



LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

BANKING SERVICES

PROJECT NUMBER 2024-002

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW NO LATER THAN

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS VIA E-MAIL OR FAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ATTENTION: RYAN MCDUFFIE, PURCHASING AGENT
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THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THIS RFP ON OR BEFORE THE STATED DATE AND TIME WILL BE SOLELY AND STRICTLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFEROR.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Procurement

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals for a primary banking relationship with a financial institution, as outlined in the scope of services herein. The Board desires to select a reputable financial institution to provide treasury management, merchant services, and depository services, and make available certain other related financial services for its benefit and benefit of the citizens.

The work to be performed by a qualified firm under this contract consists of, but is not limited to, depository services, check sorting of numerical sequence, monthly statements and reports, ACH services, on-line services, payroll cards, merchant services, and positive pay capabilities. The detailed scope of work can be found in **Section 2.0**.

1.2 Proposal Certification

Pursuant to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-5-67(a), Lumpkin County certifies that the use of competitive sealed proposals will be practical or advantageous to the County in completing the acquisition described in this document.

The owner shall have the right to waive any informality, irregularity, or insufficiency in the proposal procedure and in any proposal or proposals received, and to accept the proposal which, in the Owner’s sole judgment, is in the Owner’s own best interest. The Owner shall have the right to accept any proposal.

1.3 Schedule of Events

The Request for Proposals shall be governed by the following schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 14, 2024	Release of RFP
NONE	Pre-proposal meeting
August 29, 2024, 12:00 PM	Deadline for written questions to Purchasing Agent
September 3, 2024, 5:00 PM	Answers to written questions and addenda posted to website
September 12, 2024, 2:00 PM	Proposals Due

1.4 Restrictions on Communications

From the issue date of this RFP until a vendor is selected and the award is announced, contractors are not allowed to communicate about this project with any County staff or elected officials except: 1) through the Purchasing Agent named herein, 2) at the Pre-Proposal Meeting (if applicable to project), or 3) as provided by existing work agreement(s). The County reserves the right to reject the submittal of any vendor violating this provision.

1.5 Pre-Proposal Conference

A pre-proposal conference will not be held.

1.6 Questions & Addenda

All questions concerning this RFP **must be submitted in writing**, (email is preferred but fax and mail may also be used) to the Purchasing Agent no later than 12:00 PM, August 29, 2024.

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No response to inquiries, other than written, will be binding upon the County. Lumpkin County reserves the right to issue written addenda to any inquiries that alter the scope of the RFP. Addenda shall be posted to the county website, www.lumpkincounty.gov, under the Bids & Solicitations tab no later than 5:00 PM, September 3, 2024. A signed copy of any addenda shall accompany submitted proposals. **Contractors are advised to check the website for addenda before submitting their proposals.**

1.7 Contract Term

The initial contract term between the County and the contractor shall be from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025 and will be eligible for up to three (3) annual renewals.

Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate the contract, with 30 days written notice, for any violations in the terms of this agreement or unreconciled issues arising as a result of this agreement. Vendor agrees to provide 30 days written notice and complete any ongoing activities if Vendor chooses to opt out of an agreement with the County.

1.8 Bonds

Proposal Bonds	Not Required
Payment Bonds	Not Required
Performance Bonds	Not Required

1.9 Exception to RFP

Each contractor shall be deemed to agree to comply with all terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements of this RFP. An “exception” is defined as the Proposer’s inability or unwillingness to meet a term, condition, specification, or requirement in the manner specified in the proposal. All exceptions taken **must** be identified and explained in writing in your RFP and must specifically reference the relevant section(s) of this RFP. If the Proposer provides an alternate solution when taking an exception to the requirement, the benefits of this alternative solution and

impact, if any, on any part of the remainder of the Proposer's solution must be explained in detail.

The County welcomes innovative suggestions and recommendations from Proposers that will ensure a 100% successful service approach.

1.10 Disaster Recovery Plan

The successful Proposer shall include the Bank's Disaster Recovery plan as it relates to how the County accounts will be managed in the event of a disaster or other event. The Disaster Recovery Plan should be developed to manage the impact of significant disruptions and will strive to resume business and operations to an acceptable level within a reasonable time in the event of a disaster.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 Bank Accounts Included

This request is for banking services on all bank accounts of the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and any entities for which Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners serves as financial administrator.

2.2 Bank Account Structure and Operation

Proposals are requested for banking services for the Board's operating accounts within the scope of the following description:

A. General Fund Account

This account will provide for control of deposits of monies, investment of monies, and control of disbursements from all sources of the County, except for funds that for legal or other reasons may not be co-mingled herein.

B. Payroll Account

This account will provide the control and disbursement function for the Board's payrolls written on a bi-weekly basis.

C. SPLOST Funds (Four)

This account will provide for control of deposits, investment of monies, and control of disbursements on transactions for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funds.

D. Seized Funds Escrow

This account will provide for control of deposits, investment of monies, and control of disbursements on transactions for the Sheriff's Seized funds.

E. All Other Accounts (23)

These accounts will provide for control of deposits, investment of monies, and control of disbursements on transactions for the operation of twenty-three miscellaneous bank accounts.

F. Other Accounts

Accounts which may be established by the Board, including accounts listed in the name of a duly elected constitutional officer or in the name of an entity for which the Board of Commissioners serves as financial administrator.

	General Fund	Payroll	2020 SPLOST	Public Defender	Special Tax #02
Average Monthly Balance	\$16,326,527	\$109,737	\$6,356,337	\$186,191	1,010,060
Approximate Annual # of Checks, Wire, ACH, and Transfers	5,000	1,500	50	250	50

Total number of accounts is 30. Five accounts are shown above for reference, and there are 26 other accounts of various balances, from \$10 to \$10 million, most with little to no check activity.

