

**TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Buena Vista is soliciting Requests for Proposals for the following Professional Services:

**TAX ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA**

The Township of Buena Vista is soliciting proposals from law firms licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey to provide legal services as the Tax Attorney for the Township of Buena Vista.

One (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the vendor and the name of the contract being bid upon on the outside of the envelope.

Sealed qualifications and proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Township Clerk of Buena Vista Township, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, New Jersey 08310 on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

General requirements and basic criteria descriptions for prospective professionals can be obtained by contacting the Township Clerk's Office at [buonavst-clerk@comcast.net](mailto:buonavst-clerk@comcast.net) or at 856-697-2100 during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and also available on the Township's website at [www.buonavistatownship.org](http://www.buonavistatownship.org) by clicking on the home page "Professional RFP's" link.

A contract will be awarded as provided by law at a public meeting. Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

The Township of Buena Vista reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals received.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk  
Buena Vista Township

**BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE POSITION OF TAX ATTORNEY  
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA**

The Township of Buena Vista is soliciting proposals for the position of Tax Attorney to provide tax appeal services to the Township. The Township will select one vendor for the position of Tax Attorney based upon a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.

Please note that in order to have a proposal considered by the Township of Buena Vista, an interested party must demonstrate the minimum requirements for the position of Tax Attorney as set forth in Section III and that the interested party otherwise complies with the proposal requirements set forth in the Township of Buena Vista's "Notice and Solicitation of Proposals".

**I. APPOINTMENT OF TAX ATTORNEY**

One (1) attorney will be appointed by the Township to serve as the official Tax Attorney for the Township of Buena Vista for a term of one (1) year to perform legal services for the Township of Buena Vista. The appointment term will expire December 31, 2014.

**II. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Tax Attorney shall perform the following minimum duties as well as those prescribed by any applicable laws and ordinances:

1. Shall perform all legal services required in order to defend and/or prosecute all County, State and Federal real property tax appeal matters on behalf of the Township of Buena Vista. This includes all on-going real property tax appeals and such other appeals or tax matters that may be filed against/and or by the Township of Buena Vista.
2. Shall provide legal advice, research and assistance on any matter as needed by the Township of Buena Vista and the Tax Assessor.
3. Perform any additional duties as directed by the Township of Buena Vista.

**III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND VENDOR RESPONSES TO THIS SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS**

In order for the proposal to be considered by the Township of Buena Vista, interested parties must meet the following minimum requirements:

**A. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

In order to fulfill the duties of Tax Attorney for the Township of Buena Vista, it must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Township of Buena Vista that the potential vendor:

1. Is an attorney at law of the State of New Jersey.
2. Has been licensed as an attorney for a minimum of five (5) years.
3. Is multi-disciplined with at least five (5) years experience in all aspects of tax law (the appointed attorney may be assisted by employees of his/her firm with lesser levels of experience).
4. Has sufficient staff to satisfy the scope of services described in this proposal.

**B. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR VENDOR RESPONSE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA'S SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS**

Interested parties wishing to provide a proposal in response to the Township of Buena Vista's solicitation shall provide the following minimum information in its proposal, which proposal must be submitted at the location and within the time constraint set forth above:

1. Full name and business address of entity or person submitting the proposal and the name of the key contact person.
2. A description of the business organization (i.e., corporation, partnership, joint venture, etc.) of each firm, its ownership and organizational structure.
3. The number of years your organization has been in business under the present name, and the number of years the business organization has been under the current management; List of all individuals who, if selected, will provide services to the Township of Buena Vista, along with a summary of the licenses held by each such person.
4. Number of years each individual has provided services to the municipal entities in the State of New Jersey.
5. A description of services that will be provided to the Township, in addition to those set forth in Section II.
6. A copy of the firm's State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate.
7. A statement and listing of professional service fees offered to the Township of Buena Vista as Tax Attorney.
8. A statement that the applicant complies with the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1, et seq., and the Affirmative Action Law of the State of New Jersey, P.L. 1975 c. 127 as set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B".
9. A completed Affidavit of Non - Collusion.
10. The name and address of at least three (3) references consisting of clients for which the applicant has provided services in the past five (5) years, which should include at least one (1) municipal entity client.
11. A list and description of all professional liability claims, if any, brought against the applicant during the past five (5) years.
12. Confirm the appropriate federal and state licenses to perform activities.
13. The applicant shall provide the Township of Buena Vista with one (1) original and four (4) copies of its proposal.

