
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS

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NOTICE TO SUPPLIER'S/PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Complete and return the attached **Notarized Contractor's Disclosure Form.**

Minority or Women Owned Business please attach a copy of your **Government Certification Letter.**

UPCOMING SOLICITATIONS WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER IN THE LEGAL NOTICE SECTION OR VIA OUR WEB SITE WWW.CSC.CPS.K12.IL.US/PURCHASING.

Vendor's based out of Illinois may call 773-553-2280 to request that a Bid package(s) be mailed. It must be noted that the Chicago Public Schools **will not** be responsible for the timely receipt of the bid(s).

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CONTRACTORS DISCLOSURE FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Every Contractor submitting a bid or proposal to the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (“Board”) must complete and return a Contractor’s Disclosure Form.
2. The Contractor’s Disclosure Form must be complete and notarized. Failure to complete all parts of the Contractor’s Disclosure Form will make a bid non-responsive and not eligible for award consideration.
3. In the event the Contractor’s is a joint venture, the joint venture and each of the joint venture partners must submit a complete Contractor’s Disclosure Form.
4. If the Contractor is fully or partially owned by one or more corporations, each Corporation must submit a complete Contractor’s Disclosure Form.
5. This Contractor’s Disclosure Form need only be filed with the Department of Procurement and Contracts on a yearly basis. Any future bid or proposal submitted by the Contractor need only reference its previous submittal, the specification /contract number and the date the form was submitted.
6. Any changes in organizational structure, ownership, ethics compliance or any other material change of the Contractor shall require submission of an amended form within five (5) working days of the change which shall be submitted to the Department of Procurement and Contracts citing the contract number, if applicable, and any such change shall be subject to Board approval.
7. Providing any false, incomplete or inaccurate information in the Contractor’s Disclosure Form will make a bid non-responsive and not eligible for award consideration and may result in fines, penalties and/or debarment from bidding on contracts for a period of up to three (3) years.
8. The Board policies referenced in the Contractor’s Disclosure Form, including the Indebtness Policy, Ethics Policy, and Debarment Policy are available upon request.

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Specification/Contract Number: _____

List all CPS Vendor Numbers
For the Contractor and related
companies: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

List all other Addresses of Contractor: _____

(Assumed Name, if any): _____

Contact Person: _____

Contractor Telephone No: _____

Contractor Fax No.: _____

Business Start Date: _____

SIC Code or DUNS No., if available: _____

Description of Business Activity: _____

Business Volume (dollar amount),
for the last fiscal year: _____

Federal Employer I.D. # or Social Security #: _____

Supplier is a certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise: MBE ___ WBE ___

The undersigned _____, as _____
(Name) (Title)

and on behalf of _____ ("Supplier"),
(Business Name)

on _____ certifies that all the information above is true and correct.
(Date)

A. DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST

All Contractors shall provide the following information with their bid or proposal. If the question is not applicable, answer with "NA." If the answer is none, please answer "none."

Supplier is a: () For Profit Corporation () Sole Proprietor/Consultant
(check one) () Partnership () Not-For-Profit Corporation
() Limited Liability Company () Other: _____
() Joint Venture

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SECTION 2. PARTNERSHIPS /LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

- a. If the Contractor is a partnership or limited liability company indicate the name, address and ownership interest of each partner or member. Please identify the general partners for limited partnerships and managing members for limited liability companies.

Name (Print or Type)	Address	Ownership Interest
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SECTION 3. JOINT VENTURES

- a. If the Contractor is a joint venture indicate the name, address and ownership interest of each partner. Please attach a copy of the fully executed joint venture agreement.

Name (Print or Type)	Address	Ownership Interest
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SECTION 4. SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS / CONSULTANTS

- a. If the Contractor is a sole proprietor/consultant, is the Contractor acting in any representative capacity on behalf of any beneficiary? YES { } NO { }. If "YES" complete items b and c of this Section.
- b. If the sole proprietorship is held by an agent(s) or a nominee(s), indicate the name, address of the principal(s) for the agent or nominee holding such interest.