METHOD OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE PROVIDED

The Board will determine prior to acceptance if compensation for specified services will be made by means of a "compensating balance" intentionally maintained in the accounts or on a per service basis. If it is determined that payment will be made via "compensating balances," the Board will have the option to invest amounts over the required balance on a daily basis. In practical terms, the account may either exceed or fall below the required balance on a day-to-day basis. The Board's commitment will be to maintain an average daily compensating balance on a monthly basis over the life of the contract sufficient to support the cost of services for that month.

2.3 Banking Services Required by the Board

The following services are requested by the Board. The proposer is expected to perform these services in accordance with the bank structure described. The enclosed Proposal Fee Form is designed to allow proposers to cost these services in the appropriate manner according to 3 available options.

A. Depository Services

The proposer will be required to provide normal depository services as listed on the proposal form, including processing of all debit and credit items, wire transfers, stop payments, and returned items. The proposer will be required to provide Lumpkin County with two remote deposit machines for check deposits. All maintenance repairs and/or replacements shall be the responsibility of the bank and covered free of charge to the County and must be replaced/repared within 3 business days.

B. Check Sorting of Numerical Sequence

The proposer will be required to provide monthly check sorting services by numerical sequence for the General Fund and Payroll Accounts. The Board's checks will have the check number encoded in magnetic ink characters.

C. Monthly Statements and Reports

Monthly statements on all accounts shall be provided no later than the third business

day of the following month. Monthly statements shall include transactions through the last business day of the month with the checks paid listed in check number order.

D. ACH Services

ACH transfers will be required weekly for Accounts Payable payments and biweekly for Payroll Direct Deposit. Dual control is required on all ACH initiated transactions, with the exception of two authorized employees.

E. Miscellaneous Services

Incidental items, including deposit slips, coin wrappers, currency straps, and night depository bags are expected to be provided free of charge. The Board validates checks received with self-inking “For Deposit Only” stamps that contain the required information about the Bank and the Board’s accounts. Awarded Bank shall provide a stamp for each account at the start of the contract, free of charge.

F. On-Line Services

Provider shall provide full service online banking services. These services shall include but not be limited to prior day balance reporting capabilities with debit and credit transaction listings; image retrieval of cleared and deposited check item and cancelled checks (front and reverse); capability to search for transaction items; ACH debit and credit processing (including direct deposit), wire transfer capabilities (template functionality is desired), and stop payments for disbursement checks. Please provide a complete list of on-line services.

G. Positive Pay

The provider shall provide positive pay capabilities for check disbursements fraud protection with electronic file submission and with online decision-making capabilities. Verification of file submission, preferably by email, is desired.

H. Merchant Services

The County currently accepts credit/debit cards at 6 locations and is interested in providing more of these services throughout the county at a low or no cost to the County. Please provide information on merchant services provided by your bank.

12-month Volume Credit Card Collections estimate per site:

Park and Recreation	\$200,000
Planning	\$70,000
Animal Shelter	\$15,000
Finance	\$100,000
County Clerk	\$10,000
Airport	\$10,000
	\$ 405,000

2.4 Monthly Service Charge/Compensating Balance Calculation

A. Procedure for Billing

With the exception of option 3 on page 29 of this RFP, the bank will prepare and submit to the Board, along with specified monthly statements and reports, a billing for all services rendered for the month end. This billing will be prepared on a monthly basis in a format similar to the section in the Proposal Response Form where the estimated annual services charges were computed or on a form mutually agreed upon by the Board and the Bank.

The billing will show the volume of services rendered, the per unit cost as proposed, and the calculation of the Required Compensating Balance. Factors in the formula for calculating the Compensating Balance will vary from month to month.

B. Establishing the Level of the Compensating Balance

The compensating Balance will change from month to month, but will remain constant during any monthly period. Due to the time lapse involved in the processing of monthly statements, reports and billings, it is necessary that the Compensating Balance be adjusted in succeeding months to the actual amount required for a particular month. For example:

- The bank provides services for Month One
- Statements, reports and billing (included calculated Compensating Balance for Month One) are submitted to the Board during Month Two
- The required Compensating Balance billed for Month One will be established and maintained during Month Three

C. Settlement for Over/Under Compensation

Any over or under compensation balances resulting in a deficit being owed to the bank or a credit being owed to the Board will be settled by a payment on a monthly basis. The Board will owe the bank for any uncompensated services, and the bank will owe the Board interest on the balance above that required by the compensating balance. The factor specified in the Response Forms will be used to determine the interest rate to be used in calculating the bank's liability to the Board.

2.5 Minimum Qualifications

- A. The banking institution must be able to provide full banking services, including daily cash deposits, within the boundaries of Lumpkin County.
- B. The banking institution must assign a specific individual who will be assigned as the Lumpkin County account representative.
- C. The banking institution must maintain a portfolio of investments sufficient to collateralize all Board deposits in excess of FDIC coverage and in accordance with Georgia Statutes and Attorney General Opinions. All collateralized securities must be held in safe keeping at a financial institution in the State of Georgia or in the Federal Reserve Bank.
- D. The banking institution must demonstrate, if requested, that it has experience

servicing customers with similar banking structure and volumes as described in this document for the Board.