In addition to the terms and conditions specified in this Request for Proposal, the Tax Attorney, or his firm shall secure and maintain, during the life of the contract, insurance for workers compensation for its employees, officers, agents and/or partners as required by law.

The Tax Attorney or his firm shall secure and maintain professional liability insurance for itself and all professional staff with a limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and aggregate. A Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to the Township as evidence of such coverage.

#### IV. BASIS OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

The Township of Buena Vista shall award the professional service contract based upon qualifications, merit, cost competitiveness, references and experience with issues confronting the Township of Buena Vista. Proposals shall be evaluated by the Mayor of the Township of Buena Vista and Township Officials, such as the Township Administrator and Tax Assessor.

The determination will be based upon the most advantageous proposal to the Township of Buena Vista, through price and other factors considered, which have been stated above. The specific criteria will include, by way of example and not by way of limitation:

1. Individual and firm experience and reputation.
2. Knowledge of the operations of the Township of Buena Vista and the services to be provided as the Tax Attorney.
3. Availability to accommodate any required meetings.
4. Compensation proposal.
5. Other factors that the Township of Buena Vista deems to be in the best interests of the Township.

A contract will be awarded as provided by law at a public meeting.

All awards are and shall be subject to the availability of funds for the professional services.

The checklist, affidavits, notices and the like presented at the end of this Request for Proposal are a part of this Request for Proposal and shall be completed and submitted as part of this proposal.

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

) SS

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of the

(Name of Affiant)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Bidder) (Bidder's Address)

County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_

of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath, depose and say that:

I am employed by the firm of \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name of Bidder)

Bidder submitting the Bid Proposal for the above named project, in the capacity of

\_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_,

(Identify Relationship to Bidder) (Name of Bidder)

the bidder making the Proposal for the above named project, and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority so to do; that said bidder has not, directly or indirectly, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named project; and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge and that the Borough of Totowa relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said project.

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXHIBIT A**

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**

**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)**

**N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to afford equal employment opportunities to minority and women workers consistent with Good faith efforts to meet targeted Borough employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2, or Good faith efforts to meet targeted Borough employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges,

universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

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Name

Title

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Date

## **EXHIBIT "B"**

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990**

#### **Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability**

The contractor and the Township of Buena Vista, (hereafter "owner) do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (*42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the owner pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The owner shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim. If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the owner shall expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude the owner from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

**STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION**

**N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977 c.33)**

**FAILURE OF THE BIDDER/RESPONDENT TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS CAUSE FOR AUTOMATIC REJECTION**

**CHECK ONE:**

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

**Check which business entity applies:**

- Partnership                       Corporation                       Sole Proprietorship  
 Limited Partnership Corporation       Limited Liability Partnership       Limited Liability  
 Subchapter S Corporation       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete if the bidder/respondent is one of the 3 types of Corporations:**

Date Incorporated: \_\_\_\_\_ Where incorporated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:**

Street Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone #	Fax#	Email	

Listed below are the names and addresses of all stockholders, partners or individuals who own 10% or more of its stock of any classes, or who own 10% or greater interest therein.

