



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Invitation to Bid: 17-059MS-KN
COMMODITY PROCESSED FOODS**

BID DUE TIME AND DATE: 1/24/2017 @ 11:00 AM (LOCAL TIME)
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LOCATION:
Albuquerque Public Schools
Procurement Department
6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 500E
Albuquerque, NM 87110

OFFICIAL CONTACTS ONLY

This Bid contains restrictions on contact with Board of Education and APS Staff. Violation of this policy may lead to disqualification. See item 6 (Page 2) of General Instructions of this document.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sealed bids will be received at the Albuquerque Public Schools Procurement Department no later than January 24, 2017 at 11:00 am (local time).
2. To ensure proper identification and handling, clearly indicate the BID number, Bid title, opening date, opening time on the outside of the sealed response envelope:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

Albuquerque Public Schools
 ATTN: Procurement Department
 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 500 E
 Albuquerque, NM 87110

MAIL TO:

(Allow minimum 5 business days for US mail):

Albuquerque Public Schools
 ATTN: Procurement Department, Suite 500 E
 PO Box 25704
 Albuquerque, NM 87125-0704

3. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the bid arrives before the due date and time. Bidders are cautioned that "late is late". It is the responsibility of the Bidders to allow sufficient time for the hazards of traffic, weather, finding parking, locating the proper office, third party delivery, U.S. mail service delivery, etc.
4. Bids must be submitted by the due date and time. Albuquerque Public Schools does not accept bids electronically, by fax, or email as a hardcopy with original signature must be submitted. Any and all Bids not received by the submission date and time shall be rejected.
5. Sequence of Events

Action	Responsibility	Date
Issue of Bid	District	1/5/17
Pre-Bid Meeting	District and Offerors	N/A
Deadline for Questions	Bidder	1/23/17 @ 3:00pm (local time)
Submission of Bid	Bidder	1/24/17 @ 11:00am (local time)
Evaluation of Bid	District	TBD
Board Approval	District Purchasing	TBD

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6. Bidders shall note that prices previously submitted via any informal quotation (verbal or in writing) are hereby superseded and will not be considered for award. If you have previously submitted an informal quotation, you must participate in this bid to be considered for an award.
7. Any inquiries or requests regarding clarification of this bid document shall be submitted to the buyer in writing. Bidders may contact ONLY the buyer regarding the terminology stated in the procurement documents. Other APS employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the District. Any contact with an APS Department or School may automatically result in a rejection of bid. Any other communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding. Please note the last day for questions in the sequence of events above (#5).
8. Bidders should promptly notify the buyer of any ambiguity, inconsistency, error, or missing attachments which they may discover upon examination of the Bid. Any response made by the District will be provided in writing to all Bidders by addendum, no verbal responses shall be authoritative.
9. It is the responsibility of every bidder to ensure they have downloaded the latest version of each bid, including any addendum(s) which may have been issued and posted on the APS Procurement Department Website. Bidders should revisit the website (<http://www.aps.edu/procurement> and click on "See Current Bids and RFPs") prior to the due date before submitting their bid to Albuquerque Public Schools. All addendums must be acknowledged in the submitted bid.
10. Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in with ink or typewritten. Corrections shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid.
11. No Addendum will be issued later than SEVEN (7) days prior to the date for receipt of Bids, except an Addendum withdrawing the Bid or one which extends the date for receipt of Bids.
12. APS may in its sole discretion extend the time for the submission of bids upon a finding that it is in the interest of the District to do so. Such extensions shall be by addendum, which may be issued before the submission due date.
13. Definition of Terminology: This section contains definitions that are used throughout this procurement document, including appropriate abbreviations:
 - "APS" shall mean Albuquerque Public Schools
 - "Bidder" is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a bid.
 - "Contract" shall mean an agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.
 - "Contractor" shall mean successful supplier.
 - "Determination" shall mean the written documentation of a decision of a procurement manager including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.

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“Desirable” the terms “may”, “can”, “should”, or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor.

“District” shall mean Albuquerque Public Schools

“Mandatory” the terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required”, identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the bid.

“Purchase Order” shall mean the document, which directs a contractor to deliver items of tangible personal property or services.

“Responsible Bidder” shall mean a bidder who submits a responsive bid and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that its financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property described in the bid.

“Responsive Bid” shall mean a bid, which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the bid.

14. Any exceptions to the scope of work and/or specifications shall be listed separately in the submitted bid and unless otherwise stated, specifications attached are the minimum requirements.
15. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to waive minor informalities in bids submitted provided that such informalities have no effect on price, quality, quantity, fitness, delivery or any matter to be evaluated in making a selection and confer no material advantage on the Bidder whose non conformity is waived.
16. This bid may be canceled or may be rejected in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of Albuquerque Public Schools.
17. Any sole response that is received may be rejected by the District depending on available competition and timely needs of the District. The District reserves the right to award the contract to the responsible bidder submitting responsive bid with resulting agreements most advantageous and in the best interest of the District.
18. All costs incurred by a Bidder in connection with responding to this Bid, the selection process undertaken in connection with this procurement, and any negotiations with the District will be borne by the Bidder.
19. This procurement in no manner obligates Albuquerque Public Schools until a valid signed pricing agreement or valid Purchase Order is executed.
20. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder that meets or exceeds the specifications/scope of work outlined in the Bid Documents. Albuquerque Public Schools reserves the right to the sole judge to determine “meets or exceeds”.

