

# AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT (ACH)

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#### 1. Scope of Contract.

All of the Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale, as well as the provisions on the facing sheet of this Purchase Order and any plans, drawings, specifications, or other documents attached to incorporated by reference, or otherwise described in these documents shall constitute the "Contract". Buyer reserves the right to make design, drawing, specification, or delivery schedule changes. If any of these changes will result in Seller's inability to perform in an increase in the contract price, or in a modification of the delivery schedule. Seller shall be required to so notify Buyer in writing, within ten (10) days from Seller's receipt of Buyer's changes, setting forth and substantiating all resulting adjustments. If any: and Buyer and Seller shall thereafter have a period of seven (7) days within which to resolve any differences. Any unresolved differences shall be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 12

#### 2. Controlling Terms and Conditions.

Unless otherwise specified in writing by Buyer, Buyer agrees to purchase the goods or services described herein from Seller only on the express condition that Seller assents to the exact terms and conditions set forth in this Contract and to no other terms and conditions, either in Seller's offer, its expression of acceptance, or its confirmation or other communication which is different from, inconsistent with, or in addition to Buyer's terms and conditions; and any such conflicting terms and conditions are hereby expressly rejected. Acceptance of or payment for the goods or services described herein, or any part thereof, shall not constitute an acceptance of or assent to any conflicting or non-conforming provisions of Seller's offer, expression of acceptance, confirmation, or any other communication from Seller to Buyer which is different from, inconsistent with, or in addition to the terms and conditions hereof, nor shall it be deemed a waiver by Buyer of any such term or condition.

#### 3. Purchase Price.

Unless otherwise indicated, prices are firm. Prices are based on U.S. dollars and payment shall be made in U.S. Dollars. Seller shall be responsible for any taxes or duties on the goods or services described herein, except for any such taxes or duties imposed by applicable law specifically upon Buyer and which Seller is required to collect from Buyer.

#### 4. Freight and Delivery.

Delivery shall be F.O.B. Buyer's plant site in Pittsboro, Indiana, unless otherwise noted and agreed. Unless separately specified on the face hereof. Seller shall be responsible, at its own cost, to adequately pack or box the goods for safe transportation to its F.O.B. delivery point and for any other drayage or cartage charges in connection therewith. Time is of the essence with respect to delivery, and Seller acknowledges that Buyer is relying upon timely delivery. Buyer reserves the right to reject delivery made ahead of schedule, unless Seller has secured Buyer's prior written authorization. Buyer's acceptance of any partial deliveries of goods or services shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of Buver's right to reject future deliveries.

#### 5. Warranties.

a) Seller represents and warrants to Buver that the goods or services (i) shall conform to Seller's description and/or samples: (ii) shall conform to the requirements of Buyer's plans, specifications, or design (if applicable); (iii) shall be free from defects in material, design, and workmanship; (iv) shall be of the kind and guality and shall perform in accordance with the plans and specifications specified in this Contract; (v) shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances; (vi) shall be produced in compliance with all local, state, federal, or other laws, rules, and regulations regarding non-discrimination and workers' safety; and (vii) shall be accompanied, where required, by Material Safety Data Sheets which comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standards under 29 CFR 1910.1200.

b) Seller represents and warrants that all goods and services, including (but not limited to) equipment, processes, technology, programs, or know-how, that constitute the subject matter of this Contract, shall not infringe the patents, trademarks, or any other property or intellectual property rights of any other person. Seller shall defend Buyer against any such claims and shall be responsible for and shall indemnify and hold Buyer harmless from and against any expenses, judgements, or amounts paid in settlement in connection therewith.

