



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**CALSHAPE PROGRAM SERVICES
RFP # 3-2223**

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RFP Deadline: April 14, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

PURPOSE AND PROGRAM VISION

El Dorado Union High School District (hereinafter “EDUHSD”) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to submit their qualifications and proposal for services (“Services”) for HVAC assessments, application submission, repair and maintenance, carbon dioxide monitor installation, MERV-13 filter installation, controls upgrades, reporting, and verification to be funded by the California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (“CalSHAPE”) Ventilation Program enacted under Assembly Bill 841.

EDUHSD has successfully submitted its CalSHAPE applications and has received approved funding for five sites (Union Mine High School, El Dorado High School, Oak Ridge High School, Ponderosa High School, Independence Continuation High School).

The goals of the project are to improve HVAC system energy efficiency, safety, or performance and complete all services mandated by the CalSHAPE Ventilation Program Guidelines. While this RFP focuses on the above services, the firm selected may, at the sole discretion of EDUHSD, be engaged in other projects as designated by EDUHSD.

TERM

A contract shall begin upon Board approval at the **May 9, 2023** Regular Board meeting.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Successful implementation of California K-12 large-scale HVAC projects, with customer references, for which the respondent has provided turnkey energy services in the past three (3) years.
- Licensed with Contractors State License Board of California, with active standing. Minimum License Requirements: C-7, C-10, C-20 and/or B.
- Registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations.
- In-house licensed, credentialed, trained, and knowledgeable staff, as follows:
 - Firm must employ a minimum of two (2) mechanical P.E.’s license by the state of California and have the ability to perform mechanical engineering services in-house.
 - Firm must employ a minimum of one (1) Certified Energy Manager (CEM).
- In order to comply with the requirements of the CalSHAPE Ventilation program, the following qualifications are required for the firm providing the Services. The qualifications must be met by firm’s personnel or under subcontract, as described below:
 - Qualified testing personnel, meaning either:
 - (1) An HVAC acceptance test technician certified to complete the forms set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 10-103.2 of Part 1 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations by an Acceptance Test Technician Certification

- Provider (ATTCP) that is approved by the Energy Commission to provide that certification.
- (2) Or, a certified testing, adjusting, and balancing (TAB) technician: A technician certified to perform testing, adjusting, and balancing of HVAC systems by the Associated Air Balance Council (AABC), the National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB), or the Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB).
- Qualified adjusting personnel, meaning either:
 - (1) A certified TAB technician, as defined above.
 - (2) A Skilled and Trained Workforce under the supervision of a TAB Technician.
- Extensive experience with Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), CDE, DSA, the public school construction building and design codes, including but not limited to California Building and Electrical Codes, and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, is mandatory.
- Firm must have an in-house, full-service automation group capable of installing and servicing various building automation systems.
- Must agree, in writing, to comply with the CO2 Monitor specifications as outlined in CalSHAPE requirements.
- Failure to provide accurate and complete information as requested is grounds for disqualification.

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:

Upon award, the selected respondent will be required to perform all HVAC Contractor scope of work for the HVAC Assessment and Maintenance Pathway requirements included in the CA Energy Commission CalSHAPE Ventilation Program Guidelines. Scope of work applies to the attached list of school sites and associated funding (found in this [report](#)). EDUHSD intends to apply for an additional 20 percent of the requested amount as a contingency fund for necessary repairs, upgrades, or replacements for each site. The [filter report](#) includes number and type of filters at each site.

Contractor must refer to CalSHAPE Guidelines for detailed scope of services.

The scope of work is summarized herein and includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks.

1. HVAC Assessment and Report Development
 - Perform HVAC Assessment of all air-handling units, rooftop units and unitary and single zone equipment of the school site’s HVAC system and record all data, results, and findings from the field assessments on CEC required HVAC Forms.
 - Document and record field assessment data and readings on CEC HVAC Worksheets (per CalSHAPE requirements). The worksheets are intended to be used for information gathering purposes only since completion of these worksheets does not constitute an HVAC Assessment Report.
 - Provide required Licensed Professional to develop HVAC Assessment Report for each site including description of all deficiencies for HVAC systems or components that are broken, fail to meet minimum ventilation requirements, or are inoperable and document all deficiencies.
2. Filtration
 - Install filtration with a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of 13 or better in the HVAC system where feasible. If MERV 13 is not feasible, then the highest MERV filtration that can be used in the HVAC system without adversely impacting the equipment shall be installed.
 - Qualified Testing Personnel shall test system capacity and airflow to determine the highest MERV filtration that can be installed without adversely impacting equipment, shall replace or upgrade filters where needed, and shall verify that those filters are installed correctly.
 - Economizer dampers and controls that are not properly functioning shall be repaired by a Skilled and Trained Workforce.
3. Ventilation
 - Qualified Testing Personnel shall verify the ventilation rates in the facility classrooms, auditoriums, gymnasiums, nurses offices, restrooms, and other occupied areas to assess whether they meet the minimum ventilation rate requirements set forth in Table 120.1-A of Part 6 (commencing with Section 100.0) of Title 24 California Code of Regulations.
 - Calculate the required minimum outside air ventilation rates for each occupied area based on the anticipated occupancy and the minimum required ventilation rate per occupant set forth in Table 120.1-A.
 - Measurement of outside air under Section B of CEC form CEC-NRCA-MCH-02-A– Outdoor Air Acceptance (<https://energycodeace.com/NonresidentialForms/2019>) and verification of whether the system provides the minimum outside air ventilation rates calculated in