Name	Home Address
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Name	Home Address
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Name	Home Address
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CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY: Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_



**BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP**  
PO BOX 605  
890 HARDING HIGHWAY  
BUENA, NJ 08310  
PHONE (856) 697-2100 X 7  
FAX (856) 697-8353

## VENDOR APPLICATION

NEW VENDOR  
 VENDOR CHANGE

### PURCHASE ORDER ADDRESS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: State: Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### REMITTANCE ADDRESS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: State: Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal TAX ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
NJ Business Registration Cert. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Include W-9 and Copy of NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION:

If you currently do not hold a NJ Business Registration Certificate, please go to  
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml> to apply on-line.

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### Township Use Only:

Vendor ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Entered: \_\_\_\_\_  
BRC Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor Type: \_\_\_\_\_

- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 – Corporation   | 4 – Legal   |
| 2 – Products only | 5 – Rent    |
| 3 – Reimbursement | 6 – Medical |

**TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ENTITY INFORMATION FORM**

If the Professional Service Entity is an *INDIVIDUAL*, sign name and give the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If individual has a *TRADE NAME*, give such trade name:

Trading As: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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If the Professional Service Entity is a *PARTNERSHIP*, give the following information:

Name of Partners: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal I.D. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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If the Professional Service Entity is *INCORPORATED*, give the following information:

State under whose laws incorporated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of principal office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal I.D. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of agent in charge of said office upon whom notice may be legally served:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
DIVISION OF TAXATION  
P.O. BOX 269  
TRENTON, NJ 08695



August 21, 2013

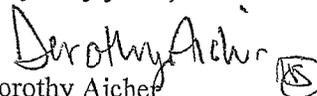
Township of Buena Vista  
890 Harding Highway  
PO Box 605  
Buena, NJ 08310

Dear Purchasing Officers and Vendors:

The **Township of Buena Vista** is a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey and is exempt from sales and use taxes, pursuant to Section 9 (a)(1) of the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.). An exempt organization certificate (ST-5) or number is not required for the **Township of Buena Vista** to make tax exempt purchases. Your official letterhead or official purchase order signed by a qualified officer is sufficient proof for your vendor that you are exempt from paying the sales tax. Payment must be made by check, voucher or electronic payment from a government fund. As provided in N.J.S.A. 54:32B-9(c)(3), your purchases of natural gas, electricity or their related transportation or transmission services are not exempt.

Federal agencies, New Jersey state agencies and municipal agencies making purchases in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) or less from imprest funds may use the Exempt Use Certificate (Form ST-4) to be relieved of making such purchases by government check or voucher. The Exempt Use Certificate must be signed by a qualified officer of the agency. In the block marked "Purchaser's Certificate of Authority Number" on the Exempt Use Certificate, the words "Governmental Entity" should be inserted. In the block provided for the exempting citation, the indicia "9(a)" should be written. The name and position of the person dealing with the vendor must be given at the bottom of the certificate. We are enclosing a copy of the Exempt Use Certificate for your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Dorothy Aicher  
Tax Services Specialist  
Regulatory Services Branch

DA:nd  
Enclosure

Note: The information contained in this letter is specific to the facts or circumstances presented by the inquirer and may not be relied on by any other person or used as advice or precedent for any other matter or person in a similar situation.



## 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/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate  <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	Exemptions (see instructions):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	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 the "Name" line 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									

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

Employer identification number									

### 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), and
4. 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 on page 3.

**Sign Here**

Signature of  
 U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

### General Instructions

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

**Future developments.** The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at [www.irs.gov/w9](http://www.irs.gov/w9). Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

#### 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, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

**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 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, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage 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 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 *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

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

**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* on page 3 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

### 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/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.** 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 Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). 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 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 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, 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.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the U.S. 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 U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. 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, as appropriate. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

## Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions box, any code(s) that may apply to you.* See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.

**Exempt payee code.** 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. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

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

The following codes identify payees that 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
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
- 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 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> 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, 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—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 possession of the United States, 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 Reg. 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 Reg. 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

### 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](http://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](http://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 [IRS.gov](http://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, 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 items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate 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 the "Name" line 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), 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)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. 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
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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. 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, 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.

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 Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

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](mailto: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 at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) 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.