



General Application

PARTICIPANT INFORMATI	ON							
(Check will be issued to the participant busine Participant is (check all that apply) Cu		e payment release section belo nt/Electricity user	w has been filled	out)				
Participant business name (as shown on IRS For	m W-9):							
Mailing address:		City:	State:	Zip:				
Contact name:		Contact title:						
Contact telephone number:	Cell number:	Contact email address:						
PROJECT SITE INFORMAT	ION							
Facility/Project name:								
Facility address:		City:	State:	Zip:				
Commercial / Industrial electric account #:			Rate Schedule:					
Electric meter number - seven or nine digits (If	multiple meters at site only enter one):	Customer name (As shown o	n bill):					
Primary language spoken at the project site	e location:	ther						
Please provide a description of your project so may better help you: Lighting Retrofit Listed Equipment Incentives New Construction Custom or Energy Management Incentives Other	we Additional project information (scope a	nd schedule):						
INCENTIVE ASSIGNMENT	(Complete only if incentive is to be	e assigned to someone oth	ner than partic	ipant above)				
Check should be made out to:		3						
Mailing address:		City:	State:	Zip:				
Contact name:		Contact telephone:						
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By my signature below, I certify that all info and claims of participant and equipment in be bound by them. I authorize Pacific Powe program.	ormation provided for participation will beformation. I confirm I have read, underst	and and agree with the terms	and conditions	and agree to				
Signatory name & title (please print)	Participant signature		Date					

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

How to participate:

Typical incentives:

- 1. Pre-qualification is highly recommended, but not required.
- 2. Purchase and install qualifying equipment.
- 3. Complete general application, technology specific supplemental equipment form(s), and <u>IRS Form W-9</u>.
- 4. Submit application and all required supplemental forms as directed on supplemental form(s).

Lighting retrofit incentives:

- Pre-qualification is required prior to project implementation
 Submit general application and IRS Form W-9 to your assigned Project Manager or a <u>Wattsmart Business Vendor</u>.
- Participate in inspections <u>prior to installation or removal of any</u> <u>equipment</u>.
- 3. Incentive offer letter will be provided to eligible participants
- Complete project and notify your assigned Project Manager or Wattsmart Business Vendor.
- Provide all required documentation and participate in any required inspections.

Custom and energy management incentives:

- Pre-qualification is required prior to equipment purchase/project implementation. Submit general application and IRS Form W-9
- Participate in project scoping meeting(s), inspections and engineering analysis(s) prior to installation or removal of equipment. Provide additional supplemental applications or information as needed.
- Incentive offer(s) will be provided to eligible participants. Return signed incentive offer within the required time.
- Complete project and provide completion notification to your assigned Project Manager.
- 5. Provide all required documentation and participate in any required inspections.

Incentive assignment to third party: In the event that Pacific Power does not pay the incentive as a result of the participant's failure to comply with the terms and conditions, the assignee's sole recourse shall be against participant.

Inspections and analysis: Participant agrees to cooperate with Pacific Power and its consultants to conduct energy analysis and inspections at the participant's site. Pacific Power reserves the right to inspect qualifying equipment/energy management measures, which may include a telephone survey, site visit, and/or the installation of temporary monitoring equipment at any time up to 36 months after installation for quality control or program performance evaluations.

Tax liability: Neither Pacific Power nor its Program Administrator is providing tax advice or responsible for any tax liability which may be imposed on the participant as a result of any incentive payment. Participant may be responsible for the tax reporting to the IRS of any incentive payments directed to third parties.

Incentive limitations & limitation of damages: Participants may not receive custom incentives in lieu of typical (listed) incentives. Participants are responsible for ensuring that equipment installed for this program meets all applicable codes, standards, environmental regulations and regulatory requirements. Pacific Power does not warrant the performance of qualifying installed equipment/energy management measures and does not warrant that the qualifying installed equipment/energy management measures will deliver any specified amount of energy or cost savings. Participant shall independently evaluate any advice or direction given by Pacific Power or its consultants related to the estimates of electricity savings or the cost, selection or installation of qualifying equipment/energy management measures. In no event will Pacific Power or its consultants be liable for

the failure of the participant to achieve its expected amount of energy savings, for any personal injury or harm to participant's facilities of any kind, or for any incidental or consequential damages of any kind including hazardous material identification in connection with installation or inspection of qualifying equipment and energy management measures. Pacific Power is not responsible if a third party provides inaccurate information about the amount and/or conditions of the actual incentive and Pacific Power will not pay incentives for equipment that is mislabeled or misrepresented by third parties regarding incentive qualifications.