- subparagraph a) directly above.
 - Verify if inlets and outlets are balanced within tolerance of the system design. Document read values and deficiencies.
 - Verification of building pressure relative to the outdoors to ensure positive pressure differential and ensure the building is not over-pressurized.
 - Verification of coil velocities and coil and unit discharge air temperatures required to maintain desired indoor conditions and avoid moisture carryover from cooling coils.
 - Measurement of all exhaust air volume for exhaust fans, including restrooms. Document any discrepancies from system design.
 - If the system does not meet the minimum ventilation rate requirements set forth in Table 120.1-A, the system shall be adjusted to the highest minimum ventilation possible without adversely impacting equipment performance.
4. Demand Control Ventilation
- If a demand control ventilation is installed, it must be adjusted to a carbon dioxide set point of 800 parts per million (ppm) or less and tested by Qualified Testing Personnel pursuant to Section B of CEC-NRCA-MCH-06-A–Demand Control Ventilation Systems Acceptance (<https://energycodeace.com/NonresidentialForms/2019>).
 - If the demand control ventilation system does not maintain average daily maximum carbon dioxide levels below 1,100 ppm, it must be disabled until such time as the LEA determines that the COVID-19 crisis has passed unless disabling the control would adversely affect operation of the overall system.
5. Coil Condition
- A Qualified Testing Personnel or a Skilled and Trained Workforce shall verify: coil condition, condensate drainage, cooling coil air temperature differentials (entering and leaving dry bulb), heat exchanger operation, drive assembly.
6. Additional Requirements
- A Qualified Testing or Adjusting Personnel shall review control sequences to verify systems will maintain intended ventilation, temperature, and humidity conditions during school operation.
 - Building Automation System (BAS) installation, upgrade, or expansion leveraging existing technology.
 - Carbon dioxide monitoring and monitor installation.

The selected Contractor will provide turnkey implementation services for the approved scope of work including all necessary permits, engineering, any Division of the State Architect (DSA) requirements, procurement, delivery, installation, commissioning, training, warranty service, and compliance with any applicable funding programs.

Please submit one digital/electronic form (on a portable storage device or email to (CONTACT INFORMATION)). EDUHSD’s records will be presumptive evidence of receipt. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. It is recommended that your submission be sent in advance of the deadline in case of server delays.

NARRATIVE

- Description of Firm and Sub-Consultant Firms
Provide the following information for firm and sub-consultant firm(s) for this project:
 - a. Firm Legal Name and principal place of business
 - b. Overview of firm’s experience with public school HVAC projects
 - c. Type of business entity including type of entity and its ownership, size of staff, number of professionals which will perform the work, Location of its principal office
 - d. History, number of years in business in California
 - e. All applicable firm licenses including license numbers and expirations dates
 - f. Provide a statement of the Contractor’s financial capacity and capability to perform to the terms of this solicitation request
 - g. Sub-Consultant Firm(s): Describe each sub-consultant firm and proposed services and responsibilities for the work; describe the relationship of your firm and sub-consultant firm(s)
 - h. Provide a Quality Assurance/Quality Controls plan specific to data collection, data management, testing, maintenance and repair work, and reporting
 - i. Firm Track Record: Provide responses to the following items:
 - Has your firm ever been terminated or dismissed by a client or replaced by another firm during any educational and/or related project? If so, explain in detail
 - Does your firm have any current or pending litigation? If so, please describe
 - Has your firm ever defaulted on a contract within the past five (5) years or declared bankruptcy, or been placed in receivership within the past five (5) years?

