

Alabama A&M University



(2) Trailers for hauling livestock

Invitation to Bid (ITB) –

Bid No. 2K20-3B

Deadline: March 23, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION

(2) livestock trailers which will be used for transporting livestock. Additional specified features are detailed in the attachments.

The awarded vendors must follow Federal and State of Alabama laws and Alabama A&M University policies and procedures throughout the duration of the contract.

If proposing an equal for review by University personnel to be considered an approved equal, please provide the brand name, serial number, and any other uniquely identifying vendor product information.

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	Description	Unit
P8432	8413 7'0" X 32' X 7'0" BASE	
F1544	Combo package 7'0"wide x 7'0"high x 32'0"long with straight wall	
F1860	Tandem axle 8.0K rubber torsion. Includes (4) GY tire/rim L T235/85R16 LRG & 8 hole silver MOD wheel & hub cover. (Incl conspicuity tape) (To add a spare use code 95173)	
F8075	Axle lube type - easy lube	
F8020	Carrier spare tire (GN)	
F8128	Coupler GN 2 5/16" adjustable	
F1700	Electric brake	
F7345	Light LED rectangle surface mount 4.5" x 2.5" x 1", 12 volts DC, 0.65 amps, 7.8 watts, 810 lumens without switch (Maximum 6 lights per 5 amp circuit) (Maximum 91ights per 7.5 amp circuit) (Maximum 12 lights per 10 amp circuit) (Maximum 18 lights per	
F7355	Switch in rear frame for horse/stock area	
F7405	Switch in dressing room EA	
F7520	Light package for GN trailers with colored LED lenses (Includes (16) 3/4" round clearance lights & 4 stop/turn lights)	
F8103	Floor skid resistant extruded aluminum	
F8104	Floor smooth extruded aluminum 4 FT	
F1115	6" Stock side panel	
F7932	Rear gate to match side panel air spacing	
F8044	Side panel with 2 top air spaces	
F8112	Gooseneck sides .1 00	
F3700	Gate rear full swing with lockable inside slider	
F3328	Door escape	
F3330	Escape door to match side panel air spacing	
F3459	Door camper OX 36" x 74" w/window, deadbolt and screen door	
F3200	Smoked glass windows throughout trailer	
F3269	Window 24" x 20"	
F3070	Wall solid lined one side with .100 aluminum full Height	
F8117	Aluminum front gn sheets	
F7949	Nose tapered - stock/combo	
F3960	Sheet white	
F6251	Skid plate	
F6306	Bumper rubber dock	
F8183	Cross members spaced 12" on center priced per foot	

95173	Tire/rim GY L T235/85R16 LRG 8 hole silver mod
98074	Side panel plexiglass smoke 1 space per linear foot 131 FT
901G14	Center gate with slider
901G24	Center gate with slider
93536	Rear gate slam catch UPCHARGE (cannot be used with gates with center post and/or swing both ways)
97065	Tack package Solid Mount 2 horse (Includes solid Post (97238), 2 adjustable saddle racks(97188), 1 plastic solid mount 6 hook halter bar(97439), 1 brush tray(97440) & Blanket bar swinging (5 position)(97378)
98051	Expand length of stock trailer 7'0" wide with skid proof 2 FT

**Part No.
81277034B**

Description

	8127 TO" wide x 6'6" tall x 34' 1ong base
P8355	Stock package 7'0"wide x 6'6"high x 34'0"1ong with two center gates with sliders (standard gate locations 11'4' and 22'8" back from drop wall)
F1452	Triple axle ?.OK rubber torsion. Includes (6) GY tire/rim ST235/80R16 LRE & 8 hole silver MOD wheel & hub cover. (Includes conspicuity tape) (To add a spare use code 91157)
F1860	Axle lube type - easy lube
F8075	Carrier spare tire (GN)
F8020	Coupler GN 2 5/16" adjustable
F8128	Landing gear dual single speed
F1700	Electric brake
F7345	Light LED rectangle surface mount 4.5" x 2.5" x 1", 12 volts DC. 0.65 amps, 7.8 watts, 810 lumens without switch (Maximum 6 lights per 5 amp circuit) (Maximum 91ights per 7.5 amp circuit) (Maximum 12 lights per 10 amp circuit) (Maximum 18 lights per
F7406	Switch under gooseneck
F7520	Light package for GN trailers with colored LED lenses (Includes (16) 3/4" round clearance lights & 4 stop/turn lights)
F8103	Floor skid resistant extruded aluminum
F8160	Aluminum .1 00 on gooseneck floor
F7004	No vent on dropwall
F1 115	6" Stock side panel
F7932	Rear gate to match side panel air spacing
F8044	Side panel with 2 top air spaces
F8112	Gooseneck sides .
F3660	Gate drop full width drop down with center latch
F3700	Gate rear full swing with lockable inside slider
F3300	No access door in gn front
F3301	No access door in gn curbside

