TOWN OF LAKE PARK REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 111-2023 TOWN OF LAKE PARK PRO SHOP ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Town of Lake Park is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced roofing contractors to replace the existing Pro Shop roof.

PROJECT SCOPE & LOCATION

Roof Demolition & Re-Installation

The scope of services includes but is not limited to the demolition and removal of the existing roof and debris, roof dry-in, installation of flashings, vents, drip edge secondary water barrier, and installation of clay roof tiles.

Project Location: 701-A Lake Shore Drive, Town of Lake Park, Florida 33403

Request for Proposal documents is available beginning June 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM EDT at <u>www.demandstar.com</u>.

Proposals must be submitted digitally at <u>www.demandstar.com</u> before 2:00 P.M. Local Time, on July 12, 2023. Proposals submitted in any other format other than the one specified above, and proposals submitted late will not be accepted.

No Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled. Bidders are highly encouraged to visit the project site prior to responding to this RFP to ensure all project costs are included in the proposal. Please contact Public Works at (561) 881-3345 to schedule a project site visit.

All Proposers are advised to closely examine the Solicitation package and to become familiar with the scope of services in this solicitation. Any questions regarding the completeness or substance of the Solicitation package or specifications must be submitted to the Town of Lake Park Town Clerk's Office at townclerk@lakeparkflorida.gov by June 26, 2023, at 2:00 PM EDT.

The Town of Lake Park reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals, in whole or in part, with or without cause, to waive any irregularities and/or technicalities, and to award the equipment purchase on such coverage and terms it deems will best serve the interests of the Town. All proposed prices shall be guaranteed firm for a minimum of 90 calendar days after submission of the Proposal.

The Town of Lake Park is exempt from Federal and State Taxes for tangible personal property taxes.

All proposers are advised that the Town has not authorized the use of the Town seal by individuals or entities responding to Town invitations to bid or requests for proposals, and that any such use by unauthorized persons or entities constitutes a second-degree misdemeanor pursuant to Section 165.043, Florida Statutes. All proposers are further advised that the Town will not supply or sell materials to proposers in connection with submission of preparation of proposals, or any other matter, including but not limited to envelopes, labels, or tape.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk Lake Park Town Hall 535 Park Avenue Lake Park, Florida 33403 Published on: June 6, 2023 REQUIRED FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL

Contractors Roofing License

Insert a copy of current licenses

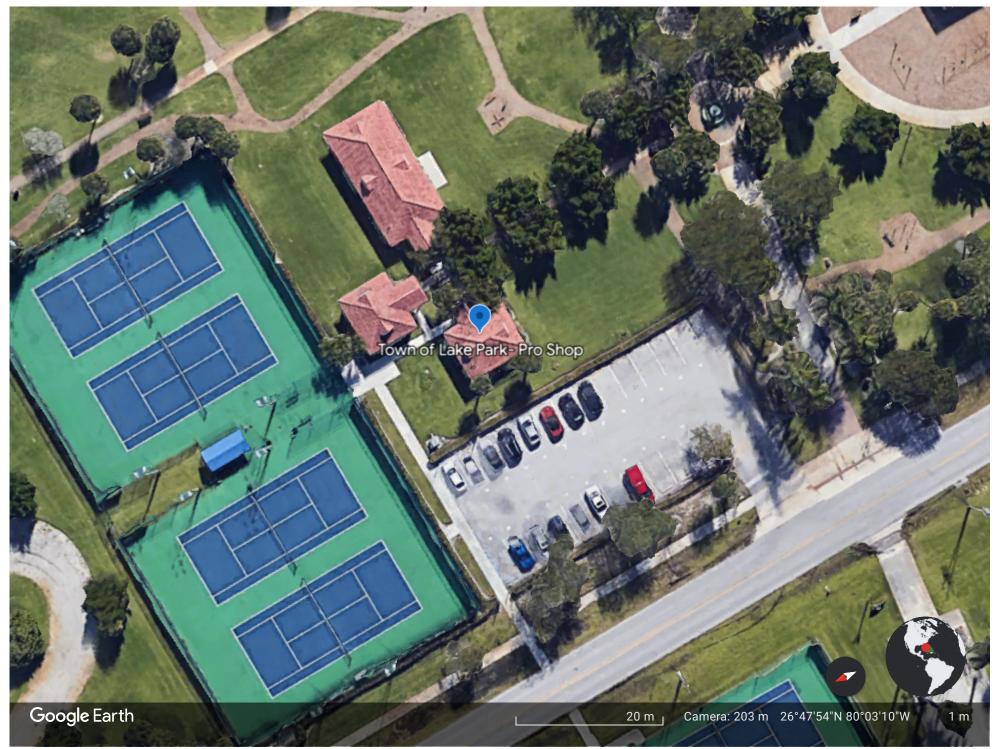
Contractors Certificate of Insurance

Insert a copy of Certificate of Insurance document

Contractor W-9 Form

Insert a copy of W-9 form

Google Earth





Minutes Town of Lake Park, Florida Lake Park Pro Shop Re-Roof Project 111-2023 Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