- E. The banking institution must have experience serving a customer whose payroll account is paid through direct deposit or electronic funds transfer.
- F. The banking institution may replace personnel handling Board's accounts with the express prior written permission of the Government, and the Government retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

3.0 MANDATORY PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 **Overview:** The proposer shall provide detailed information so as to demonstrate their understanding of the services requested. Work will consist of depository services, check sorting of numerical sequence, monthly statements and reports, ACH services, on-line services, and positive pay capabilities.
- 3.2 **Documents:** Lumpkin County, Georgia is not interested in elaborate brochures. All documents will be typewritten on standard 8 ½" x 11" white paper and bound in three-ring binders in two volumes (Volume 1-Qualifications Proposal and Volume II Cost Proposal). Exceptions would be schematics, exhibits, photographs, or other information necessary to facilitate the County's ability to accurately evaluate the proposal.
- 3.3 **Submission:** The Proposer shall package and seal its proposals so that they will not be damaged in mailing. Volumes I and II are to be packaged and sealed separately. Proposers are reminded that under Georgia law, all opened documents fall under the open records act and are subject to inspection by the public. Proposers are reminded that documents and information in the possession of Lumpkin County will be treated as confidential/proprietary information only to the extent permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act and will be exempt from disclosure to a third party only to the extent permitted by the Georgia Open Records Act. Should you believe that your Proposal contains any trade secrets, you must submit an affidavit, along with the Proposal, that states that specific portions of the Proposal contain trade secrets as defined by Georgia law (Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia). Furthermore, the **affidavit must be detailed, citing specifically (citing paragraphs, articles, provisions, pages, etc.)** the portions of the Proposal containing any trade secrets. Accordingly, proprietary information and/or data cannot be withheld from public inspection. Proposals and supporting documents will be submitted in accordance with the Evaluation and Proposal Submission Section.

A prospective service provider's response shall include, at minimum, the following information. Please note that the proposal should address the requirements in a clear and concise manner in the order stated herein.

Proposals must be tabbed as follows and must include, in the applicable tab, the information/documents specified. Proposals that do not adhere to the following format or include the required information/documents may be considered incomplete and therefore non-responsive.

TAB 1- Executive Summary

Present in brief, concise terms, a summary level description of the contents of the proposal and your company and its capabilities. Give the names of the person(s) who will be authorized to make representations for the Proposers, their title(s), address(es), telephone, and e-mail address. List the financial institution's home office and branch office locations within Lumpkin County. The summary must be limited to a maximum of two pages and the signer of the proposal must declare that the proposal is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud and that the signer of the proposal has the authority to bind the principal proponent.

TAB 2 - Experience and Ability

This RFP is for primary banking services for Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners. The County has the right to increase or decrease the Contractor's assignment and/or areas of operation within the scope of this contract.

The proposal should provide a detailed outline of how work will be accomplished.

At a minimum the proposal should include the following information:

- The financial institution's availability of funds schedule.
- Description of the financial institution's ability to provide investment advisory services to the Board.
- An estimate of the number of the financial institution's customers that use EFT or direct deposit to pay their payrolls originating at the institution. Provide an estimate of the monthly volume of two larger accounts with this arrangement.
- Describe the data processing capability of the financial institution. Include all pertinent information including location and time schedule of processing and the capability to provide monthly statements and reports as specified in Section 2.3, Part C. Specific reference to direct deposit payroll schedules should be made.
- State the latest time transactions will be posted and included as current day business.
- The banking institution shall provide their Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rating to the Board.
- The institution shall provide a Disaster Recovery Plan to show how the County accounts will be protected.

Include any pertinent information needed to determine the Proposer's expertise and ability to perform the anticipated work, such as:

- Capacity and Plan for mobilization
- Availability and capacity of the financial institution
- Skills, experience, and availability of specific individuals to be assigned to the Board to provide the services required
- Quality of performance by the financial institution on previous and similar contracts
- Financial strength and long-term viability of the financial institution
- Other unique services the financial institution can provide

TAB 3 - Past Performance

The proposal will address how the Proposers have previously provided the services detailed required in the scope of services.

The Proposers shall provide at least three (3) references for contracts of a similar size and scope, (if available) including at least two references for current contracts or those awarded during the past five years. Include the name of the organization, the length of the contract, a brief summary of the work, and the name and telephone number of a responsible contact person. Also provide a description of any conflicts occurring over the last five (5) years with these or any other contract for similar work.

TAB 4 - Understanding and Approach of Project Requirements

The Proposers shall provide their interpretation of what is required to meet the needs of the County. The Proposer will use this document to provide their knowledge and experience to develop their understanding of this project. The Proposers are urged to develop scenarios or examples to fully explain their position. A detailed description of the Proposer’s project approach should be given, including elements to be performed by the awarded financial institution and elements expected to be performed by County staff.

4.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION FACTORS

It is the County’s intent to evaluate the proposals based on technical merit and price. It is the intent of the County to choose the Proposer whose proposal provides the highest value to the County. The County reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the County’s opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the County. The County reserves the right to seek additional/supplemental representation on specific issues as needed.

4.1 Technical Evaluation Method

Each proposal will be reviewed by a team of qualified individuals. Their proposal review and evaluation will be subjective; however, the weighting values are established to minimize that subjectivity. The following delineates the value attributed to each section.

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
Company/Personnel Experience	30%
Project Understanding/Approach	38%
Local Preference	<u>2%</u>
Technical Total:	70%
Fee	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

Following the evaluation of the proposals, the Team may request the top-ranking firm(s) to make an oral presentation and/or be interviewed. If a determination is made that presentations are necessary, they will take place in Dahlonega, Georgia at a mutually acceptable date and time that will be promulgated by the Purchasing Agent.