F3302	No access door in gn streetside
F3328	Door escape
F3330	Escape door to match side panel air spacing
F4207	No side ramp
F8117	Aluminum front gn sheets
F7949	Nose tapered - stock/combo
F3953	Sheet natural
F6251	Skid plate
F6306	Bumper rubber dock
F7715	Roof rail - 2.5 radius type
F8183	Cross members spaced 12" on center Tire/rim
91157	GY ST235/80R16 LRE 8 hole silver MOD
98074	Side panel plexiglass smoke 1 space per linear foot 147 FT
93536	Rear gate slam catch UPCHARGE (cannot be used with gates with center post and/or swing both ways)
97860	Add 6" to height of stock trailer p/ft of trailer 42 FT



Purchasing Department
P. O. Box 1627
Normal, Alabama 35762
(256) 372-6227 Office
(256) 372-6223 Fax

Contractor's E-Verify Clause and Affidavit

Effective immediately, this notice shall be included in all Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Invitations to Bid to provide labor, supplies, or services for Alabama A&M University pursuant to contracts to be signed on or after January 1, 2012.

E-VERIFY – NOTICE (RFP)

The Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30* (also known as and hereinafter referred to as “the Alabama Immigration Act”) is applicable to contracts with Alabama A&M University (the “University”). As a condition for the award of a contract and as a term and condition of the contract with the University, in accordance with § 31-13-9 (a) of the Alabama Immigration Act, any business entity or employer that employs one or more employees shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such by sworn affidavit signed before a notary. Such business entity or employer shall provide a copy of such affidavit to the University as part of its bid or proposal for the contract along with documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program. The required affidavit form is included at the end of this notice. *A response to this RFP/Invitation which does not include the required affidavit and proof of E-Verify enrollment will be considered non-conforming and non-responsive. The University at its sole discretion may allow a reasonable period, not to exceed ten (10) business days, for non-conforming bids to be amended to comply with the Alabama Immigration Act. However, the University has no duty to alert any bidder that their response is non-conforming in any aspect.*

At the time of execution of the awarded contract, the contractor will be required to execute another affidavit in substantially the same form. In addition, during the performance of the contract, such contracting business entity or employer shall continue to participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. The contracting business entity or employer shall assure and require that every subcontractor performing under the contract shall also comply with §31-13-9(c), and the contracting business entity or employer shall maintain records that are available upon request by the University, state authorities, or law enforcement to verify its compliance and the compliance of all subcontractors with the requirements of the Alabama Immigration Act. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in breach of contract, termination of the contract or subcontract, and possibly suspension or revocation of business licenses and permits in accordance with §31-13-9 (e) (1) & (2) or in the case of a subcontractor, in accordance with §31-13-9 (f) (1) & (2).

E-Verify Affidavit

Compliance with the requirements of the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30* (also known as and hereinafter referred to as "the Alabama Immigration Act") is required for Alabama A&M University contracts as a condition of the contract performance. Please provide a duly executed and notarized affidavit in the appropriate form as describe below.

AFFIDAVIT 1

I, _____, a duly authorized officer or agent of _____ (contractor), do execute this affidavit on behalf of _____ (contractor) and by executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies that it is a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other business entity (circle one) that has no employees.

The undersigned agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with Alabama A&M University, that the Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9* in a form substantially similar to this affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Alabama A&M University, at the time the subcontractor is retained to perform such services.