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21. The District reserves the right to eliminate any Bidder who submits incomplete or inadequate responses or is not responsive to the requirements of this Bid.
22. The contents of the bid will be available to the public at bid opening. The Procurement Department will not disclose or make public any pages of a bid on which the Bidder has stamped or imprinted "proprietary" or "confidential" subject to the following requirements.
23. Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the offer. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the Bidder's organization and data that qualifies as trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7 NMSA 1978. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.
24. Where a brand-name or equal specification is used in a solicitation, the use of a brand name is for the purpose of describing the standard of quality, performance and characteristics desired and is not intended to limit or restrict competition. If a vendor proposes an "equal" to scope of work/specifications, APS is the sole interpreter of the scope of work/specifications and sole judge as to whether the "equal" proposed complies with the scope of work/specifications.
25. APS will not select from multiple offers on a single document. If bidder offers more than one brand/price per item, the (1) as specified or the (2) most expensive will be considered as the primary bid. Other offers will not be evaluated unless the primary bid is a low bid in its own right. If you wish to offer an alternate bid in addition to your regular bid, make extra copies of the necessary pages (including the signature pages) and submit as "Bid #2". Each bid must stand alone and comply with the terms and conditions of the contract. Bidders offering other than specified goods must submit illustrated literature and complete product data with complete citation and reference to each component part of each item for evaluation purposes.
26. The bid price shall be a delivered price. All materials shall be shipped F.O.B Destination Freight prepaid as specified in the Invitation to Bid. The bid price shall be valid for 60 days after opening.
27. APS reserves the right to negotiate pricing with successful bidder(s) for equipment/parts/materials related to this contract but which are not specifically included herein.
28. In the event APS receives comparable pricing structures and list prices in the same categories, then APS may choose to (1) award to the vendor who submits the more comprehensive price list or (2) make multiple awards in that category.
29. Albuquerque Public Schools reserves the right to award by item, group of items, or total bids; to reject any and all bids in whole or in part, if it is in the best interests of Albuquerque Public Schools. Additionally, the District reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason that the District determines prudent. Such rejection shall not result in any penalty to the District, but shall be deemed a cost of doing business by the bidder.
30. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of any item called for, add additional related items as the District deems necessary or to eliminate any item entirely.

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31. It is mutually understood and agreed that the successful bidder(s) shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of the purchase order, contract, or his/her right, title of interest therein, or power to execute such purchase order or contract to any other person, company or corporation without the previous written consent of APS.
32. If this bid results in a non-exclusive discount pricing agreement, more than one award may be made. No commitment is made by the District as to quantity and frequency of purchase. Albuquerque Public Schools reserves the right to purchase items referenced under this agreement using any other method and from any other vendor as deemed necessary and in the best interest of the District.
33. Any resulting purchases under the bid will be made by Albuquerque Public Schools purchase order or procurement card. Quotes provided to Albuquerque Public Schools will be quoted as provided on the Invitation to Bid and will reference the Price Agreement number so verification of pricing can be made.
34. Bids may be awarded preference in compliance with NMSA 13-1-21 for New Mexico In-State Resident Business and Resident Veteran Business. Bidders shall include in their bid a copy of certificate issued by State of New Mexico Taxation & Revenue. If bid is Joint Venture, Bid shall state in submitted bid the percentage of work that will be performed by Resident Business and/or Resident Veteran Business. Please Note: A Bid cannot be awarded both a resident preference and a resident veteran business preference. Additionally, preferences are not applicable for federal fund purchases.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **TERM:** APS reserves to right to enter into a one (1) year indefinite quantity contract with awarded Bidder(s). Please note, although this contract will be for the full term, price adjustments will be considered. See item 4 of this section, pricing escalation.
2. **REQUEST(S) NOT DEFINED IN SCOPE OF WORK:** Contractor shall be held responsible to NOT fill requests which are clearly beyond the defined scope of this contract. Should such requests occur, contractor has the responsibility of calling such violations to the attention of the APS Procurement Officer.
3. **MINIMUM AMOUNT:** Albuquerque Public Schools does not guarantee a minimum amount of purchases in conjunction with award of this invitation to bid.
4. **PRICING ESCALATION:** Price escalation will be considered only at yearly observance of award (anniversary date) and only upon receipt of written request from contractor stating reason for escalation and the amount being requested. Justifying documentation must accompany price escalation request.
5. **TAXES:** APS holds a Class 9 Nontaxable Transaction Certificate and is exempt from payment of taxes on tangible personal property. A NTTC will be issued upon request.
6. **NON-APPROPRIATION:** The District's obligation to make payment under the terms of this bid is contingent upon its appropriation of sufficient funds to make those payments. If the District does not appropriate funds for the continuation of this procurement, this procurement will terminate upon written notice of that effect to the Principal. The District determination that sufficient funds have not been appropriated is firm, binding and not subject to review.
7. **PROCUREMENT CODE:** The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.
8. **TERMINATION:** Either party may terminate this contract as follows:
 - A. Termination by the Contractor
 1. The contractor may terminate this contract only if Albuquerque Public Schools fails to comply with any provisions of this contract and after receiving notice of the noncompliance the District fails to cure the noncompliance within ten (10) days, or
 2. By written mutual agreement between the Contractor and the District.
 - B. Termination by the District
 1. For Cause
 - a. The occurrence of either one of the following events will justify termination for cause:
 - i. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents (including but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment).
 - ii. Contractor's violation in any substantial way of any provisions of this contract.
 - b. If either one of the events identified above occur, the District may, after giving Contractor (and the surety, if any) ten (10) days written notice, terminate the service of Contractor, exclude Contractor from site, and take possession of the work. Contractor shall be paid for project costs incurred up to the date of termination but shall not be paid for loss of profits