Name (s) of Principal (s)	(Print or Type)	Address
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- c. If the interest of a spouse or any party is constructively controlled by another person or legal entity indicate the name, address of such person or entity processing such control and the relationship under which such control is being or maybe exercised:

Name (s) of Principal (s)	(Print or Type)	Address	Relationship
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2. Is the Contractor delinquent in the payment of any Debt owed as defined above?
YES ___ NO ___ If "Yes", please answer the following questions:

Has the Contractor entered into an agreement with the Board, or any other entity mentioned in Section 1 above, for the payment of all Debts owed and is in compliance with such agreement?
YES ___ NO ___

Is the Contractor contesting liability for the amount of the Debt in a pending administrative or judicial proceeding?
YES ___ No ___

Has the Contractor filed a petition in bankruptcy and the Debts owed are dischargeable in bankruptcy?
YES ___ NO ___

3. Has the Contractor and/or Contractor's Substantial Owner(s) been declared in arrearage on child support obligations by an Illinois court of competent jurisdiction? YES ___ NO ___

Has the Contractor and /or Contractor's Substantial Owner(s) entered into court-approved agreement for the payment of all such child support owed, and is the Contractor and/or Substantial Owner(s) in compliance with such agreement?
YES ___ NO ___

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The Contractor and all of Contractor's Substantial Owners must remain in compliance with any such child support obligations throughout the term of the Contract and any extensions thereof, or until the performance of the Contract is completed, as applicable. Failure of Contractor's Substantial Owners to remain in compliance with their child support obligations in the manner set forth in this section constitutes an event of default.

C. ETHICS CODE

The Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with the Board's Code of Ethics (04-0623-PO4) adopted June 23, 2004, as amended from time to time.

_____ 1. To its knowledge, the Contractor is in compliance.

_____ 2. To its knowledge, the Contractor is **not** in compliance.

Does any individual who is required to be identified (in Part A, Sections 1 through 6 of this form) have any family member (or member of his or her household) who is a present or former employee of the Board or a current or former member of a Local School Council? Yes ___ NO ___.

If "Yes," please provide the name of such person, and explain briefly the relationship and the circumstances below:

D. DISCLOSURE OF RETAINED PARTIES

A. Definitions and Disclosure Requirements

1. For purposes of this section, "Contractor" means a person or entity who within the past five years has had a Contract or purchase order with the Board.

2. Every Contract and/or purchase order must be accompanied by a disclosure statement providing certain information about attorneys, lobbyists, accountants, consultants, subcontractors and other persons whom the Contractor has retained or expects to retain with respect to the Contract or purchase order. In particular, the Contractor must disclose the name of each person, business address, the nature of the relationship, and the amount of fees paid or estimated to be paid. For purposes of this section, "Lobbyist" means any person (a) who for compensation or on behalf of another person undertakes to influence any legislative or administrative action, or (b) any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action.
3. The Contractor is not required to disclose the identity of employees who are paid solely through the Contractor's regular payroll.

B. Disclosure

1. EACH AND EVERY attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant, subcontractor, or other person retained or anticipated to be retained by the Contractor with respect to or in connection with the Contract or purchase order should be listed below (attach additional pages if necessary):

Name	Business Address	Relationship (attorney, lobbyist, etc.)	Federal Employer ID# (No Social Security #'s Allowed)	CPS Vendor #

2. This Disclosure relates to the following Contract/purchase order: _____
Specification/Contract Number: _____

CHECK HERE IF NO SUCH PERSONS HAVE BEEN RETAINED OR ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE RETAINED: _____

IF SUCH PERSONS ARE RETAINED, THE CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO FILE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS CONTRACTOR'S DISCLOSURE FORM.

