

BID DOCUMENTS
FOR
Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation Bid



CITY OF OWOSSO
301 W. MAIN STREET
OWOSSO, MICHIGAN 48867

August 8, 2025

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation Bid

FOR THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the city of Owosso for the Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation bid and should be addressed to:

Bid Coordinator
City of Owosso
301 W. Main Street
Owosso, Michigan 48867

Major items include: Installation and configuration of Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation.

Bids will be accepted until **3:00 p.m. SEPTEMBER 2, 2025** for the Public Safety Building Access Control System at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. This bid will be considered "All or None".

"All or None" means that bidders are required to submit pricing for all items requested. Any proposal received that does not meet this requirement will be disqualified. If said bid is not listed as "All or None" the City reserves the right to split said bid to our best benefit.

All bids must be in writing and must contain an original signature by an authorized officer of the firm. Electronic bids (i.e., telephone, fax, email, etc.) are **NOT** acceptable.

The bidder agrees that if the city accepts their proposal, the bidder will, within 10 consecutive calendar days after receiving notice of this acceptance, enter into a contract to furnish all labor, equipment and tools necessary to execute the work at the unit prices named in the bid proposal and will furnish the surety for performance, for one hundred percent (100%) of this bid, which shall be accepted and approved by the city.

All bids shall clearly be marked on the outside of the **sealed** envelope in which they are submitted:

Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation

Hard copies of the proposal, contract forms and specifications are on file and may be obtained for a fee in accordance with the city's FOIA Policy at the office of the Bid Coordinator, City Hall, 301 West Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867. Bid documents are available at no charge on our website at www.ci.owosso.mi.us or on the MITN website at www.mitn.info.

The city reserves the right to accept any proposal; or to reject any proposal; to waive irregularities in a proposal; or to negotiate if it appears to be in the best interest of the city of Owosso. The bid shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening. A bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by the city of Owosso. During the bid validity period, the bidder shall maintain its original bid without any change to the proposed unit prices and total price.

INQUIRIES/ADDENDUMS

Addendums will be available on the city's website at www.ci.owosso.mi.us and on the MITN website at www.mitn.info.

All inquiries regarding this bid request must be received at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the submission and shall be received in, and responded to, in writing, by e-mail to Kevin Lenkart at kevin.lenkart@ci.owosso.mi.us or call us at 989-725-0580 to arrange to field inspection.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Each proposal must be signed by the bidder with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships should be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and title of the person signing. Proposals by corporations must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the president, vice-president or person authorized to bind it in the matter. **Any paperwork not filled out properly or signed will cause the bid to be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the city.**
2. Proposals, to receive consideration, must be received prior to the specified opening time and reading as designated in the invitation.
3. Bidders are requested to use the proposal form furnished by the city when submitting their proposals. Envelopes must be **sealed** when submitted and clearly marked on the outside indicating the name of the bid.
4. Proposals having and erasures or corrections thereon may be rejected unless explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.
5. References in the specifications or description of materials, supplies, equipment, or services to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalog, or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the type of materials or supplies, equipment, or nature of the desired work. They should not be construed as excluding proposals on equivalent types of materials, supplies, and equipment or for performing the work in a manner other than specified. However, the bidder's attention is called to General Condition seven (7).
6. Proposals should be mailed or delivered to: Bid Coordinator's Office, City Hall, 301 W. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867.
7. Special conditions included in this inquiry shall take precedence over any conditions listed under General Conditions or Instructions to Bidders.
8. Insurance coverage – The winning bidder, prior to execution of the contract, shall file with the city copies of completed certificates of insurance naming the city of Owosso as an additional insured party, as evidence that the contractor carries adequate insurance satisfactory to the city.
9. **The following items must be included with the bid response:**
 - a. **Vendor Proposal**
 - b. **Signature Page & Legal Status/ Acknowledgement of Addendum(s)**
 - c. **W-9 Request for Taxpayer ID No. and Certification**

BID Proposal
Public Safety Building
Access Control System
Implementation Bid

TO: THE CITY OF OWOSSO (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "CITY")

Bidder must provide pricing for each item listed. If additional pricing elements are being offered by the bidder, they are to be listed under "other services/items offered."