Incentive offer: The incentive offer is an estimate. The final incentive will be based on actual electric savings and approved actual project costs incurred by the participant for implemented approved energy efficiency measures. Participant agrees to provide any reasonable documentation to allow Pacific Power to determine electric savings and actual costs incurred. To the extent that Pacific Power determines (at its sole discretion) that any of the recommended measures have not been installed and commissioned in a satisfactory manner, participant shall receive a reduced incentive, if any, based on the inspection and verification of installed and commissioned measures.

Incentive repayment obligation: If Participant terminates a material portion of its electric service requirements, or a material portion of its electric service requirements is transferred from Pacific Power to a new electric service provider, for Participant's Facility within 60 months of the date of the final incentive payment, and the Facility remains in operation, Participant is obligated to repay the final incentive to Pacific Power within 30 days of written request. The repayment ("Repayment") will be determined as follows: Repayment = final incentive x (60-Savings Delivery Term)/60, where Savings Delivery Term = number of months between the month the Final Incentive payment was made and the month the Facility terminated a material portion of its electric service. For determining the Repayment, the dates will be the first day of the month in which they occur.

Transfer of environmental attributes: Participant hereby transfers to Pacific Power all "Environmental Attributes" attributable to the installation of the qualifying equipment or its operation. Environmental Attributes include any and all credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets and allowances, howsoever entitled, resulting from the avoidance of the emission of any substance to the air, soil or water at or by the company's generating facilities, through reduced generation of energy or other savings or offsets on account of the qualifying equipment. Participant will not claim ownership of any Environmental Attributes. As long as participant at the same time states the installation of the qualifying equipment was made possible with funding from Pacific Power, participant may claim that it is facilitating the production of the Environmental Attributes attributable to the qualifying equipment.

Additional details: Incentive qualifications and amounts are subject to change and termination at any time. Visit the program's website or contact a Wattsmart Business Vendor or Pacific Power for current program information.

Confidential information: Confidential information provided to Pacific Power or consultants shall not be disclosed to any third party. Confidential information shall mean data disclosed during the course of the energy analysis, and identified by the participant in writing as confidential. The obligation to protect confidential information will remain in force for two (2) years from the date the energy analysis is performed.





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☐ Equipment	t is installed and operat	ing at the site listed	on the general applicat	ion.			nart Busine		
☐ The dated	sales receipt or invoice	is included with lab	or and material costs i	temized.			SW Murray		ls Dr.
☐ Manufactu	rer's specification sheet	for each installed e	quipment model is incl	uded.			10, PMB #5 ton, OR 97		
☐ Any addition	onal information or doc	cumentation is incluc	ded as listed in the tabl	es below.					
☐ Completed	d application is submitte	ed within six months	s of project completion	٦.			litional info call 509-2 °		n or assistance,
	y be subject to inspec nplete applications may				ve	ртошос			
PROJECT II	NFORMATION								
Select constru	iction type:	☐ Retrofit	☐ Major Renovation	on		☐ New C	Construction	n	
Facility Type	☐ Assembly	☐ Education	☐ Manufacturing	☐ Grocery		☐ Hospit	al		lursing Home
(select one)	☐ Lodging	☐ Office	☐ Storage	Restaurant		☐ Retail			
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UNITARY A	AIR CONDITIONERS	(AIR-COOLED):	\$62 - \$93/TON	Vendor:			Install dat	e:	
System Type	Manufacturer	Model Number(s)	Serial Number	AHRI Number	Ca	ooling pacity stu/hr)	EER		SEER/IEER
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
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□ Package □ Split system									
UNITARY A	AIR CONDITIONER	S (WATER COO	LED): \$31/TON	Vendor:			Install dat	.e:	
System Type	Manufacturer	Model Number(s)	Serial Number	AHRI Number	Ca	ooling pacity stu/hr)	EER		SEER/IEER
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
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BTU = British The	n for Energy Efficiency	tion Institute	IEER/I HSPF/	ER2 = Energy Efficiency EER2 = Integrated Ener 'HSPF2 = Heating Seaso SEER2 = Seasonal Energ	gy Efficie onal Perfo	rmance Factor			