5.0 COST PROPOSAL

Each Proposer is required to submit a cost proposal as part of its response. The cost proposal will be evaluated and scored in accordance with scoring criteria. By submitting a response, the supplier agrees that it has read, understood, and will submit a Proposal by the following instructions/rules:

1. The submitted cost proposal must include all costs of performing pursuant to the resulting contract; and
2. Cost proposals containing a minimum order/ship quantity or dollar value, unless otherwise called for in the RFP, will be treated as non-responsive and may not be considered for award; and
3. In the event there is discrepancy between the Proposer's unit price and extended price, the unit price shall govern;
4. In the event there is a discrepancy between (1) the Proposer's pricing as quoted on the RFP's provided cost worksheet and (2) the Proposer's pricing as quoted by the Proposer in one or more additional documents, the former shall govern; and
5. The prices quoted and listed in the cost proposal shall be firm throughout the term of the resulting contract, unless otherwise noted in the RFP or contract.

5.1 Cost Structure and Additional Instructions

The County's intent is to structure the cost format in order to facilitate comparison among all Proposers and foster competition to obtain the best market pricing. Consequently, the County requires that each Proposer's cost be in the format outlined below. Additional alternative cost structures will not be considered. Each supplier is cautioned that failure to comply with the instructions listed below, submission of an incomplete offer, or submission of an offer in a different format than the one requested may result in the rejection of the supplier's proposal.

Enter all information directly into the Proposal Fee Form(s). Cells left blank will be interpreted as "no offer".

Cost will be evaluated based on a \$6,000,000.00 average balance. The interest earned on \$6,000,000.00 minus the compensating balance will provide the figure which will be utilized to determine the cost scores.

Based on the total score of the Technical and Cost proposals, the Board of Commissioners may choose Proposers with whom to negotiate the final project methodology/scope, fees, and schedules with a view toward entering into a contractual agreement. **This RFP Technical/Cost split will be 70/30.**

NOTE: The BOC reserves the right to accept a proposal, as submitted, and enter directly into a contractual agreement with that selected Proposer. Accordingly, it is imperative that all Proposers present their best technical and cost offers in their initial submission.

5.2 Proposal Fee Form Instructions (p.25-30)

Declaration with this document regarding the volume of banking transactions are the Board's best estimates, based on available information, and is intended to provide information to aid firms in evaluation of the Board's accounts. The Board specifically does not represent that these estimates are minimum or maximum volumes.

For Option 1- Account Analysis

- **Line 1 (Total Estimated Annual Charge for Services Rendered)** - This section of the response form is designed to allow the proposer to individually price various services on a per item basis and to extend them to an annual estimated charge based on the Board's best estimate of volume of transactions for each service. A total estimated annual charge is derived by adding the estimated annual charges for the various services. *Note:* The proposal is on a variable basis; actual charges will be determined monthly based on actual volumes multiplied by the proposed rate.
- **Line 2 (Total Calculated Compensating Balance)** - This section of the response form is designed to allow the proposer to calculate the compensating balance required for the value of the services proposed.
- The following formula is to be used:

$$\frac{[\text{Estimated Annual Service Charge}] + [1\text{-Bank's Federal Reserve}]}{[\text{Average 90-day Treasury Bill Rate}] + [\text{Requirement}]} = \text{Average Daily Collected Balance to Compensate for Services Provided}$$

- Definition of factors in formula is as follows:

Estimated Annual Service Charge - Total estimated annual service charge (amount on line 1 on Proposal Fee Form)

For simplicity of this proposal, all proposers will use four (4%) percent as the Average Treasury Bill Rate to calculate the required compensating balance.

Bank's Federal Reserve Requirement - The Bank's reserve on demand deposits as required by the Federal Reserve System.

- Example of Calculation - Assume that the Estimated Annual Service Charge is \$10,000; the month's Average T-bill Coupon Equivalent Rate is 4%; and the Bank's Reserve Requirement is 12%; the Required Compensating Balance would then be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{[10,000]}{[.04]} \div [1 - .12] = \underline{\$284,091}$$

Under these assumptions, the Required Compensating Balance would be \$284,091 and would be entered on the proposal form in the indicated space.

- **Line 3 (Factor to be used to Calculate Interest Rate)** - factor to be used to calculate rate for interest payment to Board on balance in excess of compensating balance will be determined by the banking institution. The banking institution shall identify what balance interest shall be paid on and define which rate the banking institution will utilize for this purpose. The banking institution shall provide the history of this factor for calendar year to date 2024. For cost evaluation purposes, assume a monthly compounding interest with a balance of \$6 million. If no rate is provided, the Board will assume that no interest will

be paid.

$$\text{Rate (+) } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ or (-) } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \text{Factor}^*$$

***Please place only a positive or negative integer to answer this equation on Line 3 of the Proposal Fee Form.**

For Option 2- FEE SCHEDULE TO CHARGE PER OCCURRENCE

Include fees charged directly for services used. Historical rates of public funds checking accounts in 2024 can be used to provide the requested information.

For Option 3- FLAT FEE FOR SERVICES (MERCHANT FEES MAY BE SEPARATE)

Provide a flat fee rate for services. Historical rates of public funds checking accounts in 2024 can be used to provide the requested information.

6.0 RFP Amendments

The County reserves the right to amend the RFP prior to the proposal due date. All addenda and additional information will be posted to the County’s website www.lumpkincounty.gov under Bids & Solicitations project RFP 2024-002 BANKING SERVICES, prior to 5:00 pm, EDT on September 3, 2024. **It is the Proposer’s responsibility to check the website for addenda before submitting a proposal. All signed addenda shall be included with the proposal.**

6.1 Agreement and Project Forms

The agreement form shall be the Owner’s agreement form. The Owner’s payment, waiver of lien, and change order form(s) shall be used.

6.2 RFP Withdrawal

A submitted RFP may be withdrawn prior to the due date by a signed written request to the Purchasing Agent.

6.3 Costs for Preparing RFP

The cost for developing the RFP is the sole responsibility of the contractor. The County will not provide reimbursement for such cost.