Name of Contractor

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

Notary Public

My commission Expires: _____

OR

AFFIDAVIT 2

I, _____, a duly authorized officer or agent of _____ (contractor), do execute this affidavit on behalf of _____ (contractor) and by executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535 (*Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9*), stating affirmatively that it does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and that the sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation or other business entity (circle one) which is contracting with Alabama A&M University has registered with and is participating in 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 Service 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 of the Alabama Immigration Act.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with Alabama A&M University, that the Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9* in a form substantially similar to this affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Alabama A&M University, at the time the subcontractor is retained to perform such services.

E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Name of Contractor

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

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

Notary Public

My commission Expires: _____

Proof of Citizenship Demonstration and Declaration

(To be provided with Affidavit Form 1)

In order for an individual, including an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, a general partner in a limited partnership, a partner in a non-registered limited liability partnership, or a sole member of a single member limited liability company, who is a U.S. Citizen to receive a public benefit or conduct a business transaction with Alabama A&M University, each such citizen must declare his or her U.S. citizenship by executing the declaration at the bottom of this form, and must demonstrate his or her U.S. citizenship by presenting a legible copy of one of the following items.

Note that if the presented item does not include picture identification, please also provide a copy of a valid form of picture identification, and if the presented item does not show the person's current legal name, please also provide a copy of a supporting document to verify the legal name change. Please check which of the listed items has been provided:

- Driver's license or non-driver's identification card** (issued by Alabama *or* the division of motor vehicles or the equivalent governmental agency of another state within the United States *if* the agency indicates on the applicant's driver's license or non-driver's identification card that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship).
- Birth certificate**
- Pertinent pages of a United States valid or expired passport** (identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number),
- United States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization.** (If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant shall not be awarded any contract until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services by the designated City Official, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c)).
- Other documents or methods of proof of United States citizenship** (issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, and amendments thereto).
- Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.**
- Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States of America.**
- Certificate of citizenship** (issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services).
- Certification of report of birth** (issued by the United States Department of State).
- American Indian card, with KIC classification,** (issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security).
- Final adoption decree** (showing the applicant's name and United States birthplace).
- Official United States military record of service** (showing the applicant's place of birth in the United States).
- Extract from a United States hospital record of birth** (created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's place of birth in the United States).

CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION

Under penalty of perjury, I, _____, (print name of undersigned) the undersigned do hereby declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America.

(Declarant's Signature and Date)

Verification, Demonstration, and Declaration of Lawfully Present Alien
(To be provided with Affidavit Form 1)

- A. SAVE Verification.** In order for an individual, including an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, a general partner in a limited partnership, a partner in a non-registered limited liability partnership, or sole member of a single member limited liability company, who is a lawfully present alien to receive a public benefit or conduct a business transaction with the City, the City must verify, using the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) Program, that such alien is lawfully present in the United States. In order to obtain such verification, each such alien must provide: (1) **his or her Alien Registration Number**, which is as follows: _____; and (2) **a copy of non-citizen immigration documents.**
- B. Presumptive Lawful Presence.** In order for an individual, including an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, a general partner in a limited partnership, a partner in a non-registered limited liability partnership, or sole member of a single member limited liability company, who is a lawfully present alien to receive a public benefit or conduct a business transaction on a temporary basis pending final verification, each such alien must declare that he or she is a lawfully present alien, by executing the declaration at the bottom of this form, and must demonstrate presumptive lawful presence, by presenting a legible copy of one of the following items.

Note that if the presented item does not include picture identification, please also provide a valid form of picture identification, and if the presented item does not show the person's current legal name, please also provide a copy of a supporting document to verify the legal name change. Please check which of the listed items has been provided:

- A valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license.**
- A valid, unexpired Alabama non-driver identification card.**
- A valid tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification (bearing a photograph or other biometric identifier).**
- Any valid United States federal or state government issued identification document (bearing a photograph or other biometric identifier, if issued by an entity that requires proof of lawful presence in the United States before issuance).**
- A foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa and a corresponding stamp or notation (by the United States Department of Homeland Security indicating the bearer's admission to the United States).**
- A foreign passport issued by a visa waiver country (with the corresponding entry stamp and unexpired duration of stay annotation or an I-94W form by the United States Department of Homeland Security indicating the bearer's admission to the United States).**

DECLARATION OF LAWFULLY PRESENT ALIEN

Under penalty of perjury, I, _____, (print name of undersigned) the undersigned do hereby declare that I am a lawfully present alien in the United States of America.