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resulting from such termination.

- c. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by the District, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of District against contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due the Contractor by the District will not release the Contractor from liability.

2. For Convenience

- a. Upon ten (10) days written notice to contractor, APS may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of APS elect to terminate the contract.
- b. In such case, Contractor shall be paid (without duplication of any items):
 - i. for completed and acceptable work executed in accordance with the contract documents prior to the effective date of termination,
 - ii. for expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials or equipment as required by the contract document in connection with uncompleted work.
- c. Contractor shall not be paid on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

9. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Bidder shall be responsible for damage to persons or property that occurs as a result of his fault or negligence, or that of any of his employees, agents or subcontractors. He shall save and hold harmless Albuquerque Public Schools against any and all loss, cost, damage, claims, expense or liability in connection with the performance of the contract. Any equipment or facilities damaged by the Bidders' operation shall be repaired and/or restored to their original condition at the Bidder's expense.

10. **INSURANCE (If Applicable):** The successful Bidder shall (if applicable) purchase and maintain statutory limits of Worker's Compensation, and Public Liability and Automobile Liability insurance approved by NMSU at the time of contract award. Albuquerque Public Schools shall be included as a loss payee and/or additional insured. Public Liability and Automobile Liability insurance shall include at least the following coverage:

Bodily injury, each person, excluding medical and medically related expenses	\$400,000
Medical and medically-related expenses	\$300,000
Vehicle Bodily injury, each occurrence, excluding medical and medically related expenses	\$750,000
Property Damage, each occurrence	\$200,000

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Contractor shall furnish Owner with certificates of insurance with the contract documents and prior to the commencement of work.

NOTE: Certificate holder shall be: Albuquerque Public Schools.

Certificate of Insurance forwarded to: Albuquerque Public Schools
Procurement Department
6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 500E
Albuquerque, NM 87110

11. **AUDIT:** The District reserves the right to audit the contractor's records associated with this contract at any time during the contract period and for a period of up to three years following the expiration or termination of the agreement. Such audit may be conducted by District personnel or a third party under contract with the District. The District shall give the contractor reasonable notice prior to the conduct of any audit and upon receiving the notice from the District the contractor agrees to fully cooperate with the auditors. If contractor subcontracts any portion of its obligation to another party, contractor shall guarantee District's access to books and records of such party.
12. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor performing services for the District. The Contractor shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the District as a result of this procurement.
13. **PROCUREMENT UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS:** In accordance with NMSA 13-1-129, Bidders are hereby notified that other governmental entities within the State of New Mexico, or as otherwise allowed by their respective governing directives, may contract for services with the awarded Bidder. Contractual engagements accomplished under this provision shall be solely between the awarded proposer and the contracting entity with no obligation by Albuquerque Public Schools.
14. **DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION:** A business (contractor, subcontractor or supplier) that has either been debarred or suspended pursuant to the requirements of 13-1-177 through 13-1-180, and 13-4-11 through 13-4-17 NMSA 1978 as amended, shall not be permitted to do business with the District and shall not be considered for award of the contract during the period for which it is debarred or suspended with the District.
15. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** By submitting a bid, the proposer certifies that no relationship exists between the proposer and the District that interferes with fair competition or is a conflict of interest; and no relationship exists between such propose and another person or firm that constitutes a conflict of interest that is adverse to the District.
16. **NON-DISCLOSURE:** The proposer shall not disclose any information relating to students, and employees of APS other than such information that may be authorized by the individual student or employee. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless APS from any damages, claims, liabilities, and costs including reasonable attorney fees in the event any unauthorized release of such information occurs.