E. STATE AND MUNICIPAL TAX QUESTIONS

1. Is the Contractor delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue?
YES ___ NO ___
2. Is the Contractor contesting its liability for the tax or amount of tax in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate Revenue Act?
YES ___ NO ___
3. Has the Contractor entered into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue for the payment of all such taxes that are due, and is the Contractor in compliance with such agreement?
YES ___ NO ___
4. Is the Contractor delinquent in-the-payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue not covered under any of the situations described in subsections 1, 2 or 3 above?
YES ___ NO ___
5. Is the Contractor's business registered/remitting Chicago Municipal taxes?
YES ___ NO ___ If "Yes", please provide your tax account number _____
6. Prior to July 1, 1995 number of employees? _____
7. Current number of employees? _____

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8. Does the Contractor's business own/use any equipment/vehicles titled in Chicago? YES___ NO___
9. Is the Contractor's business the lease of any tangible personal property used in Chicago? YES___ NO___
10. Does the Contractor's business purchase non-titled personal property from a retailer located outside the City of Chicago for use in Chicago? YES___ NO___
11. What percentage of the Contractor's business operation is governmental work? _____

F. WORK RELATED DISCLOSURE

For purposes of this section, "Controlling Person" means an affiliated entity¹ or person who is a director, officer, partner, managing member, proprietor, owner of 10 % or more of voting shares, or any other individual that participates in the policy making, financial decisions or directs operations of the Contractor.

If the answer to any of the following questions is "Yes", please indicate the responding party as either the Contractor or Controlling Person(s).

1. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) existed or operated a business under another name?
YES___ NO___ If "Yes", list the name(s) used, description of the business, current status of the business, and years under current ownership.
2. Has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) previously performed work for the Board?
YES___ NO___ If "Yes", please list the date and nature of goods or services provided to the Board.
3. In the past five years has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) rendered goods or performed services for any other governmental agency?
YES___ NO___ If "Yes", please list the agency, date and nature of goods rendered or services performed.
4. In the past five years, have consequential, liquidated or special damages been assessed against the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) upon completion of any governmental agency contracts?
YES___ NO___ If "Yes", please attach explanation.
5. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) defaulted on any indebtedness, judgment, or other financial obligation, including student loans?
YES___ NO___ If "Yes", please attach explanation.
6. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) been a defendant in a criminal action, or been a party in litigation, or subject to a lien, claim, demand, or judgment, or filed a petition for bankruptcy or reorganization?
YES___ NO___ If "Yes", please attach explanation and cite caption, case/docket number and disposition.

¹ Business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one controls or has the power to control the other or if a third person controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control include without limitation: interlocking management or ownership identity of interests among family members; shared facilities and equipment; common use of employees; or organization of another business entity using substantially the same management, ownership or principals as the first entity.

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7. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) been sued for failing to pay subcontractors for work performed?
YES _____ NO _____ If "Yes", please attach explanation and cite caption, case/docket number and disposition.
8. The Contractor has coverage under or is able to obtain the following insurance policies, as applicable to perform work for the Board: worker's compensation and employers' liability insurance, commercial general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance, professional liability insurance, and umbrella/excess liability insurance.
YES _____ NO _____ If "NO", please attach explanation.
9. Please attach resumes of experience for the Contractor or Controlling Person(s).

If the Contractor is a construction contractor, please complete the following questions:

10. Does the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) have performance bonding capacity by an authorized surety company?
YES _____ NO _____ If "Yes", please provide the bonding capacity and the surety company name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and the name of the broker/agent.
11. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) been investigated or found in violation of Federal, State or Local safety or sanitary laws?
YES _____ NO _____ If "Yes", please attach all violations and state whether the violations caused injuries.
12. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) been investigated or found in noncompliance of the State of Illinois prevailing wage requirements?
YES _____ NO _____ If "Yes", please attach explanation.
13. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) been investigated or found in violation of Federal, State or Local Environmental laws or regulations?
YES _____ NO _____ If "Yes", please attach explanation.
14. In the past five years, has the Contractor or Controlling Person(s) been involved in a work related accident, including but not limited to automobiles used in the course of business?
YES _____ NO _____ If "Yes", please attach explanation.

G. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

A. Contractor

The Contractor certifies that the following is true and correct:

1. The Contractor or any subcontractor to be used in the performance of a Contract or purchase order, or any affiliated entity of the Contractor or any such subcontractor, or any responsible official thereof, or any other official, agent or employee of the Contractor, or any such subcontractor of any such affiliated entity, acting pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official thereof has not, during the period of five years prior to the date of execution of this Contractor's Disclosure Form, or if a subcontractor's affiliated entity during a period of five years prior to the date of award of the subcontract:

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- a. Bribe or attempted to bribe, or been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, any agency of the federal government or any state or local government in the United States (if an officer or employee, in that officer's or employee's official capacity); or
 - b. Agreed or colluded, or convicted of agreeing or colluding with, between or among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price or otherwise; or
 - c. Made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in Section 1(a) and (b) above, which is a matter of record but has not been prosecuted for such conduct.
2. The Contractor or any agent, partner, employee or officer of the Contractor is not barred from contracting with any unit of state or local government as a result of engaging in or being convicted of bid-rigging² in violation of Section 3 of Article 33E of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (720 ILCS 5/33E-3), or any similar offense of any state of the United States which contains the same elements as the offense of bid-rigging during a period of five years prior to the date of submittal of this Contractor's Disclosure Form.
 3. The Contractor or any agent, partner, employee, or officer of the Contractor is not barred from contracting or local government as a result of engaging in or being convicted of bid-rotating³ in violation of Section 4 of Article 33E of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (720 ILCS 5/33E-4), or any similar offense of any state of the United States which contains the same elements as the offense of bid-rotating during a period of five years prior to the date of submittal of this Contractor's Disclosure Form⁴.

B. Subcontractor

The Contractor certifies that the following is true and correct:

1. The Contractor has obtained from all subcontractors to be used in the performance of the Contract, known by the Contractor at this time, certifications in form and substance equal to Section G (A) above. Based on such certification(s) and any other information known or obtained by the Contractor, the Contractor is not aware of any such subcontractor, subcontractor's affiliated entity, or any agent, partner, employee or officer of such subcontractor or subcontractor's affiliated entity having engaged in or been convicted of: (a) any of the conduct described in Section G (A) (1) (a) or (b) or (c) above (b) bid-rigging, bid-rotating, or any similar offense of any state or the United States which contains the same elements as bid-rigging and bid-rotating, or has made an admission of guilt of the conduct described in Section G (A) (1) (a) or (b) or (c) above which is a matter of record but has not been prosecuted for such conduct.

² For purposes of Section G of this Contractor's Disclosure Form, a person commits the offense of and engages in bid-rigging when he knowingly agrees with any person who is, or but for such agreement would be, a competitor of such person concerning any bid submitted or not submitted by such person or another to a unit of State or local government when with the intent that the bid submitted or not submitted will result in the award of a contract to such person or another and he either (1) provides such person or receives from another information concerning the price or other material term or terms of the bid which would otherwise not be disclosed to a competitor in an independent non-collusive submission of bids or (2) submits a bid that is of such a price or other material term or terms that he does not intend the bid to be accepted. See 720 ILCS 5/33E-3.

³ For purposes of Section G of this Contractor's Disclosure Form, a person commits the offense of and engages in bid-rotating when, pursuant to any collusive scheme or agreement with another, he engages in a pattern over time (which, for the purposes hereof, shall include at least 3 contract bids within a period of 10 years, the most recent of which occurs after January 1, 1989) of submitting sealed bids to units of State or local government with the intent that the award of such bids rotates, or is distributed among, persons or business entities which submit bids on a substantial number of the same contracts. See 720 ILCS 5/33E-4.

⁴ No business shall be barred from contracting with any unit of State or local government as a result of a conviction, under either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Article 33 of the State of Illinois Criminal code of 1961, as amended, or any employee or agent of such corporation if the employee so convicted is no longer employed by the corporation and: (1) the business has been finally adjudicated not guilty or (2) the business demonstrates to the governmental entity with which it seeks to contract and that entity finds that the commission of the offense was not authorized, requested, commanded, or performed by a director, officer or a high managerial agent on behalf of the business as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 5-4 of the State of Illinois Criminal Code.