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UNITARY AI	R CONDITIONERS (E	EVAPORATIVELY (COOLED): \$62/	Vendor:				Install date:	
System Type	Manufacturer	Model Number(s)	Serial Number	AHRI Numbe	r	Сар	oling acity u/hr)	EER	SEER/IEER
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
UNITARY F	HEAT PUMPS (AIR	-COOLED): \$62/	TON	Vendor:				Install date:	
System Type	Manufacturer	Model Number(s)	Serial Number	AHRI Number	Сар	oling acity u/hr)	EER	SEER/IEER	COP/HSPF
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
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☐ Package ☐ Split system									
UNITARY I	HEAT PUMPS (WA	TER-SOURCE):	\$62/TON	Vendor:				Install date:	
System Type	Manufacturer	Model Number(s)*	Serial Number	AHRI Number	Сар	oling acity u/hr)	EER	SEER/IEER	COP/HSPF
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
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Package Split system									

 $\mbox{AHRI} = \mbox{Air-conditioning},$ Heating, and Refrigeration Institute $\mbox{BTU} = \mbox{British}$ Thermal Unit

CEE = Consortium for Energy Efficiency COP = Coefficient of Performance

EER/EER2 = Energy Efficiency Ratio IEER/IEER2 = Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio HSPF/HSPF2 = Heating Seasonal Performance Factor SEER/SEER2 = Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio

^{1.} Incentives are available per ton of cooling capacity ONLY. No incentives are paid per ton of heating capacity. Heat pumps must meet both the cooling mode and heating mode efficiency requirements to qualify for per ton cooling efficiency incentives.

^{2.} Equipment size categories and capacities are specified in terms of net cooling capacity at AHRI standard conditions for equipment as determined by AHRI Standard 210/240 for units < 65,000 btu/hr and AHRI Standard 340/360 for units > 65,000 btu/hr

^{3.} Incentives are offered per ton of cooling capacity for air-cooled equipment meeting or exceeding minimum efficiency standards as listed in the Air-Conditioner and Heat Pump efficiency requirements table below.





UNITARY HEAT PUMP (AIR-COOLED): \$800/TON REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE HEATING			Vendor:				Install Date:			
System Type	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	AHRI Number	Cooling Capacity (Btu/hr)	EER	SEER/ IEER	COP/ HSPF	Previous Primary Heating System ⁴	Replacement Type ⁵
☐ Package ☐ Split system										☐ Upgrade ☐ Failed system
☐ Package ☐ Split system										☐ Upgrade ☐ Failed system
☐ Package ☐ Split system										☐ Upgrade ☐ Failed system
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GROUND-SOURCE &	GROUNDWATER-	SOURCE HEAT PU	Vendor:			Install Date:			
System Type		Model Number(s)*	Serial Number	AHRI Number	Cooling Capacity (Btu/hr)	EER	SEER/ IEER	COP/ HSPF	
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
☐ Package ☐ Split system									
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☐ Package ☐ Split system									
☐ Package ☐ Split system									

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^{1.} Incentives are available per ton of cooling capacity ONLY. No incentives are paid per ton of heating capacity. Heat pumps must meet both the cooling mode and heating mode efficiency

^{2.} Equipment size and efficiency rating are specified in terms of net cooling capacity at ISO-13256-1 for Ground-source or Groundwater-source heat pumps.

3. Incentives are offered per ton of cooling capacity for ground-source and groundwater-source heat pumps meeting or exceeding ENERGY STAR® requirements for geothermal heat pumps efficiency standards. See the Ground Source Heat Pump Systems table below.