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17. **DELIVERY:** The goods shall be delivered free of the rightful claim of any third person, any security interest or other lien. Unless otherwise agreed all goods called for in this Bid shall be tendered in a single delivery and payment is due only upon such delivery (NET 30).
18. **FOB:** Unless stated otherwise, the price for goods is FOB: destination (District's designated address).
19. **DELAYS IN DELIVERY:** Time is of the essence and this purchase may be subject to termination for failure to deliver on time, unless delay was caused by APS. If delay in delivery is foreseen, Seller must notify the APS Requesting Department of late delivery, cause of late delivery and remedy for late delivery.
20. **INSPECTION:** Final inspection will be made at the destination upon completion of delivery of goods/services. Final inspection shall include any testing or inspection procedures required by the specifications.
21. **ACCEPTANCE:** Acceptance of delivery of goods/services shall not be considered acceptance of the goods/services furnished. Acceptance occurs when the Requesting Department, after a reasonable opportunity to inspect the goods/services, signifies to the seller that the goods/services are conforming and fails to make an effective rejection.
22. **BUYERS REVOCATION OF ACCEPTANCE:** Requesting Department can revoke acceptance of goods when it is discovered, in a reasonable time, that the Sellers non-conforming goods substantially impair the value of the goods.
23. **SELLERS RIGHT TO CURE A NON-CONFORMING DELIVERY OF GOODS:** The Seller, upon notice of revocation of acceptance, shall correct without charge and deliver conforming goods in a reasonable time
24. **PROMOTIONAL GIFTS AND ACTIVITIES:** APS policy prohibits the distribution of jackets, shirts, caps, or any other clothing items with company or product logo or any other form of advertising to its employees. Furthermore, APS employees are prohibited from entering drawings, contests, or other promotional/advertising activities with vendors or potential vendors in connection with a procurement action.
25. **PROTEST:** Any Offeror who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of an Agreement may protest to the Purchasing Office in accordance with the requirements of the Contracting Procurement Regulations and the State Procurement Code. The protest should be made in writing within 24 hours after the facts or occurrences giving rise thereto, but in no case later than 15 calendar days after the facts or occurrences giving rise thereto (13-1-172 NMSA 1978). The protest must be in writing and delivered to the Executive Director - Procurement Department, Albuquerque, New Mexico

In the event of a timely protest under this section, the Purchasing Agent and the Contracting Agency shall not proceed further with the procurement unless the Purchasing Agent makes a determination that the award of Agreement is necessary to protect substantial interests of the Contracting Agency (13-1-173 NMSA 1978).

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The Purchasing Agent or his designee shall have the authority to take any action reasonably necessary to resolve a protest of an aggrieved Offeror concerning a procurement. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with adopted regulations, but shall not include the authority to award money damages or attorneys' fees (13-1-174 NMSA 1978).

The Purchasing Agent or his designee shall promptly issue a determination relating to the protest. The determination shall:

- I. State the reasons for the action taken; and
- II. Inform the protestant of the right to judicial review of the determination pursuant to 13-1-183 NMSA 1978.

A copy of the determination issued under 13-1-175 NMSA 1978 shall immediately be mailed to the protestant and other Offerors involved in the procurement (13-1-176 NMSA 1978)

26. **BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** By responding to this Bid, Bidder acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this Bid and certifies that the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into action in restraint of full competition in connection with the bid submitted to the District.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. **Intent:** APS invites you to bid on an indefinite quantity contract for the purchase of **Commodity Processed Foods** to be supplied on demand. Specifications and requirements to follow.
2. **Purchase Orders and Invoicing Procedures:** Upon award, APS will issue a pricing agreement which will be in effect for the duration of the contract and which will accommodate multiple billings as work is completed.

Itemized invoices, clearly referencing appropriate pricing agreement number and bid number shall be submitted to Food and Nutrition Services, 800 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87108. Copies of delivery tickets, signed by the receiving employees, and other information needed to substantiate charges shall be attached to the invoice for auditor tracking purposes.

Contractor's invoicing must be easily verifiable and traceable to the contract. Product numbers, brands, models, etc. must be clearly defined. Contractor must also be prepared to furnish copies of price lists to the users as necessary. Invoices must including pricing structure as defined in the contract (list price and discount).

As a minimum, the following information must appear on all Delivery Tickets and Invoices:

- a. Price Agreement Number
 - b. Purchase Order Number or SPO Number
 - c. Item Number
 - d. Location Number
 - e. Recipient's Signature
 - f. Recipient's APS Employee Number
3. **Scope of Work:** APS is one of the nation's largest school districts. As the largest district in New Mexico, Albuquerque Public Schools provides educational services to nearly 90,000 students, and 140 schools, serving nearly a third of the state's students in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Corrales, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Tijeras, San Antonito, and Edgewood. The APS cafeteria services is the largest food operation in the state providing low-cost nutritional meals to students and staff at each school site and appropriate administrative sites throughout the district.

APS Food & Nutrition Services is responsible for the Nutritional School Breakfast Program, the National School Lunch program, the After School Snack Program and the Summer Food Service Program.

The purpose of this bid is to solicit responses for commodity processed products from qualified sources with intent to establish contracts for providing service for schools only sales. In order to be compliance with the State of New Mexico, Procurement Code, APS is required to solicit a bid for commodity processed foods. Therefore, qualified USDA contractors shall list all information regarding your company's available processed food. Refer to the attached specification sheets.

