integrity, assisting ESCA in securing new members and providing counsel and insights to the ESCA Board of Directors on issues affecting S corporation ESOPs. The Advisory Committee meets at ESCA’s semi-annual meetings. No additional dues are paid by Professional Members appointed to the Advisory Committee.