GROUND/GROUP	NDWAT	TER-SO	URCE LOO	P: \$31/TON		Vendor: Install date:					
Select Loop Ty	/pe	Manu	facturer	Heat Pun Model Number(•	Serial	Number	AHRI	Number		Capacity u/hr)¹
☐ Ground-source, Closed I	оор										
☐ Groundwater-source, Op	pen loop										
Mark all that apply: ☐ Equipment specifications	are included	d with this ap	plication, listing size	e and efficiencies at IS	O-13256	·1 standard	.1				
Equipment size and efficier Incentives are paid per ton					3256-1 for	Ground-so	ource or Ground	water-source	heat pumps.		
VRF HEAT PUMP	S (AIR-	COOLE	D): \$93/TO	N	Vendo	r:			Install Date:		
System type			Model	Serial number		HRI nber	Cooli capacity hr)	(Btu/	EER	SEER/ IEER	COP/ HSPF
☐ Multisplit☐ Multisplit w/ Heat Recovery											
☐ Multisplit☐ Multisplit w/ Heat Recovery											
☐ Multisplit ☐ Multisplit w/ Heat Recovery											
☐ Multisplit ☐ Multisplit w/ Heat Recovery											
VRF HEAT PUMP	S (WA	TER-CO	OLED): \$93	/TON	Vendo	r:			Install Date:		
System type			Model	Serial number		HRI nber	Cooli capacity hr)	(Btu/	EER	SEER/ IEER	COP/ HSPF
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requirements to qualify for p 2. Equipment size categories	centives are available per ton of cooling capacity ONLY. No incentives are paid per ton of heating capacity. Heat pumps must meet both the cooling mode and heating mode efficiency irements to qualify for per ton cooling efficiency incentives. puipment size categories and capacities are specified in terms of net cooling capacity at AHRI standard conditions for equipment as determined by AHRI Standard 1230. Tentives are offered per ton of cooling capacity for VRF heat pumps meeting or exceeding CEE/ENERGY STAR® minimum efficiency standards as listed in the VRF Heat Pump efficiency irements table below.										
BTU = British Thermal Unit CEE = Consortium for Energ	HRI = Air-conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute TU = British Thermal Unit EE = Consortium for Energy Efficiency DP = Coefficient of Performance EER/EER2 = Energy Efficiency Ratio IEER/IEER2 = Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio HSPF/HSPP2 = Heating Seasonal Performance Factor SEER/EER2 = Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio										





			Mini	mum efficiency requireme & customer incentive	nt(s)
Equipment type	Size category	Sub-category	\$31/ton	\$62/ton	\$93/ton
Unitary Commercial Air Conditioners, Air-Cooled	< 65,000 Btu/hr (single phase)	Split system and single package	_	CEE Tier 2 or ENERGY STAR® Certified	CEE Advanced Tier
Conditioners, Air-Cooled	All equipment sizes (three phase)	Split system and single package	_	_	CEE Advanced Tier
Unitary Commercial Air Conditioners, Water Cooled	All equipment sizes	Split system and single package	CEE Tier 1		
Unitary Commercial Air Conditioners, Evaporatively Cooled All equipment sizes Split system and single pack		Split system and single package		CEE Tier 1	
	≤ 7,000 Btu/hr	Single package	14.3 EER		
Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners (PTAC)	> 7,000 Btu/hr and ≤ 15,000 Btu/hr	Single package	12.8 EER		
	> 15,000 Btu/hr	Single package	11.4 EER		
Packaged Terminal	≤ 7,000 Btu/hr	Single package		14.3 EER and 4.0 COP	
Heat Pumps (PTHP)	> 7,000 Btu/hr and ≤ 15,000 Btu/hr	Single package		12.8 EER and 3.8 COP	
(Heating & Cooling Mode)	> 15,000 Btu/hr	Single package		11.4 EER and 3.5 COP	
	< 65,000 Btu/hr (single phase)	Split system and single package		ENERGY STAR® Certified	
Heat Pumps, Air-Cooled (Heating & Cooling Mode)	< 65,000 Btu/hr (three phase)	Split system and single package			
(≥ 65,000 Btu/hr and < 240,000 Btu/hr (three phase)	Split system and single package		ENERGY STAR® Certified	

GROUND SOURCE H	HEAT PUMP SYSTEM	1S - EFFICIENCY REQUIREM	ENTS, INCENTIVE LEVELS				
			Minimum efficiency requirement(s) & customer incentive				
Equipment type	Size category	Sub-category	\$31/ton	\$62/ton			
Heat Pumps, Ground- Source or Groundwater- Source (Heating & Cooling Mode)	All sizes	(See note 3)		ENERGY STAR® Certified			
Ground Source or Groundwater-Source Heat Pump Loop	All sizes	Open Loop or Closed Loop	CEE Tier 1				





VRF HEAT PUMP - I	VRF HEAT PUMP - EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS, INCENTIVE LEVELS									
			Minimum efficiency requirement & customer incentive							
Equipment type	Size category	Sub-category	\$31/ton	\$62/ton	\$93/ton					
	<65,000 Btu/hr	Multisplit System or Multisplit System with Heat Recovery			ENERGY STAR® Certified					
VRF Air-Cooled	≥65,000 Btu/hr and <135,000 Btu/hr		Multisplit System or Multisplit System			ENERGY STAR® Certified				
(Heating & Cooling Mode)	Heat Pumps eating & Cooling Mode) ≥135,000 Btu/hr and <240,000 Btu/hr				ENERGY STAR® Certified					
	>240,000 Btu/hr				ENERGY STAR® Certified					