6.4 Conflict of Interest

If a Proposer has any existing client relationship that involves Lumpkin County, the Proposer must disclose each relationship.

6.5 Contractor Selection

Lumpkin County anticipates making a single award; however, it reserves the right to make multiple awards should it deem in the best interest of the County. It is anticipated that

such an award, if any, will be accomplished within sixty (60) days (unless otherwise agreed upon by the Proposer(s) and the County) from the proposal opening.

6.6 Negotiations and Apparent Winner

Prior to award, the apparent winning proposer will be required to enter into discussions with the County to resolve any contractual differences. These discussions are to be finalized within two (2) weeks of notification unless extending the time period is advantageous to the County. Failure to resolve differences will lead to rejection of the contractor's RFP.

The County reserves the right to negotiate modifications and costs with the successful Proposer, provided that no such modifications affect the specifications set forth herein. The contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and a Notice to Proceed document is received from the County.

6.7 Taxes

Lumpkin County is exempt from sales taxes; however, the contractor shall pay all taxes required as stated by law. Lumpkin County cannot exempt others from tax.

6.8 Compliance with Laws

The contractor will comply with all State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

6.9 Non-Collusive Bidding

Contractor shall not prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Contractor shall not prevent or endeavor to prevent anyone from making a bid or proposal by any means whatsoever, nor shall Contractor cause or induce another to withdraw a bid or proposal for the work. § 36-91-21.

If the contractor is a partnership, all of the partners and any officer, agent, or other person who may have represented or acted for them in bidding for or procuring the contract shall also make the oath. If the contractor is a corporation, all officers, agents, or other persons who may have acted for or represented the corporation in bidding for or procuring the contract shall make the oath. If such oath is false, the contract shall be void, and all sums paid by the governmental entity on the contract may be recovered by appropriate action.

6.10 Cancellation

If either party shall refuse, fail, or be unable to perform or observe any of the terms or conditions of the contract for any reason, then the party claiming such failure shall give the other party a written notice of such breach. If within thirty (30) days from such notice, the failure has not been corrected, the injured party may cancel the contract effective thirty (30) days after notice of cancellation.

Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event that the contractor discontinues or abandons operations, is adjudged bankrupt or is reorganized under any bankruptcy law or fails to keep in force any required insurance

policies or bonds.

Failure of the successful Proposer to comply with any section or part of the contract will be considered grounds for immediate termination of the contract by the County without penalty to Lumpkin County. Lumpkin County shall pay for services rendered up to the point of termination.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the contract between the County and the successful contractor, the County may, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, terminate the contract for convenience and without cause, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the successful Proposer.

If the termination clause is used by the County, the successful contractor will be paid by the County for all scheduled work completed satisfactorily by the successful contractor up to the termination date set forth in the written termination notice.

6.11 Conditions of Materials

It is understood and agreed that materials delivered shall be new, of latest design, and in first quality condition.

6.12 Rejection of Submissions/Cancellation of Request for Proposal

Lumpkin County reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs, to waive any irregularity or informality in an RFP, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items, when to do so would be to the advantage of Lumpkin County. It is also within the rights of Lumpkin County to reject RFPs that do not contain all elements and information requested in this document. Lumpkin County reserves the right to cancel this request for proposal at any time. Lumpkin County will not be liable for any cost/losses incurred by the contractors throughout this process.

6.13 Non-discrimination

Lumpkin County does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

6.14 Insurance

The contractor shall be responsible for his/her work and every part thereof and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and properties of any and all description used in connection with this project. The contractor assumes all risks of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property of persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission, or operation under the contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work. The contractor shall, during the continuance of all work under the contract, provide the following:

1. Maintain statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 to protect the contractor from any liability or damages for any injuries (including death and disability) to any of its employees, volunteers, or sub-contractors, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue or any statute or law in force within the State of Georgia, or which may

be herein after enacted.

2. The Proposer agrees to maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence to protect the contractor, it's sub-contractors, and the interest of the County against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability Insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage Liability endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards where required.
3. The contractor agrees to maintain Automobile Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles.
4. The contractor further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Lumpkin County, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability incurred whatsoever as a result of the work performed pursuant to the terms of this proposal.
5. The contractor shall notify the County in writing sixty (60) days prior to change in insurance or cancellation date. The failure of the contractor to deliver a new certificate shall result in suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished. Additionally, contract work may be suspended until the new certificate is furnished to the County.
6. Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the contract term. Should the contractor fail to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within five (5) days of written notice at any time during the contract term, the owner shall have the absolute right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to the contractor. Furthermore, the contractor shall be responsible for the cost of procuring the uncompleted portion of the contract at the time of termination.
7. Contractual and other liability insurance provided under the contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection, or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the County from supervising and/or inspecting the project as to the end result. The contractor shall assume all on the job responsibilities as to the control of persons under its direct employment and of the sub-contractors and any persons employed by the sub-contractors.
8. The contractor and all sub-contractors shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and amendments as it may apply to this contract.
9. If the contractor does not meet the insurance requirements of the specifications, alternate insurance coverage satisfactory to the County may be considered. The contractor shall be responsible for the costs of any and all alternate insurance coverage so obtained.

6.15 Project Coordination

The contractor shall employ and assign only qualified and competent personnel to perform any service or task involved in this project. The contractor shall designate one such person as a Project Manager, and the Project Manager shall be deemed to be the contractor's authorized representative, who shall be authorized to receive and accept any and all communication from the County.

The contractor hereby agrees to replace any personnel of sub-contractor, at no cost or penalty to the County, if the County reasonably determines that the performance or any sub-contractor or personnel is unsatisfactory.