Project Objectives

The City of Owosso seeks to improve facility security and operational control by deploying a modern, electronic access control system across designated public safety buildings. The system must be flexible, centrally managed, and capable of expanding with the City's evolving needs. The following goals define the City's expectations for this project:

1. **Controlled Entry to Secure Areas**
Limit access to critical facility entry points using electronic credentials, reducing the risk of unauthorized entry and enhancing physical security for staff, assets, and operations.
2. **Multi-Door System Integration**
Implement a scalable access control solution that supports multiple entry points now and, in the future, with efficient licensing and expansion capabilities.
3. **Centralized Management and Oversight**
Provide a centralized platform for managing access permissions, schedules, credential assignments, and real-time activity monitoring across all connected entry points.
4. **Web-Based Administrative Access**
Ensure system management can be securely accessed via a web browser, eliminating the need for local client software and enabling authorized administrators to make changes from any secure location.
5. **Remote Facility Control via I/T Infrastructure**
Integrate the access control system with the City's existing I/T network to enable real-time control and monitoring of doors at remote buildings. This includes the ability to lock/unlock doors, review access logs, and manage permissions from a centralized location using the City's secure network environment.
6. **System Reliability and Resilience**
Ensure continuous operation through battery backup and fail-safe configurations in the event of power or network outages, maintaining access and audit functionality during disruptions.
7. **Professional Installation and Configuration**
Require expert installation services that include all wiring, reader mounting, control panel setup, and system configuration. Installation must be turn-key and ready for operational use upon completion.
8. **Warranty and Support Coverage**
Provide a comprehensive installation warranty along with manufacturer warranty coverage on all

components. Post-installation support should be available to address system issues, updates, and maintenance.

9. Future-Proofing and Compliance

Utilize standards-based technology that supports integration with future systems, adheres to municipal I/T policies, and accommodates evolving security and compliance requirements.

10. Compatibility

Required badges to be compatible with Memorial Healthcare and Owosso Public Schools door access system.

Scope of Work

The City of Owosso is moving forward with efforts to modernize its access control systems at the Public Safety Building. This project will involve the installation of a new electronic access control system designed to enhance security, streamline entry management, and provide centralized, browser-based administration over the City's I/T network.

The selected contractor will be responsible for furnishing and installing a multi-door access control solution that includes power-integrated control panels, door expansion modules, and proximity-based entry readers. The system will be capable of managing multiple entry points while allowing authorized City personnel to monitor and administer access remotely via a secure web interface.

Installation will include all necessary low-voltage wiring, fittings, and hardware mounting. A total of seven mullion-style proximity readers will be installed on designated doors. These readers will be wired back to two centralized access control panels, each equipped with power capabilities, and supplemented by two-door expansion boards to support scalability.

The contractor will also provide a complete installation of one access-controlled door, which includes cutting into the existing frame, mounting the required components, and connecting the wiring to the main control system. This work must be performed in a clean, professional manner with minimal disruption to building occupants and operations.

Once installation is complete, the contractor will test all doors, readers, and control units to ensure full functionality. System verification will include credential registration, access event tracking, and real-time door control through the administrative interface.

The access control solution will be fully integrated into the City's existing I/T network infrastructure. This integration will allow for remote management of access points at both the main facility and future remote buildings. City administrators will be able to grant or revoke access, monitor activity logs, and lock or unlock doors securely from a web browser-based dashboard.

The contractor will provide a 90-day installation warranty, ensuring that any post-installation performance issues are addressed promptly. Additionally, all system components will be backed by a five-year manufacturer warranty covering hardware defects.

Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation

The undersigned, having examined the bid proposal forms and specifications, does hereby offer to Public Safety Building Access Control System listed below at the following prices to wit:

Public Safety Building Access Control System Line Identification Bid Items

Item	Description	Approx. Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
1	2 to 4 Door with Power Package	2	EA		
2	2 Door Expansion	2	EA		
3	Mullion Proximity Reader	7	EA		
4	Installation of Control and Door hardware	1	EA		

Bidder's Initial _____

GRAND TOTAL (Items 1-4):

(use words)

\$ _____
(use figures)

VARIANCE FROM SPECIFICATIONS: If the bidder is unable to comply with the specifications as outlined, the bidder shall clearly note these variations from the specifications. The bidder may also propose additions to these specifications for the city to consider, but the costs associated with these additions shall be stated separately.

If the work is not complete on or before the date set for completion or any extension, the Contractor shall pay the city liquidated damages of *one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)* a calendar day until the work is satisfactorily completed. Liquidated damages for delay may be deducted from payments due the contractor or may be collected from the Contractor or the Contractor's surety.