- Relevant Project Experience (5 minimum)
List relevant K-12 school HVAC projects where like services were performed and include:
 - a. Project name and location
 - b. Year completed or current status
 - c. Client, contact person, and phone number
 - d. Services performed
 - e. Project/Contract Cost

- Provide a minimum of three (3) California K-12 districts references for which the responding firm provided turn-key responsibility and similar services in the past three (3) years. Describe the scope of work, start/completion date, services and equipment provided, project size, and results achieved.

- Proposed Project Team
 - a. Identify key personnel and/or team members and include a clear description of each team member’s role and project responsibilities; include an Organization

Chart indicating reporting structure and professional registrations and licenses (license number/type/state/year)

- b. Copies of HVAC Testing and Adjusting certificates for required personnel

EDUHSD Required Certificates/Documents

1. **Certification by Contractor of Criminal Records Check** (attached).
2. **Insurance** – Provider agrees to carry a comprehensive general and automobile liability insurance with limits of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage in a form mutually acceptable to both parties to protect provider and EDUHSD against liability or claims of liability, which may arise out of the agreement.

In addition, provider agrees to provide an endorsement to this policy stating, “Such insurance as is afforded by this policy shall be primary, and any insurance carried by EDUHSD shall be excess and noncontributory.” No later than the actual start date, provider shall provide EDUHSD with certificates of insurance evidencing all coverages and endorsements required hereunder. Provider agrees to name EDUHSD and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds under said policy. **Provide a written statement agreeing to carry above coverages.**

3. **Bonding Capacity** – Up to the full amount of all projects cumulative. **Provide a written statement agreeing to provide such upon award.**
4. **W-9 Form** (attached)
5. **Conflict of Interest** (attached)
6. **Tobacco Use Policy** (attached)
7. **Drug Free Workplace Certification** (attached)
8. **Vendor Information form** (attached)

AWARD OF RFP

Award of Proposal – Award(s) will be made to the provider(s) offering the most advantageous proposal for the requested services. EDUHSD shall not be obligated to accept the lowest priced proposal, but will make an award in its best interests after all factors have been evaluated.

Future Services - To the extent additional funds are awarded, provide future services under the HVAC Upgrade and Repair Grant Pathway. Phase II work is contingent on receipt of applicable grant funds and subject to the District’s sole discretion with regard to whether it desires to move forward with these services.

Contracting will be pursuant to California Government Code section 4217.10 et. seq. which establishes a process whereby school districts may enter into energy services contracts in which the program savings are shown to exceed for the cost of the improvements. Pursuant to Section 4217.12, Firms, must be prepared to complete a cost-saving analysis, after their selection, demonstrating:

That the anticipated cost to the District of the improvements to be provided under the contract will be less than the anticipated marginal cost to the District of thermal, electrical, or other energy that would have been consumed by the District in the absence of those improvements.

Award Evaluation Criteria - Evaluation Criteria that will be used to evaluate all proposals that are received are listed below:

1. Qualifications, reputation and prior experience in similar efforts for other school districts.
2. Proposal completeness.
3. Recent success with similar projects.
4. Prior experience with EDUHSD or districts of similar size.

Discussions may, at EDUHSD's sole option, be conducted with responsible representatives who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for an award. Discussions may be for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements. Providers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and written revision of proposals. Revisions may be permitted after submissions and before award for obtaining best and final proposals. In conducting discussions, EDUHSD will not disclose information derived from proposals submitted by competing companies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CLARIFICATION

All questions and requests for information must be made in writing and sent to:

Daniel Augino, El Dorado Union High School District, 6540 Commerce Way, Diamond Springs, CA 95619 or to jboone@eduhd.k12.ca.us.

The last day to submit requests for information (RFI's) is **April 4, 2023**. Response deadline **April 7, 2023**.

CONTACT WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED HEREIN IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

The proposals must be received by the deadline specified on the cover page and addressed to:

**Daniel Augino
El Dorado Union High School District
6540 Commerce Way
Diamond Springs, CA 95619**

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Solicitation Disclaimer: All proposals received as part of this solicitation become the property of EDUHSD upon submission and will become part of public record. The cost to prepare and submit the proposals becomes the sole expense of each Provider. EDUHSD's records will be presumptive evidence of receipt.