(Declarant's Signature and Date)



ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 POST OFFICE BOX 1627
 305 PATTON HALL
 NORMAL, ALABAMA 35762
 TELEPHONE: (256) 372-5227

DATE
 3/09/2020

BID NUMBER
 2k20-03B

ALL BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED ON THE OPENING DATE DESIGNATED AT ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, PATTON HALL, NORMAL, ALABAMA 35762. BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME ON THE OPENING DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

RESPONSE DUE BY

03/23/2020/by 3:00 p.m.
~~2:00 PM~~

REQUEST FOR FORMAL BID

WHEN USING FEDEX, UPS, OR ANY EXPRESS PACKAGING/SHIPPING, THE BID NUMBER MUST BE CLEARLY PRINTED ON THE AIR BILL.

CONTACT Jeff Robinson

PHONE 256 372-5227

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THE ABOVE BID NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL BIDS AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

NO.	QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION
1	1	EA	TRAILER #1 PART 84137032B * SEE SPECIFICATIONS IN ATTACHMENT		
2	1	EA			
3	1	EA			
4	1	EA			
5	1	EA			
6	1	EA			
7	1	EA			
8	1	EA			

SHOULD A PURCHASE ORDER BE ISSUED, THE FOREGOING AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE ATTACHED SHEET SHALL BE APPLICABLE AND BINDING UPON THE VENDOR.
 I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY AND HEREBY AGREE TO ALL GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THIS BID REQUEST.

TOTAL

SIGNATURE _____
 COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

DATE _____
 An affirmative action/equal opportunity institution



ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 POST OFFICE BOX 1627
 305 PATTON HALL
 NORMAL, ALABAMA 35762
 TELEPHONE: (256) 372-5227

DATE
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 3/9/2020

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RESPONSE DUE BY
 03/23/2020 , @3:00 P.M.

2:00 PM

REQUEST FOR FORMAL BID

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THE ABOVE BID NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL BIDS AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

NO.	QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION
9	1	EA	TRAILER (#2) PART NO. 81277034B		
			SEE SPECIFICATIONS IN ATTACHMENT		
10	1	EA			
11	1	EA			
12	1	EA			

SHOULD A PURCHASE ORDER BE ISSUED, THE FOREGOING AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE ATTACHED SHEET SHALL BE APPLICABLE AND BINDING UPON THE VENDOR.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY AND HEREBY AGREE TO ALL GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THIS BID REQUEST.

TOTAL

SIGNATURE _____
 COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

DATE _____
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Note: In order for an alternate bid to be considered, bidders must supply current catalogs or brochures, including pictorials and specifications.

Please indicate your company classification by circling the appropriate initial: Small Business (SB), a Small Disadvantaged Business (SD), a Black Small Disadvantaged Business (BD), a Woman-Owned Small Business (WB), a Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business (WD), a Black Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business (BW), a Large Business (LB), an Individual (IN), Educational (ED), Non-Profit (NP), a Labor Surplus Area Concern (LS), Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (DV), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VS), Historically Underutilized Business Zone (UZ), or a Governmental Agency (GV).

F.O.B. Point	TERMS	WARRANTY
AAMU DESTINATION ESTIMATED DELIVERY	YOUR REFERENCE NO.*	QUOTATION EFFECTIVE UNTIL

*Your company reference number, if applicable with this bid quotation.

Certification Pursuant To Act No. 2006-557

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. By submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 2006-557, they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that the awarding authority may declare the contract void if the certification is false.

COMPANY NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

TELEPHONE NUMBER

SIGNER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

FAX NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University prohibits the installation of asbestos on its campus. Suppliers and contractors will not supply any equipment, material, or supplies, which contain asbestos without prior written approval.