6.16 Accuracy of Work

The contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of work performed and shall promptly correct its errors and omissions without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the County will not relieve the contractor of the responsibility for subsequent correction of errors, the clarification of any ambiguities, or the costs associated with any additional work caused by negligent acts, errors, or omissions by the contractor or latent defects in the products sold by the contractor.

At any time during the execution of this project or during any phase of work performed by others based on data secured by the contractor under this agreement, the contractor shall confer with the County for the purpose of interpreting the information supplied by the contractor and to correct any errors or omissions. The above consultations, clarifications, and/or corrections shall be made without added compensation to the contractor.

The contractor shall give immediate attention to these changes so there will be minimum delay to others, the contractor shall be responsible for errors and omissions and hold harmless the County and its agents as provided in the agreement.

6.17 News Release by Contractor

As a matter of policy, the County does not endorse the products or services of a contractor. News releases concerning any resultant contract from this solicitation shall not be made by a contractor without the proper written approval of the County. All proposed news releases shall be routed to the Lumpkin County Purchasing Agent for review and approval.

6.18 Severability

It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this contract is held illegal or in conflict with any law of the State where made or having jurisdiction over any of the parties hereto, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular part term or provisions held to be invalid.

The County and the contractor agree to resolve through negotiation or mediation prior to filing any cause of action. The venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be Lumpkin County, Georgia.

The County reserves the right to cancel the contract and discontinue the services with a thirty (30) day written notice as a result of the failure of the contractor to provide acceptable work and services as delineated in the response to this document or if determined that services can be better provided by in-house or other sources.

6.19 Drug Free Workplace

By submission of a proposal, the contractor certifies that the provisions of Code Sections 50-24- 1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the “Drug Free Workplace Act,” have been complied with in full. The Proposer further certifies that:

1. A drug free workplace will be provided for the contractor’s employees during performance of the contract; and

2. Each contractor who hires a sub-contractor to work in a drug free work place shall secure from that sub-contractor the following written certification: as part of the sub-contracting agreement, Sub-Contractor certifies to the contractor that a drug free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of sub-section (b) of Code Section 50-24-3.
3. The contractor further certifies that he will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of this contract.

6.20 Assignment of Contractual Rights

It is agreed that the contractor will not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of a contract that may result from this proposal or his right, title, or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof without written consent of the County.

6.21 Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the contractor will indemnify, defend, and hold Lumpkin County harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to, fees and charges of attorneys and court and arbitration costs, arising out of or resulting from negligent acts, negligent omissions, willful misconduct, or reckless misconduct of the Proposer or anyone for whom the contractor is responsible.

6.22 Appropriation of Funds

The initial contract and any continuation contract(s) shall terminate immediately and absolutely at any such time as there are no appropriated and otherwise unencumbered funds available to satisfy the County's obligation under said contract(s).

6.23 Documents Deemed Part of Contract

All contract documents issued by the owner and executed by both parties through the completion of the project shall be deemed part of the contract. No documentation or information provided by the contractor, as part of this proposal or otherwise, shall be deemed part of the contract unless and until incorporated into the contract documents issued by the owner.

6.24 Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act

Proposers submitting a response to this Request for Proposal **must** provide the following information in the package to indicate compliance with the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act. The form is provided for completion.

6.25 Gratuities

Lumpkin County acknowledges that, particularly during the holiday season, it may be customary to provide gifts to employees or departments. However, the Lumpkin County Personnel Policy prevents the acceptance of such gifts. Your cooperation in respecting the policy is appreciated.

6.26 Contraband

Employees of the successful Proposer shall not enter County Buildings with goods or products that shall be considered contraband, i.e. drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco products smokeless or otherwise, etc.



PROPOSER'S TECHNICAL CHECKLIST PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PACKET

Company: _____

Please indicate you have completed the following documentation and submit them in the following order:

- Proposers Qualification Sheet
- Tab 1- Executive Summary
- Tab 2- Experience and Ability
- Tab 3- Past Performance
- Tab 4- Understanding and Approach of Project Requirements

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

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PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATION SHEET

All references must include information for whom your company has completed work similar to the Scope of Work in this Proposal. Attach additional page if necessary.

Company Name: _____

<p>1. Company _____ Street Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Contact Person Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____ Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____</p>
<p>2. Company _____ Street Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Contact Person Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____ Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____</p>
<p>3. Company _____ Street Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Contact Person Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____ Describe Scope of Work and dates of project/service: _____ _____</p>

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PROPOSER'S FINANCIAL CHECKLIST AND PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PACKET

Company Name: _____

Please indicate you have completed the following documentation and submit them in the following order:

- Proposer's Information
- Execution of Proposal
- Proposal Fee Form
- Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- Drug-Free Workplace
- Addenda Acknowledgement
- Georgia's Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit (E-Verify)
- Completed W9

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

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PROPOSER'S INFORMATION FORM

1. Legal Business Name _____

2. Street Address _____

3. City, State & Zip _____

4. Type of Business: State of Registration: _____
(Association, Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.)

5. Name & Title of Authorized Signer: _____

6. Primary Contact: _____

7. Phone: _____ Fax: _____

8. E-mail _____

9. Company Website _____

10. Has your company ever been debarred from doing business with any federal, state or local agency?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please state the agency name, dates and reason for debarment.

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PROPOSER'S EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: _____

The potential Contractor certifies the following by placing an "X" in all blank spaces:

___ That this bid was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.

___ That the potential Contractor has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.

___ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.

___ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Request for Proposal with no exceptions.

Therefore, in compliance with the foregoing proposal, and subject to all terms and conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this proposal is accepted within sixty (60) days from the date of the opening, to furnish the services for the prices quoted within the timeframe required.