The undersigned agrees that if the city accepts this proposal, Contractor will, within 10 consecutive calendar days after receiving notice of this acceptance, enter into a contract to furnish all labor, equipment and tools necessary to execute the work at the unit prices named in the bid proposal. Contractor will furnish the surety for performance, for 100% of this bid, which shall be accepted and approved by the city.

The undersigned agrees that if the city accepts this proposal, Contractor will start this project no sooner than [project start date] and will substantially complete the entire work under this contract by [project end date]. This schedule may be extended for rain days or cold weather for calendar days after November 15, 2025, only as approved by the city of Owosso.

The city will provide the Contractor with a list of addresses and a corresponding map of water service lines to be identified after contract award. An overview of targeted streets is included in the bid documents for reference.

On behalf of _____, I hereby submit this proposal for **Public Safety Building Access Control System Implementation** – City of Owosso for your consideration. The undersigned acknowledges that this proposal is subject to the General Conditions and the General Specifications included in the contract documents. The undersigned certifies that he is an official legally authorized to bind his firm and to enter into a contract should the city accept this proposal. In submitting this proposal, it is understood that the right is reserved by the CITY to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities in the bidding process. The CITY may award this contract based on any combination of the total bid and/or alternates.

Bid proposal by (Name of Firm):

Please check the appropriate box and USE CORRECT LEGAL NAME.

☐ Corporation

State of Incorporation:

☐ Partnership

List of names:

☐ DBA

State full name:

☐ Other

Explain:

Signature of Bidder:

Title:

Signature of Project Owner:

Title:

Telephone of Project Owner:

**Email Address of Project
Owner:**

Signed this

Day of

2025

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

ADDENDUM NO: BIDDER'S INITIALS:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. BID ACCEPTANCE

The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Unless otherwise specified, the city reserves the right to accept any item in the proposal. In case of error in extending the total amount of the bid, the unit prices shall govern. The city objects to any additional terms stated in any documents submitted by the contractor. Performance pursuant to our Purchase Order/Equipment Agreement constitutes a course of conduct consisting of Contractor's Agreement to the terms of our Purchase Order/Equipment Agreement.

2. PAYMENT

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, time, concerning discount offered, will be computed from date of delivery and acceptance at destination or from date correct bill or claim voucher properly certified by the contractor is received. When so stated herein, partial payments, based on a certified approved estimate by the city of materials, supplies or equipment delivered or work done, may be made upon presentation of a properly executed claim voucher. The final payment will be made by the city when materials, supplies, equipment or the work done have been fully delivered or completed to the full satisfaction of the city.

3. BID DEFAULT

In case of default by the bidder or contractor, the city of Owosso may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the bidder or contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

4. UNIT PRICES

Prices should be stated in units of quantity specified.

5. QUOTED PRICES

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, prices quoted will be considered as being based on delivery to a designated destination and to include all charges for packing, crating, containers, shipping, etc., and being in strict accordance with specifications and standards as shown.

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

Wherever a reference is made in the specifications or description of the materials, supplies, equipment, or services required, to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalog, or model number, the bidder, if awarded a contract or order, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in strict accordance with the specifications or description unless a departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the proposal.

7. HOLD CITY HARMLESS

The bidder, if awarded an order or contract, agrees to protect, defend, and save the city harmless against any demand for payment for the use of any patented material, process, article, or device that may enter into the manufacture, construction, or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract. Bidder further agrees to indemnify and save the city harmless from suits or action of every nature and description brought against it, for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties, by or from any of the acts of the contractor, his employees, subcontractors, or agents.

8. COMPETITIVE BIDDING STATUTES

The laws of the state of Michigan, the charter and ordinances of the city of Owosso, as far as they apply to the laws of competitive bidding, contracts and purchases, are made a part hereof.

9. SAMPLES

Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the city and, if not destroyed, will upon request be returned at the bidder's expense.

10. BONDS

A certified check or bid bond may be required, payable to the City of Owosso. If so required in the bid documents, a performance bond and labor and material bond in the amounts stated in the bid documents shall be on file with the city before work commences. The city will determine the amount and sufficiency of the sureties.

11. PROPOSAL GUARANTEE

All checks or bid bonds, except those of the three lowest bidders, will be returned when the bids have been opened and tabulated. The certified checks or bid bonds of the three lowest bidders will be held until the contract documents have been signed, after which remaining certified checks or bid bonds will be returned to the respective bidders.