Although, this contract is being bid on behalf of APS, vendor agrees to extend pricing to all New Mexico Publicly funded entities, in the event of requirements that can be adapted to the specified items awarded.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

All rules and regulations for the bidding process with the State of New Mexico, Human Resources, for donated foods will continue to apply for all processors. There are no changes in the bid process with the State of New Mexico for commodity donated foods. If you have any questions regarding the State Procedures for availability of commodity foods, etc. contact Noelle Sanchez, Program Manager at 800-648-7167.

If availability of product due to high volume use and accessibility becomes a problem, APS reserves the right to award multiple vendors of like products to meet the needs of the District. APS may award three (3) Processors for each commodity processed product. For example, three (3) Processors will be awarded for specific three (3) chicken nugget/chunks, three (3) scrambled egg mixes, three (3) beef patties, etc. If a Processor is not meeting the District needs regarding delivery, quality, and packaging, APS has the right to cancel the price agreement. APS will then request a withdrawal notice from the Processor and APS will move forward to consider award for an alternative Processor.

The specifications listed abide by the New Mexico Nutrition Rules for Competitive Foods. No substitutions of product are allowed unless approved by APS Procurement Department and Food & Nutrition Services.

Processing Show: The Commodity Processing Show was held at the MCM Elegante Hotel, located at 2020 Manual Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, on December 7, 2016 through December 8, 2016. New Processors must have New Mexico representation in order to provide business to APS Food & Nutrition Services. New Processors must also have a Processing Agreement with the State of NM, before being considered for the Commodity Processed Foods Bid.

Disclaimer: New Processors who have national contracts may be considered for acceptance for the 2017 2018, school year if they meet all the requirements set forth by the new Mexico Food Distribution Advisory Council.

All rules and regulations for the bidding process with the State of New Mexico, Human Services, for donated foods will continue to apply for all processors. There are no changes in the bid process with the State of New Mexico for commodity donated foods.

Submit with your bid a description of your processed food, product code, case pack, and price/pound. Bids submitted will be evaluated to determine which bidder(s) offer the best value to APS in accordance with quality, product availability, and accessibility.

In some instances availability of product due to high volume use and accessibility becomes a problem, therefore, APS reserves the right to award multiple vendors of like products to meet the needs of the District.. If a Processor is not meeting the district needs regarding delivery, quality etc., and a contract is cancelled and/or APS receives a withdrawal notice from one of the Processors, APS will then move forward and consider award to an alternative Processor. APS will not be without product.

4. **Negotiation of Related Items:** During the life of the contract, APS reserves the right to negotiate with successful bidder(s) for pricing on items related to this contract but not specifically named herein.

APS does however; reserve the right to negotiate with successful bidder(s) for pricing on items related to this contract but not specifically named herein. In the event a purchase is made as a result of such negotiations, the contract shall be amended to reflect the new item(s) and pricing structure. APS

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reserves the right to add new products within each category as they are introduced to the market.

5. **Commodities**: APS receives commodities throughout the year; some have definite schedules while others do not. Based on receiving commodity shipments, APS reserves the rights to reject product(s), bid or cancel a shipment. APS also reserves the right to bid for products listed in this document, which may be needed. If contractor runs out of product, Food & Nutrition Services will notify successful contractor of this situation as soon as possible. If APS is aware of the commodity items being shipped and when, APS will not list those items on the bid. Otherwise, listed on the bid are certain items that may be ordered if the District runs out of commodity.
6. **Nutritional Information**: Contractor's most current Nutritional information for each food item may be requested by Food & Nutrition Services Nutritionist after bid is awarded. **DO NOT** submit the Nutritional Information with this bid.

All specifications listed in this bid document are nutritionally approved products. APS for audit purposes must request from each company a "Nutrition List" of each of their product(s) **awarded**.

7. **Pricing**: All pricing will be F.O.B. destination including cost, insurance, and freight. F.O.B destination shall be interpreted as final site as specified by APS.
8. **Escalation Clause**: Price escalation will be considered upon receipt of written request from contractor stating reason for the escalation request and the amount being requested for each contracted item. Any such approved increase will be confirmed by amendment. If prices should decrease in the market, APS should benefit from any market fluctuation which would derive a savings. Contractor may refuse any renewal with no penalty and APS will rebid and/or award to the next potential bidder. No substitutions of product are allowed unless approved by APS Purchasing Department and Food & Nutrition Services. The contractor must deliver the same requests specified in the pricing sheets from this bid.