Furthermore, and without limiting Seller's obligation to defend and indemnify Buyer hereunder or pursuant to Section 7, if as a result of any such infringement or violation Buyer is prevented or enjoined from using the goods, equipment, processes, programs or know-how, then Seller, at its own expense, shall immediately obtain for Buyer a license or right to continue to use the goods, equipment, processes, programs, or know-how or, at Buyer's election, and without compromise of quality, utility, delivery schedule, or use. Seller shall replace the same with comparable goods, equipment, processes, programs, or know-how or, at Buyer's election, and without compromise of quality, utility, delivery schedule, or use. Seller shall replace the same with comparable goods, equipment, processes, programs, or know-how which does not so infringe, or shall effect sufficient modifications thereof or therein so as to avoid the infringement.

c) Buyer is relying upon Seller with respect to the design, engineering, manufacture, and/or testing of the goods and services described herein, and Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that the goods or services shall be suitable and fit for Buyer's' specific purposes. Neither Buyer's inspection of goods, during or after production, nor its approval of Seller's drawings or other specifications shall relieve Seller from its responsibility for errors or omissions in the drawings or defects in or other non-conformities of the goods or services.

d) Subject to commercially reasonable notification by Buyer of any defects or non-conformities, and a reasonable opportunity to cure such defects and/or non-conformities. Seller agrees that for a period of 15 months subsequent to Buyer's acceptance and the commencement of start-up and actual regular use, it shall at its own cost and expense service, repair, replace, re-engineer, or otherwise correct any and all such defects or non-conformities, or if Seller refuses or , after reasonable attempts, fails or is otherwise unable to effect such repairs or corrections, Seller shall reimburse Buyer for Buyer's full cost of effecting such repairs or corrections elsewhere. This warranty is a minimum warranty and shall not be deemed to reduce or replace any other of Seller's otherwise applicable warranties.

#### 6. Indemnification By Seller.

Seller shall indemnify and hold Buyer harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, arising out of or as a result of (i) any breach of any representation, warranty, or undertaking by Seller hereunder; (ii) any bodily injury or property damage caused by or resulting from any act or omission of Seller or any of its officers, employees, agents, contractors, or subcontractors, and related to the design, installation, engineering, manufacture, testing, servicing, or repair or the subject matter of this Contract; or (iii) any other default by Seller of its obligations hereunder. Buyer shall notify Seller of any infringement or similar claim, but, unless resulting in actual material loss of rights to Seller, Buyer's tardy notification to Seller shall not affect Seller's indemnification, obligations hereunder.

#### 7. Excusable Delays.

Neither party shall be liable to the other for any delay of performance hereunder, if such delay is due to circumstances beyond that party's reasonable control, such as (without limitation) acts of God, natural disasters, industrial strife, government action, or unavailability of raw material supplies, and if reasonable advance notice thereof is given. If Seller should be unable, due to such a cause, to meet all of its delivery commitments to Buyer, Seller shall nonetheless use its best efforts to make deliveries hereunder as expeditiously as possible, on a non-discriminatory basis. However, if an alternative source is available to Buver and if Buver believes that the delay may impair its ability to meet production schedules or delivery schedules, or in the event of market price volatility, Buyer, at its option and without liability to Seller, may cancel any outstanding deliveries in whole or in part.

#### 8. Buyer's Confidential, Proprietary or Technical Information.

Seller covenants and agrees that neither it nor any of its agents, employees, or sub-contractors, without the prior written consent of Buyer, will disclose to any other person, nor use for their own benefit, any of Buyer's confidential, technical, or proprietary information; ("Proprietary Information") not otherwise publicly known or lawfully within Seller's possession, which Seller may have learned or obtained in connection with its work hereunder. Seller agrees that to the extent any of its contractors, sub-contractor, or agents require access to such Proprietary Information by reason of work required to be done hereunder. Seller shall first require such contractors, sub-contractors or agents to become familiar with and to agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this confidentiality undertaking.

#### 9. Entire Agreement.

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between Seller and Buyer with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior or other agreements, written or oral, between the parties. No amendment, modification, waiver or release of any provision hereof shall be binding upon Buyer or Seller unless in writing, signed by Buyer's or Seller's authorized representative, as the case mav be.

#### 10. Applicable Law; Forum.

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana. Both Seller and Buyer consent to personal jurisdiction in Indiana and to the jurisdiction of any state or federal court in the district in Indiana where Buyer's plant is located; and both parties agree that venue shall also be proper and deemed convenient therein.

#### 11. Assignment or Delegation.

Seller's work hereunder may not be delegated or assigned by Seller without Buyer's prior written consent, except that Seller may use sub-contractors if subject to Seller's supervision and responsibility. Buyer may assign its rights hereunder to a controlled or affiliated entity or to a governmental agency or authority, if necessary in connection with financing, but no such assignment shall absolve Buyer of its responsibility hereunder.