UNITARY HEAT PUMPS (AIR-COOLED) REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE HEATING – EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS, INCENTIVE LEVELS									
Equipment type	Size category	Sub-category	Minimum efficiency requirement \$800/ton						
Heat Pumps, Air-Cooled, replacing electric resistance heating (Heating & Cooling Mode)	All sizes	Split system and single package	ENERGY STAR® Certified						
(Retrofit only) < 65,000 Btu/hr			ENERGY STAR® Certified						



Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

Before	e vo	bu begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see <i>Purpose of Form</i> , below.					_				
	1	Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the oventity's name on line 2.)	wner's na	ame on	line 1,	and er	nter tl	he bus	iness,	/disreç	garded
	2	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.									
n page 3.	3a	Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered only one of the following seven boxes. Individual/sole proprietor C corporation S corporation Partnership	_	. Check	4	certa	in en	ns (cod tities, ctions	not in	dividua	
Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page	LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate Exemption from Foreign Account Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting										
rint Ins		Other (see instructions)			_ c	ode (if	any)				
P Specific	3b	If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership ir this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions						acco the U			
See	5	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Reques	ter's na	ne and	d addre	ess (d	optiona	al)		
	6	City, state, and ZIP code									
	7	List account number(s) here (optional)									
Par	i [Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)									
Enter	/oui	r TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avo	oid	Socia	secu	rity nu	mbe	r			
		ithholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, fo lien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other	or a			-		-			
		is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get	: a	or	_						
TIN, la	ter.			Emplo	yer id	entific	atior	num	ber		
		ne account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also <i>What Name a</i> for <i>Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.	and]-						
Part	Ш	Certification				ı		1		-	
Under	per	nalties of perjury, I certify that:							-		
1. The	nur	mber shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a	a numbe	er to be	e issu	ed to	me);	and			
Ser	vice	t subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest of ler subject to backup withholding; and					•				
3. I am	nal	J.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and									
4. The	FA	TCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting	g is con	rect.							
becau: acquis	se y itior	ion instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transaction or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retininterest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide you	ns, item rement a	2 does arrange	not a	apply. (IRA),	For and,	mortg , gene	age ir rally,	nteres paym	ents
Sign		Signature of									

General Instructions

Signature of

U.S. person

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.

What's New

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Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

Date

must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- 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), and 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.

Caution: If you don't 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; and
- 4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
- 5. 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).

Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding. Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

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

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

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 (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(I)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

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 their 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 their 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, but are not limited to, 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, as described in item 4 under "By signing the filled-out form" 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.

See also Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding, earlier.

What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. 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 are no longer 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.

• 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 for 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 you filed with your application.

- Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.
- Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity. 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.
- 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. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.
- Disregarded entity. In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the owner 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. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

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

Line 3a

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

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n)	THEN check the box for					
Corporation	Corporation.					
Individual or	Individual/sole proprietor.					
Sole proprietorship						
LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification: P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.					
Partnership	Partnership.					
Trust/estate	Trust/estate.					

Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

Note: A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

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 on 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 territory, 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 territory
- $7\!-\!A$ futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- 8-A real estate investment trust.
- $9\!-\!\text{An}$ 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 as defined under section 581.
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

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

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7.
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4.
• Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5.2
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4.

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

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) entered 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 territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state.
 - G-A real estate investment trust.
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
 - I-A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a).
 - J-A bank as defined in section 581.
 - K-A broker.
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1).
- M—A tax-exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan.

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

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "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 ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. 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). 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 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/EIN. 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 Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "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, you will generally 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. See also *Establishing U.S.* status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

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

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.

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
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
 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
Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
 Grantor trust filing under Optional 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:
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
 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
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 Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))** 	The trust

¹List 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.

- ³ You must show your individual name on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.
- ⁴List 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.)
- *Note: The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust
- **For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

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 return 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 a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

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

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

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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 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 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 <code>phishing@irs.gov</code>. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at <code>spam@uce.gov</code> or report them at <code>www.ftc.gov/complaint</code>. You can contact the FTC at <code>www.ftc.gov/idtheft</code> or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see <code>www.ldentityTheft.gov</code> and Pub. 5027.

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

Privacy Act Notice

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

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