12. BIDDERS

The city may demand that the contractor file a sworn experience and financial statement setting forth the financial resources, adequacy of plant and equipment, organization, experience and other pertinent and material facts as may be desirable.

13. INSURANCE AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent permitted by law the Contractor agrees to defend, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Owosso, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers, and others working on behalf of the City of Owosso against any and all claims, demands, suits, or loss, including all costs connected therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed, or recovered against or from the City of Owosso, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, for all actions of the Contractor.

Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until they have obtained the insurance required under this paragraph and shall keep such insurance in force during the entire life of this contract. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the City of Owosso. The requirements below should not be interpreted to limit the liability of Contractor. All deductibles and SIR's are the responsibility of Contractor. Contractor shall procure and maintain the following insurance coverage:

- a. Worker's Compensation Insurance including Employers' Liability Coverage, in accordance with all applicable statutes of the State of Michigan.
- b. Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence Basis" with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate. Coverage shall include the following extensions: (A) Contractual Liability; (B) Products and Completed Operations; (C) Independent Contractors Coverage; (D) Broad Form General Liability Extensions or equivalent, if not already included. (E) Explosion, Collapse, and Underground (XCU) coverage, if applicable. Limits may be obtained by the use of primary and excess/umbrella liability policies.
- c. Automobile Liability including Michigan No-Fault Coverages, with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury, and Property Damage. Coverage shall include all owned vehicles, all non-owned vehicles, and all hired vehicles.

- d. Owners' and Contractor Protective Liability: The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract, a separate Owners' and Contractor's Protective Liability Policy with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate for Personal Injury, Bodily Injury, and Property Damage. The City of Owosso shall be the "Named Insured" on said coverage.
- e. Additional Insured: Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability as described above shall include an endorsement stating the City of Owosso shall be listed as additional insured. It is understood and agreed by naming the City of Owosso as additional insured, coverage afforded is considered to be primary and any other insurance the City of Owosso may have in effect shall be considered secondary and/or excess.
- f. Cancellation Notice: All policies, as described above, shall include an endorsement stating that is it understood and agreed Thirty (30) days, Ten (10) days for non-payment of premium, Advance Written Notice of Cancellation, shall be sent to: **(The City of Owosso, Terri Sinn, Insurance Coordinator, 301 W. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867).**
- g. Proof of Insurance Coverage: Contractor shall provide the City of Owosso at the time that the contracts are returned by him/her for execution, a Certificate of Insurance as well as the required endorsements. In lieu of required endorsements, if applicable, a copy of the policy sections where coverage is provided for additional insured and cancellation notice would be acceptable.

If any of the above coverages expire during the term of this contract, the Contractor shall deliver renewal certificates and endorsements to the City of Owosso at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

14. PROTECTION OF LAND MONUMENTS AND PROPERTY STAKES

Land monuments or stakes marking property corners shall not be moved or otherwise disturbed except as directed by the city. If any land monuments or lot stakes are moved or disturbed by the contractor, the cost of replacing each land monument or lot stake so moved or disturbed shall be deducted from any money due the contractor, as payment to the city for the cost of replacing said land monument or lot stakes.

15. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK

The contractor shall be responsible for any damages that the work may sustain before its acceptance, and shall rebuild, repair, restore and make good, at its own expense, all injuries and damages to any portion of the work by the action of the elements or from any cause whatsoever before its acceptance. Neither the final payment nor any provision in the contract documents shall relieve the contractor of the responsibility for negligence or faulty materials or workmanship within the extent and period provided by law, and, upon written notice, the contractor shall remove any defects due therefrom and pay for any damaged due to other work resulting therefrom, which shall appear within one year after the date of completion and acceptance.

16. PAYMENT

At monthly intervals commencing after construction has been started, the city will make partial payment to the contractor based on a duly certified estimate prepared by the city of the work done by the contractor during the preceding four-week period. Each estimate will be submitted to the city council for approval on either the first or third Monday of each month. The city will retain ten percent (10%) of the amount of each such estimate until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by this contract. Before the contractor shall demand final estimates or payment, contractor will furnish to the city, supported by sworn statements, satisfactory evidence that all persons that have supplied labor, materials, or equipment for the work embraced under this contract have been fully paid for the same; and that, in

case such evidence be not furnished as aforesaid, such sums as the city may deem necessary to meet the lawful claims of such persons may be retained by the city from any monies that may be due or become due to the contractor under this contract until such liabilities shall be fully discharged and the evidence thereof be furnished to the city.