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2. The Contractor will, prior to using them as subcontractors, obtain from all subcontractors to be used in the performance of the Contract, but not yet known by the Contractor at this time, certifications in form and substance equal to this Contractor's Disclosure Form. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written permission of the Board, use any such subcontractors in the performance of a Contract if the Contractor, based on such certifications or any other information known or obtained by the Contractor, becomes aware of any such subcontractor or subcontractor's affiliated entity having engaged in or been convicted of (a) any of the conduct described in Section G (A) (1) (a), (b) or (c) above, (b) bid-rigging, bid-rotating, or any similar offense of any state of the United States which contains the same elements as bid-rigging and bid-rotating, or has made an admission of guilt of the conduct described in Section G (A) (1) (a) or (b) which is a matter of record but has not been prosecuted for such conduct.
3. The Contractor will maintain on file for the duration of a Contract and for a period of seven years thereafter, all certifications required by Section G (B) (1) and (2) above, for all subcontractors to be used in the performance of the Contract and will make such certifications promptly available to the Board upon request.
4. The Contractor will not, without the prior written consent of the Board, use as subcontractors any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, joint venture or other entity from whom the Contractor is unable to obtain a certification in form or substance equal to this Contractor's Disclosure Form.

C. Certification Regarding Suspension and Debarment

1. The Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from any Federal, State or Local department or agency, or the Board;
 - b. Have not within a five year period preceding the Contract been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; a violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Section G (C) (1) (b) above; and
 - d. Have not within a five year period preceding the Contract had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, and Local) terminated for cause or default.
2. If any subcontractors are to be used in the performance of the Contract, Contractor shall cause such subcontractors to certify as to Section G (C) (1) of this Contractor's Disclosure Form.

D. Anti-Collusion

The Contractor, its agents, officers or employees have not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Contractor's Disclosure Form.

E. Punishment

A Contractor who makes a false statement, material to Section G of this Contractor's Disclosure Form, commits a class 3 felony. 720 ILCS 5/33E -11(b).

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INCORPORATION INTO BOARD REPORT/CONTRACT DOCUMENT

The above certifications shall become part of any Board Report and/or Contract awarded to the Contractor or entered into during the year that this Contractor's Disclosure Form is in effect. Further, the Contractor shall comply with these certifications during the term or performance of any Board Report and/or Contract awarded to the Contractor, and any extension thereof.

ATTESTATION CLAUSE

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am authorized to execute this Contractor's Disclosure Form on behalf of the Contractor set forth on page 1, that I have personal knowledge of all the certifications made herein and that the same are true. Furthermore, that I have examined this Contractor's Disclosure Form and the answers are true and correct. I have not knowingly omitted any information requested. I understand that records and documents may be requested by the Board to verify the information provided in this Contractor's Disclosure Form. I understand that the Inspector General of the Board has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations. I agree to pay all costs, fees and other expenses deemed necessary in connection with any investigation by the Inspector General or the Board, including but not limited to financial audits, credit reports and criminal background checks. I understand that the Board may rely on the information provided herein. I understand that providing any false, incomplete or inaccurate information in this Contractor's Disclosure Form shall make a bid non-responsive and not eligible for award consideration and may result in fines, penalties and/or debarment from bidding on Contracts for a period of up to three years. I understand and acknowledge the Board's Debarment Policy (08-1217-PO1) adopted December 17, 2008. I understand that providing any false, incomplete or inaccurate information constitutes an event of default under the Contract and may result in termination of the Contract. I understand and agree to pay all costs, fees, expenses, including attorney fees, in connection with any legal action or criminal prosecution as a result of providing false, incomplete or inaccurate information in this Contractor's Disclosure Form.

Signature of Authorized Officer

Name of Authorized Officer (Print or Type)

Title

Date

State of _____

County of _____

Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

My commission expires:

Notary Public Signature

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
	List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a “saving clause.” Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the “Name” line. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA)” name on the “Business name” line.

Limited liability company (LLC). Check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification (“D” for disregarded entity, “C” for corporation, “P” for partnership) in the space provided.

For a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner’s name on the “Name” line. Enter the LLC’s name on the “Business name” line.

For an LLC classified as a partnership or a corporation, enter the LLC’s name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or DBA name on the “Business name” line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the “Name” line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the “Business name” line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the “Exempt payee” box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,
7. A foreign central bank of issue,
8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
10. A real estate investment trust,
11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
13. A financial institution,
14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you think your identity has been used inappropriately for tax purposes.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS personal property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT(438-4338).

Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.