The emphasis of your proposal should be on completeness and clarity of content. Proposals may be rejected if not prepared in the format described, or if submitted without all required information and signatures. EDUHSD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT
Placerville, California

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTOR
CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK
AB 1610, 1612 and 2102

To the Board of Trustees of El Dorado Union High School District DISTRICT:

I, _____ certify that:

(Name of Contractor)

1. I have carefully read and understand the Notice to Contractors Regarding Criminal Record Checks (Education Code §45125.1) required by the passage of AB 1610, 1612 and 2102.
2. Due to the nature of the work I will be performing for the DISTRICT, my employees will **OR** will not have contact with students of the District.
3. My employees and volunteers who may have contact with District students must complete background checks with the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
4. None of the employees who will be performing the work have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in the Notice and in Penal Code sections §667.5 and §1192.7. This determination was made by a fingerprint check through the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at _____, _____ on _____
(City) (State) (Date)

Signature

Typed or printed name

Title

Address

Telephone

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK
(EDUCATION CODE §45125.1)

Education Code §45125.1 provides that if the employees of any entity that has a contract with a school DISTRICT may have any contact with pupils, those employees shall submit or have submitted their fingerprints in a manner authorized by the Department of Justice together with a fee determined by the Department of Justice to be sufficient to reimburse the Department for its costs incurred in processing the application.

The Department of Justice shall ascertain whether the individual whose fingerprints were submitted to it has been arrested or convicted of any crime insofar as that fact can be ascertained from information available to the Department. When the Department of Justice ascertains that an individual whose fingerprints were submitted to it has a pending criminal proceeding for a violent felony listed in Penal Code §1192.7(c) or has been convicted of such a felony, the Department shall notify the employer designated by the individual of the criminal information pertaining to the individual. The notification shall be delivered by telephone and shall be confirmed in writing and delivered to the employer by first-class mail.

The contract shall not permit an employee to come in contact with pupils until both the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation has ascertained that the employee has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony. The contractor shall certify in writing to the Board of Trustees of the school DISTRICT that none of its employees who may come in contact with pupils have been convicted of a violent or serious felony.

Penal Code §667.5(c) lists the following “violent” felonies: murder; voluntary manslaughter ; mayhem; rape; sodomy by force; oral copulation by force; lewd acts on a child under the age of 14 years; any felony punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison for life; any felony in which the defendant inflicts great bodily injury on another; any robbery perpetrated in an inhabited dwelling; arson; penetration of a person’s genital or anal openings by foreign or unknown objects against the victim’s will; attempted murder; explosion or attempt to explode or ignite a destructive device or explosive with the intent to commit murder; kidnapping; continuous sexual abuse of a child; and carjacking.

Penal Code §1192.7 lists the following : “serious” felonies: murder; voluntary manslaughter; mayhem; rape; sodomy by force; oral copulation by force; a lewd or lascivious act on a child under the age of 14 years; any felony punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison for life; any felony in which the defendant personally inflicts great bodily injury on another, or in which the defendant personally uses a firearm; attempted murder; assault with intent to commit rape or robbery; assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer; assault by a life prisoner on a non-inmate; assault with a deadly weapon by an inmate; arson; exploding a destructive device with intent to injure or to murder, or explosion causing great bodily injury or mayhem; burglary of an inhabited dwelling; robbery or bank robbery; kidnapping; holding of a hostage by a person confined in a state prison; attempt to commit a felony punishable by death

or imprisonment in the state prison for life; any felony in which the defendant personally uses a dangerous or deadly weapon; selling or furnishing specified controlled substances to a minor; penetration of genital or anal openings by foreign objects against the victim's will; grand theft involving a firearm; carjacking; and a conspiracy to commit specified controlled substances offenses.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEE / VOLUNTEER LIST

(INSERT NAMES OF EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS WHO MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH PUPILS)

Use additional copies of page as needed

Name of Contractor: _____

| Name of Employee or Volunteer | Position |
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IMPORTANT! Changes to the criminal status of anyone listed on this form must be reported immediately to (CONTACT INFORMATION)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

Print or type.
 See Specific Instructions on page 3.

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| <p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p> <p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate </p> <p>Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ^a</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p>Other (see instructions) ^a</p> <p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> | <p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i></p> <p>Requester's name and address (optional) _____</p> |
| <p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p> | |

Part I

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

| Social security number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

or

| Employer identification number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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 ^a

Date ^a

General Instructions

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

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

Purpose of Form

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

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
 - Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

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

withholding, later.

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Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018)

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

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

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

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

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

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

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

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

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

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

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

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

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

Updating Your Information

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

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Specific Instructions

Line 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

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

Line 2

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

Line 3

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

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

Line 4, Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

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

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

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

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

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

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

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

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

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

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

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

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

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

G—A real estate investment trust

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

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

A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

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

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

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

Line 5

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

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

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

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

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

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

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

Part II. Certification

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

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

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

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

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

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

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

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

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

| For this type of account: | Give name and EIN of: |
|---|-----------------------|
| 14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments | The public entity |
| 15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B)) | The trust |

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

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

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

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

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

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

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

Privacy Act Notice

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