The Lake Park Pro Shop Re-Roof Project opening was conducted on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. Present were Town Clerk Vivian Mendez and Deputy Town Clerk Laura Weidgans

Town Clerk Mendez called the meeting to order and announced that the Town received five (5) submittals.

1) LaPorta Contracting 1975 East Sunrise Blvd Suite 822, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304 (\$13,270.00)

2) DMS CONTRACTORS LLC. 4100 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 200, Hollywood, Florida 33020 (\$16,854.00)

3) Creative Contracting Group 3141 Fortune Way SUITE 16, Wellington, Florida 33414 (\$18,900.00)

4) Arz Builders, inc. 1515 N. Federal Hwy#300, Boca Raton, Florida 33432 (\$25,750.00)

5) Big Country Contracting. 110 E Broward Blvd STE 1700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 (\$33,500.00)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 P.M.

Vivian Digitally signed by Vivian Mendez, MMC DN: cn=Vivian Mendez, MMC, o=Town of Lake Park, ou=Town Clerk, email=vmendez@lakeparkflorida.gov, c=US Date: 2023.07.12 14:52.06 -04'00'

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez

Laura Weidgans Digitally signed by Laura Weidgans, o=Town of Lake Park, ou=Deputy Town Clerk, email=Weidgans@lakepark/Rorida.gov,c=US Date: 2023.07.12 14:33:57-04'00'

Deputy Town Clerk Laura Weidgans



Office of the Town Clerk June 18, 2023

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Pursuant to the Town of Lake Park, notice is provided as follows:

Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 111-2023 Pro Shop Roof Replacement

Bid Opening Date and Time: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 2:00 pm local time.

The Town of Lake Park intends to award the Pro Shop Roof Replacement project contract to:

LaPorta Contracting

Date:

1) For the submitted Total Bid Amount of \$ 13,270.00

2) This Notice is subject to approval by the Lake Park Town Commission.

Sincerely, **Town of Lake Park**

Digitally signed by Roberto Travieso DN: cn=Roberto Travieso, o=Town of Lake Park, ou=Department of Public Works, email_traviso@akeparkflorida.gov, c=US Date: 2023.07.18 14:33:24 -04'00'

ROBERTO F. TRAVIESO, MPA Public Works Director

Issued by: Town of Lake Park, Office of the Town Clerk Vivian Mendez, Signed By: MMC Vivian Mendez, MMC Digitally signed by Vivian Mendez, MMC DN: cn=Vivian Mendez, MMC

535 Park Avenue Lake Park, FL 33403 Phone: (561) 881-3311 Fax: (561) 881-3314

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Tabulation Sheet

Agency Name Town of Lake Park

Bid Number RFP-111-2023-0-2023/DB

Bid Name Pro Shop Roof Replacement

Bid Due Date 07/12/2023 14:00:00 Eastern

Bid Opening Closed

5	responses f	ound.		-	🗸 online, 🛙	offline,	not submitting,	eceived
Company Responded Address			Bid Amount	Alt Bid Amount	Declared Attributes	Documents	Sent	
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1.	Arz Builders,inc.	07/11/2023 21:19:23 Eastern	1515 N. Federal Hwy#300, Boca Raton, FL, 33432	\$25750.0000	0.0000		Certificate of Insurance W-9 form	✓ ✓
2.	Big Country Contracting	07/11/2023 13:51:41 Eastern	110 E Broward Blvd, STE 1700, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33301	\$33500.0000	0.0000		Certificate of Insurance W-9 form	✓✓
3.	Creative Contracting Group	07/12/2023 08:45:19 Eastern	3141 Fortune Way SUITE 16, Wellington, FL, 33414	\$18900.0000		Small Business, Woman Owned	Certificate of Insurance W-9 form	✓ ✓
4.		07/12/2023 09:44:04 Eastern	4100 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 200 , Hollywood, FL, 33020	\$16854.0000	0.0000		Certificate of Insurance W-9 form	✓ ✓
5.	LaPorta Contracting	07/12/2023 12:05:01 Eastern	1975 East Sunrise Blvd Suite 822, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33304	\$13270.0000		Small Business	Certificate of Insurance W-9 form	✓ ✓