Contractor may decline a renewal with no penalty by submitting a "Letter of Withdrawal" to the Procurement Office. A letter of withdrawal will be required by bidders unable to honor pricing after bid has closed or after contract award, due to misquote by Broker, unavailability of product, unacceptable product upon delivery, etc. APS will go to the next low bidder to obtain goods in question and/or re-bid. "Letter of Withdrawal" to be addressed or e-mailed to, APS Purchasing Department, Attn: Melissa Sanchez, P.O. Box 25704, Albuquerque, NM 87125. Email address: Melissa.sanchez@aps.edu

9. **Specification Sheets**: Specification Sheets have been modified. Please review the specification sheets carefully, as to particular references are made to products. Bids are to be submitted according to pricing structure.
10. **Bid Sheets/Electronic Copy**: Please review Bid Specification Sheets carefully and fill in all required information. Submit with your bid a description of your processed food, product code, case pack, price/pound, and price/case. Bids submitted will be evaluated to determine which bidder(s) offer the best value to APS in accordance with quality, product availability, and accessibility. Every cell in each column of the items that you are bidding must be filled in by the Corporate Office of the Processor. **Bid Specification Sheets must be typed, in order for accurate entry on bid analysis report. A CD or Thumb Drive of the excel file is required along with a hard copy of the Specification Sheets.**

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

If the following information is not submitted, your bid will be considered non-responsive and will be mailed back to you as such.

Additional items may be added to the bid on a separate sheet, with all the required information listed. Refer to specification sheets.

11. **Approved List:** The approved products have been incorporated into the pricing sheets. Brand names as may be noted are for the bidder's reference as to level of quality or approved products which meet the **New Mexico Nutrition Rules**. This is not a preference or an endorsement on the part of APS. If you choose to offer another brand, please submit samples. **Samples must be tested and approved prior to bid opening.** Please supply the samples at no cost to APS, throughout the school year or 3-4 months in advance of bid. Submit samples to the attention of Juan Saiz, (505) 345-5661, ext. 38207, at Food & Nutrition Services, 800 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, for testing. If product sample(s) is approved, product will then be added to **next years** approved list.
12. **Quantities:** The estimated quantities as shown are a projected/proportional annual usage based on historical data. This is not a commitment to purchase. The information is included to provide a potential bidder with some idea of possible contract activity.

What is your minimum order (quantity, dollars, etc.)? _____

13. **Pallet Requirements:** Any shipments received as a result of purchase orders generated as a result of awards on this solicitation shall be palletized if the quantity of cartons in the shipment is more than twenty (20) and/or if the total shipment weight exceeds 200 pounds.

Palletized product must be tied and shrink-wrapped to avoid shifting in transit and during unloading. Palletized product must not exceed five (5) feet in height.

All palletized cartons must have externally facing labels identifying carton, contents and quantity. It is acceptable to mix product on a single pallet as long as smaller quantities of like items and smaller items are placed toward the top and the entire pallet is stacked as may be physically and commercially sensible.

Purchase Order will not specify palletizing requirements. Bidder's signature signifies understanding of these requirements. APS reserves the right to reject shipments which are not tied, shrink wrapped and palletized.

Signature of Pallet Requirements: _____

14. **Order Confirmation:** Broker/Representative must provide confirmation of order to State Commodities and School District placing orders that are shipped through the State Warehouse no less than two (2) weeks prior to shipment.
15. **Delivery:** Prompt delivery is of the essence and may be a factor in determining the successful bidder; therefore, delivery time after receipt of order must be stated in definite terms. **BIDDER OWNS GOODS IN TRANSIT.**

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

Delivery times quoted must be accurate. Failure to meet the quoted times may result in cancellation of contract and an alternative bidder will be assigned at the discretion of APS.

What is your average lead time after receipt of order? _____

If delivery or poor product problems arise, contractor will be notified and given the opportunity to correct the problems. APS Food & Nutrition Services and/or Procurement will make no more than one phone request. If within 5 days after phone notification, meeting and/or written letter expressing the problems and the problems have not been resolved, APS reserves the right to cancel the contract and award to the next low bidder or re-bid. In the event this should occur, APS Procurement and Food & Nutrition Service in conjunction with the contractor will determine a phase out period for ease of transition to a new contractor. At no time will APS be without service.

Food & Nutrition Service is no longer requesting delivery to various APS school sites. Food & Nutrition Services will be warehousing all the products listed in this bid. The department will deliver the commodity products to the schools from our warehouses. Successful contractor may obtain weekly orders from Juan Saiz for food service location. The sites utilize shipping-list ordering and also perform end of the month physical inventory counts.

Ship all orders in a single shipment whenever possible. Partial shipments of less than 25% of the ordered quantity for any line item will **not** be accepted and will be returned to shipper at shipper's expense.

Listed below is the Albuquerque Public School delivery warehouse address. Successful contractors are required to deliver to this APS location. Successful contractors must call Warehouse Manager, Richard Gonzales, (505) 345-5661 ext. 38236, and three (3) days in advance to make delivery arrangements.

Refrigerated trucks required for delivery of all frozen foods. Please make all deliveries to the Food and Nutrition Warehouse listed below:

- **Louisiana Warehouse** – 800 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque NM 87108 which accepts deliveries between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This location accepts deliveries, Monday thru Friday.

Juan Saiz, at Food and Nutrition Services, will coordinate the orders with the successful contractor.