Business Name

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title

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PROPOSAL FEE FORM

PROPOSAL FROM: _____

1. The undersigned Proposer proposes and agrees, if this Proposal is accepted, to enter into an agreement with Owner in the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the Proposal Price and within the Proposal Times indicated in this Proposal and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
2. Proposer accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Invitation and Instructions to Proposers, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Proposal security. This Proposal will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the day of Proposal opening, or for such longer period of time that Proposer may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.
3. In submitting this Proposal, Proposer represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement, that:
 - (a) Proposer has examined and carefully studied the Plans (if any), Specifications for the work, Deliverables and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all Technical Provisions, Supplementary Conditions, and General Conditions, furnished prior to the opening of Proposals; that Proposer has satisfied himself relative to the work to be performed.
 - (b) Proposer further acknowledges hereby receipt of the following Addenda:

ADDENDUM NO.	DATE

Proposers are advised that it is their responsibility to verify that any and all amendments have been received prior to submission of the Proposal. In case any Proposer fails to acknowledge receipts of any such amendments in the space provided on the Proposal form, the Proposal will nevertheless be construed as though the amendment have been received and acknowledged, and the submission of the Proposal will constitute acknowledgement of the receipt of amendments.

- (c) Proposer has visited the site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local and site conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work;
 - (d) Proposer is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state and local laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work.
 - (e) Proposer is aware of the general nature of Work to be performed by Owner and others at the site that relates to Work for which this Proposal is submitted as indicated in the Proposal Documents.
 - (f) Proposer has correlated the information known to Proposer, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings, if any, identified in the Proposal Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data with the Proposal Documents.
 - (g) Proposer has given Purchasing Agent, if any, written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies that Proposer has discovered in the Proposal Documents and the written resolution thereof by Purchasing Agent is acceptable to Proposer. The Proposal Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work for which this Proposal is submitted.
 - (h) This Proposal is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; Proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Proposer to submit a false or sham Proposal; Proposer has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from Proposal; and Proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Proposer or over the Owner.
4. Lumpkin County recognizes three (3) possible options to determine costs. Proposers may submit information one, two, or all of the following options. For Option 1, the Board will determine prior to acceptance if compensation for specified services will be made by means of a “compensating balance” intentionally maintained in the accounts or on a per service basis. If it is determined that payment will be made via “compensating balances,” the Board will have the option to invest amounts over the required balance on a daily basis. In practical terms, the account may either exceed or fall below the required balance on a day-to-day basis. The Board’s commitment will be to maintain an average daily compensating balance on a monthly basis over the life of the contract sufficient to support the cost of services for that month. For Option 2, the County is requesting costs of fees charged per item per occurrence. And, for Option 3, the County is requesting a flat fee for services.
5. Proposer will complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents for one of the following options:

BANKING SERVICES – RFP# 2024-002

SUBMITTED BY: _____

OPTION 1: ACCOUNT ANALYSIS

Line No.	Required Services (A)	Estimated Annual Volume		
		Total (B)	Charges Per Item (to 0.0000 of a cent) (C)	Total Estimated {(B) X (C)}
1	Estimated Annual Service Charge:			
1a.	Number of Accounts	22	\$	\$
1b.	Deposits Credited	2932	\$	\$
1c.	Miscellaneous Debits	687	\$	\$
1d.	Paid Items	3530	\$	\$
1e.	Stop Payments	19	\$	\$
1f.	Wires Out	16	\$	\$
1g.	ACH Origination File	145	\$	\$
1h.	ACH Credits Originated	8433	\$	\$
1i.	Return Items	5	\$	\$
1j.	Cash Deposited	403	\$	\$
1k.	Online Banking Services	21	\$	\$
1l.	Merchant Services	5	\$	\$
	List any other additional			
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
Total Estimated Annual Service Charge for All Accounts (Value of Line No. 1):				\$
2	Total Calculated Compensating Balance			\$
3*	Factor to Calculate Interest Rate			

***PLEASE DEFINE THE FACTOR THAT WILL BE USED:**

To determine the cost score, the factor will be multiplied by the County funds (\$6 million is to be used) less the compensating balance.

NOTE: The prices listed above are to be inclusive of performing all Scope of Services as described within this RFP.

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OPTION 2: FEE SCHEDULE TO CHARGE PER OCCURRENCE

Line No.	Required Services (A)	Estimated Annual Volume		
		Total (B)	Charges Per Item (to 0.0000 of a cent) (C)	Total Estimated {(B) X (C)}
1	Estimated Annual Service Charge:			
1a.	Number of Accounts	22	\$	\$
1b.	Deposits Credited	2932	\$	\$
1c.	Miscellaneous Debits	687	\$	\$
1d.	Paid Items	3530	\$	\$
1e.	Stop Payments	19	\$	\$
1f.	Wires Out	16	\$	\$
1g.	ACH Origination File	145	\$	\$
1h.	ACH Credits Originated	8433	\$	\$
1i.	Return Items	5	\$	\$
1j.	Cash Deposited	403	\$	\$
1k.	Online Banking Services	21	\$	\$
1l.	Merchant Services	5	\$	\$
	List any other additional			
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
Total Estimated Annual Service Charge for All Accounts (Value of Line No. 1):				\$

Use historical rates of public funds checking accounts in 2024.

NOTE: The prices listed above are to be inclusive of performing all Scope of Services as described within this RFP.

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SUBMITTED BY: _____

OPTION 3: FLAT FEE FOR SERVICES (MERCHANT FEES MAY BE SEPARATE)

PROPOSED FEE \$ _____

Use historical rates of public funds checking accounts in 2024.

NOTE: The prices listed above are to be inclusive of performing all Scope of Services as described within this RFP.



PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION

I, _____, certify that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid/proposal for the same services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of state and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damages awards.