State of Florida Certified Roofing and General Contractors CGC1529763 | CCC1331235 | CBC1261308

New Roof Written Estimate

Date: August 9, 2023

Re: Lake Park Pro Shop Roof Replacement RFP #: 111-2023

Customer: Town of Lake Park Job Address: 701 Lake Shore Drive Lake Park, FL 33403

LaPorta Contracting proposes to remove all roofing material on the Pro Shop Building and install new **Santa Fe Tiles with a limited lifetime warranty,** installed using the latest State of Florida Building Code approved materials and methods, and as per bid document RFP #: 111-2023.

New roof will carry a 10-year warranty from LaPorta Contracting covering 100% of workmanship and a Limited Lifetime Warranty from Manufacturer.

HIRE ONLY LICENSED CONTRACTORS CGC1529763 | CCC1331235 | CBC1261308 1975 East Sunrise Blvd Ste 822 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 | (954) 604-4602 801 East Bay Drive Ste 209 Largo, FL 33770 | (727) 201-7251 Email | thomas@laportacontracting.com Billing | accounting@laportacontracting.com Website | www.laportacontracting.com



Scope of work:

- Remove roofing from the Pro Shop building
- Install code approved underlayment
- Install all new copper flashings
- Install approved roof tiles (Santa Fe)
- Leave job clean of all debris

Total Cost \$13,270.00

Owner Printed Name	

Owner Signature	
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Date____

Contractor Representative_____

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By State of Florida Law, the following information MUST be on all contracts written in the State of Florida – If you have received any other proposals that have not given you this following Information, they are not protecting your interests and can be prosecuted.

FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS' CONSTRUCTION RECOVERY FUND PAYMENT, UP TO A LIMITED AMOUNT, MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS' CONSTRUCTION RECOVERY FUND IF YOU LOSE MONEY ON A PROJECT PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT, WHERE THE LOSS RESULTS FROM SPECIFIED VIOLATIONS OF FLORIDA LAW BY A LICENSED CONTRACTOR. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECOVERY FUND AND FILING A CLAIM, CONTACT THE FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS

Our Customer Contact Center (CCC) can be reached at 850.487.1395. Effective December 1, 2015, the CCC hours of operations are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. For a quicker response from a DBPR representative, the

Best times during the day to call are between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Eastern Time or 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Department of Business and Professional Regulation 2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, FL 32399-1027

Homeowner or Contractor has 3 days from the signing of the contract to cancel this agreement for any reason.

If this project falls under an Insurance Claim the information below MUST be in all contracts as set by FL Law

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Renewed Advertising Requirements for Contractors

Any written or electronic communication by a contractor that "encourages, instructs, or induces" a consumer to make an insurance claim for roof damage must include the following statements (in at least 12-point font and font that is at least half as large as the largest font size used):

- 1. The consumer is responsible for payment of any insurance deductible.
- 2. It is insurance fraud punishable as a felony of the third degree for a contractor to knowingly or willfully, and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive, pay, waive, or rebate all or part of an insurance deductible application to payment to the contractor for repairs to a property covered by a property insurance policy; and
- 3. It is insurance fraud punishable as a felony of the third degree to intentionally file an insurance claim containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information

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TOWN OF LAKE PARK 535 Park Ave. Lake Park, Florida 33403

PROJECT:

Town of Lake Park Pro Shop Roof Replacement

RFP #: 111-2023

ADDENDUM #1:

June 15, 2023

Question 1:	Please advise on the following: Does the town prefer the Verea or the Santa Fe (S) shaped tile.
Response:	Both Verea and Santa Fe S tile shape are acceptable. It is important to try and match the color of the existing roof tile (and those of adjacent buildings). Maybe color match will drive the decision as to which tile will be the better selection.
Question 1:	In the Google picture the small blue arrow is over one of the 3 buildings. Are you re- roofing that building or all three shown in the picture?
Response:	Only the building shown by the blue dot is included under this bid project. See attached photo for further clarification.