Failure to designate Bid Number and Opening Date on the outside of your sealed envelope containing your bid and more than one bid submitted in this envelope will result in a "No Bid" response in accordance with Alabama Competitive Bid Law 41-16-24 subpart b.

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University will not accept faxed bids.

Any product that fails to meet the specifications, performance requirements or compatibility requirements will be rejected and returned to the vendor at no cost to the University.

The University reserves the right to award this contract, in whole, in part, or to reject any and all quotations.

Alabama A & M University is an instrumentality of the State and is federal, state and local tax exempt.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Manufacturer's published product data must be included with your bid response for any alternate offerings. Any exception taken to any portion of this Request for Price Quotation must be stated on the bid response sheets or Alabama A&M University will assume compliance with all requirements as stated. The successful bidder will be responsible and accountable for providing those items as specified in its bid response.

Vendor Disclosure Statement Information and Instructions

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000. The disclosure statement is not required for contracts for gas, water, and electric services where no competition exists, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance. In circumstances where a contract is awarded by competitive bid, the disclosure statement shall be required only from the person receiving the contract and shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the award.

A copy of the disclosure statement shall be filed with the awarding entity and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and if it pertains to a state contract, a copy shall be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee. The address for the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts is as follows: 50 N. Ripley Street, Room 3201, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101. If the disclosure statement is filed with a contract, the awarding entity should include a copy with the contract when it is presented to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

The State of Alabama shall not enter into any contract or appropriate any public funds with any person who refuses to provide information required by Act 2001-955.

Pursuant to Act 2001-955, any person who knowingly provides misleading or incorrect information on the disclosure statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Also, the contract or grant shall be voidable by the awarding entity.

Definitions as Provided in Act 2001-955

Family Member of a Public Employee - The spouse or a dependent of the public employee.

Family Member of a Public Official - The spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse, of the public official.

Family Relationship - A person has a family relationship with a public official or public employee if the person is a family member of the public official or public employee.

Person - An individual, firm, partnership, association, joint venture, cooperative, or corporation, or any other group or combination acting in concert.

Public Official and Public Employee - These terms shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in Sections 36-25-1(23) and 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, (see below) except for the purposes of the disclosure requirements of this act, the terms shall only include persons in a position to influence the awarding of a grant or contract who are affiliated with the awarding entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these terms shall also include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the cabinet of the Governor, and members of the Legislature.

Section 36-25-1(23), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public employee as any person employed at the state, county or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations and authorities, but excluding employees of hospitals or other health care corporations including contract employees of those hospitals or other health care corporations, who is paid in whole or in part from state, county, or municipal funds. For purposes of this chapter, a public employee does not include a person employed on a part-time basis whose employment is limited to providing professional services other than lobbying, the compensation for which constitutes less than 50 percent of the part-time employee's income.

Section 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public official as any person elected to public office, whether or not that person has taken office, by the vote of the people at state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations, and any person appointed to a position at the state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations. For purposes of this chapter, a public official includes the chairs and vice-chairs or the equivalent offices of each state political party as defined in Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

Instructions

Complete all lines as indicated. If an item does not apply, denote N/A (not applicable). If you cannot include required information in the space provided, attach additional sheets as necessary.

The form must be signed, dated, and notarized prior to submission.



State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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This form is provided with:

Contract

Proposal

Request for Proposal

Invitation to Bid

Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes

No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES	AMOUNT RECEIVED

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes

No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	DATE GRANT AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANT

1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS	STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

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2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST	ADDRESS

By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

Signature _____ Date _____

Notary's Signature _____ Date _____ Date Notary Expires _____

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backup Withholding

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

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

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

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

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

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

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

Updating Your Information

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

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Specific Instructions

Line 1

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

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Line 2

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

Line 3

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

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

Line 4, Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
 - I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
 - J—A bank as defined in section 581
 - K—A broker
 - L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
 - M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

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

Line 5

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

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

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

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

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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

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

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

Part II. Certification

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

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

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

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

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

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

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

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

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

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

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

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

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

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

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Privacy Act Notice

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