I certify that I did not prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. I did not prevent or endeavor to prevent anyone from making a bid or proposal by any means whatever. I did not, nor will I, cause or induce another to withdraw a bid or proposal for the work.

I have not directly or indirectly violated subsection (d) of O.C.G.A § 36-91-21, nor has any officer, representative, agent or other person acting on behalf of my company.

If this oath is false, the contract shall be void, and all sums paid by Lumpkin County on the contract may be recovered by appropriate action.

COMPANY NAME: _____

Authorized Representative (Signature) Date

Authorized Representative/Title

(Print or Type)

This affidavit is given this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

Commission Expires

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DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

I hereby certify that I am a principle and duly authorized representative of: _____

whose address is: _____

And it is also that:

1. The provisions of Section § 50.24.1 through § 50.24.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full; and,
2. A drug free workplace will be provided for the CONTRACTOR'S employees during the performance of the contract; and,
3. Each subcontractor hired by the CONTRACTOR shall be required to ensure that the subcontractor's employees are provided a drug free workplace. The CONTRACTOR shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with

Name of Sub Contractor

certifies to the CONTRACTOR that a drug free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section § 50.24.3"; and,

4. It is certified that the undersigned will not engage in unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

Signature

Date

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ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Proposer has examined and carefully studied the proposal and the following Addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

Proposers must acknowledge any issued addenda. Bids which fail to acknowledge the Proposer's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

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Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

As per the Georgia Senate Bill 529 and Senate Bill 447, the Georgia Department of Labor has promulgated new rules for the implementation of Section 2. O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Chapter 300-10-01-.02 state that no Georgia Public Employer shall enter into a contract for *the physical performance of services within the State of Georgia* unless the Contractor registers and participates in a federal work authorization program to verify the work eligibility information of all of its new employees.

The Employment Eligibility Verification “E-Verify” site operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is the electronic federal work authorization program to be utilized for these purposes.

The website is <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>

By executing the attached Contractor Affidavit, Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners has registered and is participating in this federal work authorization program in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in this Statute.

Contractor further agrees that should it employ or contract with any Sub-Contractor(s) for the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from the Sub-Contractor(s) verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on a Sub-Contractor Affidavit and shall provide a copy of each such verification to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at the time the Sub-Contractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND RETURN IT TO:

Ryan McDuffie
Lumpkin County Purchasing Agent
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Fax: (706) 482-2201
Email: ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov



E-Verify Affidavit

Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act (CONTRACTOR) E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Contractor agree that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Labor are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, *stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating the federal work authorization program known as "E-Verify", web address <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/> operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. §13-10-91.* The undersigned Contractor also verifies that he/she/it is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period.

The undersigned Contractor agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees the Contractor will advise the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners of the hiring a new subcontractor and will provide Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners with a Subcontractor Affidavit attesting to the Subcontractor's name, address, user identification number, and date of authorization to use the Federal Work Authorization Program within five (5) days of the hiring before the Subcontractor begins working on the Project. Contractor also agrees to maintain all records of such compliance for inspection by Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at any time and to provide a copy of each such verification to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Date of Authorization to Use Federal Work Authorization Program

NAME OF CONTRACTOR

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Signature and Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

** As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV / Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. §13-10-91. History: Original Rule entitled "Contractor Affidavit and Agreement" adopted. F. May 25, 2007; eff. June 18, 2007, as specified by the Agency.*

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E-Verify Affidavit

Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act (SUB-CONTRACTOR) E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Contractor agree that compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Labor are conditions of this Agreement for the physical performance of services.

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, *stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating the federal work authorization program known as "E-Verify", web address <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/> operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. §13-10-91.* The undersigned Contractor also verifies that he/she/it is using and will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period.

The undersigned Contractor agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees the Contractor will advise the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners of the hiring a new subcontractor and will provide Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners with a Subcontractor Affidavit attesting to the Subcontractor's name, address, user identification number, and date of authorization to use the Federal Work Authorization Program within five (5) days of the hiring before the Subcontractor begins working on the Project. Contractor also agrees to maintain all records of such compliance for inspection by Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at any time and to provide a copy of each such verification to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Date of Authorization to Use Federal Work Authorization Program

NAME OF SUB-CONTRACTOR

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Sub-Contractor

Signature and Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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Private Employer Exemption Affidavit Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6(d)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned private employer verifies that it is exempt from compliance with O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation employs fewer than eleven employees and therefore, is not required to register with and/or utilize the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90.

Signature of Exempt Private Employer

Printed Name of Exempt Private Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on _____, 20__ in _____ (city), __ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

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

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers).
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions).
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions).
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), and 1098-T (tuition).
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt).
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property).

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

Caution: If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued);
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding; or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting is correct. See *What Is FATCA Reporting*, later, for further information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backup Withholding

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

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

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

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

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

What Is FATCA Reporting?

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

Updating Your Information

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

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Specific Instructions

Line 1

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

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

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

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

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

• **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

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

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the owner entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For

example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

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

Line 3a

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

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

Line 3b

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

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

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

Line 4 Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

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

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

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2).

- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.
- 5—A corporation.
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or territory.
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- 8—A real estate investment trust.
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).
- 11—A financial institution as defined under section 581.
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

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

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

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information, 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) entered on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37).
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

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

G—A real estate investment trust.

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

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

J—A bank as defined in section 581.

K—A broker.

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

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

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

Line 5

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

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have, and are not eligible to get, an SSN, your TIN is your IRS ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

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

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

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

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/EIN. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

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

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

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

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)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
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
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 Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (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 on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

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.)

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

** For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

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

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

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

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

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

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

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to 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 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.

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

Privacy Act Notice

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