17. CITY'S RIGHT TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN AMOUNTS AND MAKE APPLICATION THEREOF
Besides the payment to be retained by the city under the preceding provisions of these general conditions, the city may withhold a sufficient amount of any payment otherwise due to the contractor to cover a) payments earned or due for just claims for furnish labor or materials on the project under this contract, b) for defective work not remedied and c) for failure of the contractor to make proper payments to subcontractors. The city shall disburse and shall have the right to act as agent for the contractor in disbursing such funds as have been previously withheld pursuant to this paragraph to the party or parties who are entitled to payment from it. The city will pay to the contractor a proper accounting of all such funds disbursed for the contractor.

18. OWNER'S RIGHT TO DO WORK

If the contractor should neglect to prosecute the work properly or fail to perform any provisions of this contract, the city, after three (3) days' written notice to the contractor and contractor's surety, may without prejudice to any other remedy he may have, make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost of it from the payment due the contractor.

19. DEFINITION OF NOTICE

Where in any of the contract documents there is any provision in respect to the giving of notice, such notice shall be deemed given to the owner, when written notice is delivered to the city manager, or placed in the United States mail addressed to the city clerk; as to the contractor, when a written notice shall be delivered to contractor's representative at the project site or by mailing such written notice in the United States mail addressed to the contractor at the place stated in the bid proposal as the business address; as to the surety on the performance bond, when a written notice is placed in the United States mail addressed to the surety at the surety's home office or to its agent or agents who executed such performance bond on behalf of the surety.

20. SUBCONTRACTS

The contractor shall not subcontract any work in the execution of this contract without the written consent of the city. The contractor shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of any subcontractor and of anyone employed directly or indirectly by such subcontractor.

21. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

The contractor shall not assign this contract or any part hereof without the written consent of the city. No assignment shall be valid unless it shall contain a provision that any funds to be paid to the assignee under this agreement are subject to a prior lien for services rendered or materials or supplies for the performance of the work specified in the contract in favor of all persons, firms, or corporations rendering such services or supplying such materials.

22. ORDER OF COMPLETION

The contractor shall submit, whenever requested by the city, a schedule of the work showing completion dates. The city may request that certain portions of the work be done before other portions. If so requested, the contractor shall arrange to schedule to meet the request by the owner.

23. USE OF COMPLETED PORTIONS

The city shall have the right to take possession and use any completed or partially completed portions of the work; but such taking possession and use shall not be deemed acceptance. Pending final completion and acceptance of the work, all necessary repairs and adjustments on any section of the work due to defective material, workmanship, natural causes, or other operations of the contractor, other than normal wear and tear, shall be done by and at the expense of the contractor.

24. CLEANUP

The contractor shall keep the project free from waste materials or rubbish caused by its employees or work. This includes as a minimum excess excavation or backfill material, broken or rejected materials, empty containers or general debris. The owner may require complete cleanup of certain areas as construction is completed.

25. SUPERVISION

The contractor shall have a superintendent on the job site to coordinate and expedite the various construction activities for the duration of this contract.

26. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND OTHER CLAUSES

The contractor shall agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined by Michigan Compiled Statutes, or national origin. This provision shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provision of the non-discrimination clause.

W-9 INFORMATION FOR LEGAL STATUS

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/disregarded entity name” line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA) name” on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the “Name” line. The name of the entity entered on the “Name” line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the “Name” line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the “Name” line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the “Name” line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the “Name” line is an LLC, check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter “P” for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter “C” for C corporation or “S” for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the “Name” line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the “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/disregarded entity name” line.

Please see attached W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form for a detailed explanation on filling out the W-9 form.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

a Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ^a

☐ **Note:** Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

Other (see instructions) ^a

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

Part I

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Social security number

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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 generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

or

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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
- 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
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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 for Part II, later.

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ^a

Date ^a

General Instructions

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

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and 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 under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 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 section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give 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.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 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, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% 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, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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 instructions for Part II 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 *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

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

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. 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 line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

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 U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5—A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

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

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

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, 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 *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, 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 SSA 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. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and 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 U.S. 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 item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 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 made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), 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.

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) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. 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
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. 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
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

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 "Business name/disregarded entity" 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*, earlier.

***Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

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.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, 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.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic 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 property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and 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. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.