#### 12. Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Buyer and Seller agree that the prompt and effective resolution of any disputes that may arise hereunder is in the best interest of everyone. Save for matters requiring injunctive relief or specific performance, the parties agree that all disputes hereunder shall be resolved by arbitration in Indiana, pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, by a single arbitrator, if the parties can mutually agree, or, if the parties cannot agree, by a panel of three arbitrators, with each party selecting one arbitrator and the two so selected choosing the third. Any finding or award by the arbitrator(s) shall be binding in any related judicial action between the parties, and may be entered as a judgment in any state or federal court in Indiana for the district in which the Buyer's plant is located.

#### 13.

Steel Dynamics is committed to ISO certification. Our delivery goal, for applicable incoming shipments, is 100% on-time, as provided for in our approved procedures. Our quality goal is 100% quality for applicable incoming shipments, again as provided for in our approved procedures. You are expected to perform to our goals for 100% quality and 100% on-time delivery, as applicable in our approved procedures.

#### 14.

Steel Dynamics has a goal for its prime suppliers to base their quality systems on ISO-9001, with a potential goal of overall compliance to ISO-9001, as provided for, in our approved procedures.

## 15.

Any plans, specifications, or additional documents referenced herein shall constitute a material term of this contract. 16.

Risk of loss remains Seller's until effective delivery.

#### 17.

If goods/services are from Buyer's own plans or specifications, or are from Seller's standard stock, Seller's warranties shall include PP 5(a), 5(b), and 5(d) as noted above. If they are to meet Buyer's specific needs or purpose, Seller's warranties shall additionally include P5(c)

Buver's standard terms and conditions of sale listed above constitute as integreal part of this contract. Therefore, Buver objects to, and will not be bound by, any conflicting or incosistent term or condition that Seller might have in any of its documents. If any term or condition is unacceptable to Seller, Seller must notify Buyer in writing within 10 days of its receipt hereof, and Seller's failure to return a signed copy hereof shall not absolve Seller from its obligations hereunder.

ge 2.	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		
Print or type See Specific Instructions on page	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes:     Individual/sole proprietor or     C Corporation     S Corporation     S Corporation     Partnership     Single-member LLC	Trust/estate	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any)
	<ul> <li>Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnersh</li> <li>Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the tax classification of the single-member owner.</li> <li>Other (see instructions) ►</li> </ul>		Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) (Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
P pecific	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)     Requester		and address (optional)
See <b>SI</b>	6 City, state, and ZIP code		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		
Par	t I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)		
	your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avo		curity number
reside	up withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for ent alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other es, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get</i>		
TIN oi	n page 3.	or	
	If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page lines on whose number to enter.	4 for Employer	- dentification number

# Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- 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.

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

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign	Signature of	
Here	U.S. person ►	

# **General Instructions**

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

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at *www.irs.gov/fw*9.

# 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)

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- 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? on page 2.

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?* on page 2 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 to enducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

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

• In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;

• In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and

• In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

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

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

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

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

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

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

## **Backup Withholding**

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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

## Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,

2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt* payee code on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships above.

## What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

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

## Penalties

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

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

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

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

# **Specific Instructions**

## 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, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of 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)(ii). 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 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 in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

## Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in 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

 $7{-}\mathrm{A}$  futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8-A real estate investment trust

 $9-\mbox{An entity}$  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

 $12\mbox{--}A$  middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947 The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G-A real estate investment trust

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

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

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K-A broker

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

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

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

## Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

## 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. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

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

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local 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 TIN, 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. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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

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

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

## Part II. Certification

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

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on 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), 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 2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account'	
<ol> <li>Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)</li> </ol>	The minor <sup>2</sup>	
<ol> <li>a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)</li> <li>b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law</li> </ol>	The grantor-trustee' The actual owner'	
<ol> <li>Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual</li> </ol>	The owner <sup>3</sup>	
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (A))	The grantor*	
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:	
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner	
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>	
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation	
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax- exempt organization	The organization	
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership	
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee	
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity	
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (B))	The trust	

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.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 2. \*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

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

## Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance

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

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

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

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing@irs.gov*. 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 contact them at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## **Privacy Act Notice**

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