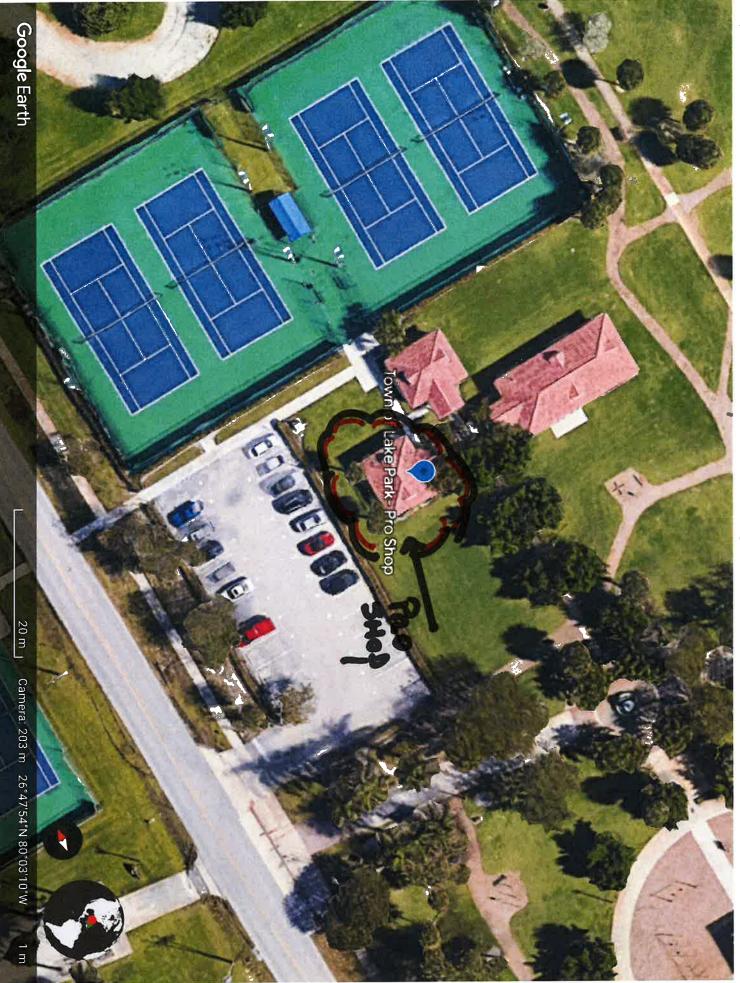
Proposers must acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 1 in the space provided below. This addendum forms an integral part of the proposal document and therefore must be executed.

Failure to return this addendum with your proposal submittal will be cause for disqualification.

Issued By:	Town of Lake Park, Office of the Town Clerk	Date: Digitally signed by Vivian Mendez, MMC DN: cn=Vivian Mendez, MMC, o=Town
Signed By:	Vivian Mendez, CMC Mendez, MM	of Lake Park, ou=Town Clerk,
	Town Clerk	Date, 2023.00.13 10.21.06 -04 00
Bidder Ac	knowledgement of Receipt of Addendum	#1:
Company N	Name:LaPorta Contracting	

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•	ed Signature:	
Print Nai	me: Thomas LaPorta	
Title:	Owner	
Date:	7/12/23	

End of Addendum No. 1



ACORD CERTIFICATE OF LIA	BILITY INSURANCE			
CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITU REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an	Y AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS , EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES ITE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the			
certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s). PRODUCER				
	NAME: GEORIA JOSTINIANO PHONE FAX (A/C, No, Ext): 954-764-1944			
Patrick Brady Insurance Services, Inc. 220 SE 12TH ST	E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE NAIC #			
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LA PORTA CONTRACTING LLC	INSURER C : Allstate Insurance Company			
3015 N OCEAN BLVD #176	INSURER D :			
FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308	INSURER E :			
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TOWN OF LAKE PARK 535 Park Ave Lake Park, FL 33403	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.			
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE			
	Gloria Justiniano			
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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

07/12/2023

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Lake Park, FL 33403

Ron DeSantis, Governor

Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

THE ROOFING CONTRACTOR HEREIN IS CERTIFIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 489, FLORIDA STATUTES



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Form W-9	
(Rev. October 2018)	
Department of the Treasury	
Internal Revenue Service	

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

	Thomas LaPorta						
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above						
	LaPorta Contracting						
page 3	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Che following seven boxes.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):					
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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.

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

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 for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ►	Mulle	Date ►	7/12/2023	
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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)

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- 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 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 U.S. The disregarded entity is a strength of a 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 THEN check the box for ... a(n) . . . Corporation Corporation Individual Individual/sole proprietor or single-· Sole proprietorship, or member I I C Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes. LLC treated as a partnership for Limited liability company and enter U.S. federal tax purposes, the appropriate tax classification. · LLC that has filed Form 8832 or (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation) 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. 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

 $9-\mathrm{An}$ 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

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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

 $\rm H-A$ 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
 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
 Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (A)) 	The grantor*
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
 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 scarn the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

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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/ldentityTheft* 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.