- 16. Food Protection:** Transportation of food must meet the Food Sanitation Ordinance for General Food protection 9-6-1-3. Albuquerque code of Ordinances, which states as follows: All foods while prepared, served, displayed, stored sold at food processing and/or food-service establishments or during transportation shall be wholesome and protected from contamination. The product temperature of all potentially hazardous food be maintained at 45 degrees F. (7 degrees C.) or below or 140 degrees F. (60 degrees C) or above, except during necessary period of preparation.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

It is crucial that all products be delivered on time and at the appropriate temperatures to meet health code requirement. Foods received at the wrong temperature **will not be accepted**.

17. **Warranty/Guarantee:** All bidders must guarantee full satisfaction of their products' use or permit unsatisfactory product to be returned collect for full money refund. Bidders will replace damaged items at no cost to APS.
18. **The Agriculture Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year – Buy American Provision of the Law:** Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization of 1998 requires schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) in the contiguous United States to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable., domestic commodities or products for use in meals served under the NSLP and SBP. The legislation defines “domestic commodities or products for use in meals served under the NSLP and SBP. The legislation defines “domestic commodity or product” as one that is produced and/or processed in the United States substantially using domestic agricultural commodities. “Substantially” means that over 51% of the final processed products consist of agricultural commodities that were grown in the United States.

It is essential that all purchases of agricultural commodities and food products comply with this statutory provision.

19. **City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Inspection Certificate:** APS prefers to have a copy of your latest City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Inspection Certification submitted with your bid. If certificates are not submitted at time of bid opening. APS reserves the right to require them prior to award. All awarded bidders must submit certificates prior to award.
20. **Use of Federal Funds:** Food Services revenues are derived primarily from federal sources. Federal Law prohibits application of any residential preference when the expenditure of federal funds designated for specific purchases(s) is involved.
21. **Request(s) NOT Defined in Scope of Work:** Contractor shall be held responsible to **NOT** fill requests which are clearly beyond the defined scope of the proposed contract. Should such requests occur, contractor has the responsibility of calling such violations to the attention of the APS Procurement Officer.
22. **Basis of Award:** Award(s) will be based upon deepest discount/best bid pricing for comparable list/product or group of products. Delivery, comprehensiveness, and currency of price list(s), and the best interest of the District respective to walk-in trade may be factors in bid

If a particular item is determined to be “not standard in the industry” by at least half of the bidders, then that item will be deleted from the bid for evaluation purposes.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

23. Contact Information: Provide the following information. Include contact name.

Payment/Invoice Information:

Company: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP Code: _____

Phone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Product or Delivery Problems:

Company: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP Code: _____

Phone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

PRICING LIST

The undersigned certifies that he or she has not either directly or indirectly entered into any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this solicitation and agrees to furnish the materials, supplies or services as required within the time specified under the conditions imposed and at the price indicated.

Signature of
Authorized Representative _____ Contractor's License #: _____
(If Applicable)

Type or print
name of above _____

Name of Firm _____ Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Veterans Preference Certification No. (if applicable)

Contact information for Sales Department

Contact information for POs/Invoicing/Etc.

Name of Contact _____

Name of Contact _____

Telephone No. _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

***** IF ANY OF THIS CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY APS. *****

Firm Name _____

Bid No. 17-059MS-KN

SPECIFICATIONS EXCEPTION FORM **COMMODITY PROCESSED FOODS**

Note: Your bid may be rejected if you do not sign and submit this page.

Bid on materials, supplies, or equipment with varying specifications may be considered by Albuquerque Public Schools. However, in the interest of fairness and sound business practice it should not be the responsibility of APS to probe for information concerning items which you intend to furnish. Therefore, if your bid differs from the specifications or if you take exemption to any of the requirements, such information must be clearly stated in the space following. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of bid bond, if applicable, or seller may be found in default.

I do meet specifications: _____

Signature

Exceptions are as stated: _____

Signature

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND
DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION FORM**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

As utilized herein, the term "Vendor" shall mean that entity submitting a proposal to Albuquerque Public Schools in response to the above referenced bids/request for proposals.

The authorized Person, Firm and/or Corporation states that to the best of his/her belief and knowledge: No employee or board member of Albuquerque Public Schools (or close relative), with the exception of the person(s) identified below, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the Vendor or in the proposed transaction. Vendor neither employs, nor is negotiating to employ, any Albuquerque Public Schools employee, board member or close relative, with the exception of the person(s) identified below. Vendor did not participate, directly or indirectly, in the preparation of specifications upon which the quote or offer is made. If the Vendor is a New Mexico State Legislator or if a New Mexico State Legislator holds a controlling interest in Vendor, please identify the legislator: _____

List below the name(s) of any Albuquerque Public Schools employee, board member or close relative who now or within the preceding 12 months (1) works for the Vendor; (2) has an ownership interest in the Vendor (other than as an owner of less than 1% of Vendor's stock, if Vendor is a publicly traded corporation); (3) is a partner, officer, director, trustee or consultant to the Vendor; (4) has received grant, travel, honoraria or other similar support from Vendor; or (5) has a right _____ to _____ receive _____ royalties _____ from _____ the vendor. _____

DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION STATUS

The Vendor certifies that it is not suspended, debarred or ineligible from entering into contracts with the Federal Government, or any State agency or local public body, or in receipt of a notice or proposed debarment from any Federal or State agency or local public body. The vendor agrees to provide immediate notice to Albuquerque Public School's Purchasing Department in the event of being suspended, debarred or declared ineligible by any department or agency of the Federal government, or any agency of local public body of the State of New Mexico, or upon receipt of a notice of proposed debarment that is received after the submission of the quote or offer but prior to the award of the purchase order or contract.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read the above **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** and **DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION** Status requirements and that he/she understands and will comply with these requirements. The undersigned further certifies that they have the authority to certify compliance for the vendor named **and that the information contained in this document is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.**

Signature: _____ Date _____

Name of Person Signing (typed or printed): _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Name of Company (typed or printed): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28, et seq., NMSA 1978 and NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), as amended by Laws of 2007, Chapter 234, any prospective contractor seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body for **professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body may cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract pursuant to Section 13-1-181 NMSA 1978 or a contract that is executed may be ratified or terminated pursuant to Section 13-1-182 NMSA 1978 of the Procurement Code if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

The state agency or local public body that procures the services or items of tangible personal property shall indicate on the form the name or names of every applicable public official, if any, for which disclosure is required by a prospective contractor.

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

"Applicable public official" means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

"Campaign Contribution" means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to statewide or local office. "Campaign Contribution" includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

"Family member" means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of (a) a prospective contractor, if the prospective contractor is a natural person; or (b) an owner of a prospective contractor.

"Pendency of the procurement process" means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

"Prospective contractor" means a person or business that is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person or business qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

"Representative of a prospective contractor" means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

Name(s) of Applicable Public Official(s) if any: _____
(Completed by State Agency or Local Public Body)

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature Date Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature Date Title (Position)

RESIDENT VETERANS PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION

17-059MS-KM

COMMODITY PROCESSED FOODS

_____ (NAME OF CONTRACTOR) hereby certifies the following in regard to application of the resident veteran's preference to this procurement:

Please check one box only

Not Applicable. I declare under penalty of perjury that I am not a Veteran. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is less than \$3M allowing me the 10% preference discount on this solicitation. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.

"I agree to submit a report, or reports, to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department declaring under penalty of perjury that during the last calendar year starting January 1 and ending on December 31, the following to be true and accurate"

"In conjunction with this procurement and the requirements of this business" application for a Resident Business Preference/Resident Veteran Contractor Preference under Sections 13-1-21 or 13-1-22 NMSA 1978, when awarded a contract which was on the basis of having such veterans preference, I agree to report to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department the awarded amount involved. I will indicate in the report the award amount as a purchase from a public body or a public works contract from a public body as the case may be.

"I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information on this report constitutes a crime."

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statement is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that by giving false or misleading statements about material fact regarding this matter constitutes a crime.

(Signature of Business Representative) "

(Date)

*Must be an authorized signatory for the Business.

The Representations made in checking the boxes constitutes a material representation by the business that is subject to protest and may result in denial of an award or un-award of the procurement involved if the statements are proven to be incorrect.

BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT AND CHECKLIST
Bid No. 17-059MS-KN
Commodity Processed Foods

Please submit your completed bid, including the following items. Note that the requested information is mandatory and **failure to submit these items with your response may deem it non-responsive and may be disqualified**. Check off and sign that items are included in your response to this bid.

- The following bid information is clearly labeled on the **very outer envelope (please note: If you put your sealed bid inside of a FedEx, UPS, etc. envelope, all of this information must be re-written on that outer envelope as well)** of your **sealed** bid.
 - Offeror's **Business Name** (not an individual's name)
 - Bid Number: 17-059MS-KN
 - Bid Title: **Commodity Processed Foods**
 - Opening Date:
 - Opening Time:
 - Proper Delivery Address:

ALLOW 5 ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR DELIVERY

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

(For Express Mail, carrier delivery, or hand delivery)

Albuquerque Public Schools
ATTN: Procurement Department
6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 500 E
Albuquerque, NM 87110

USPS MAILING ADDRESS:

(For First Class Mail)

Albuquerque Public Schools
ATTN: Procurement Department, Suite 500E
P.O. Box 25704
Albuquerque, NM 87125-0704

- Acknowledgement of pallet requirements. **SIGNED**
- Bid Price List (with signature and contact information completed) **SIGNED**
- Specification Exception Form **SIGNED**
- Completed Conflict of Interest and Debarment/Suspension Form **SIGNED**
- Campaign Contributions Disclosure Form **SIGNED**
- Resident Contractor (or Veteran Resident Contractor) Preference Certificate **SIGNED**
- Bid Submittal Requirements and Check List **SIGNED**
- Certification of insurance (if applicable)
- Addendums (if applicable) – **before** submitting your bid, please check for addendums here:
<http://www.aps.edu/procurement/current-bids-and-rfps>

(Signature)

(Date)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code		
7 List account number(s) here (optional)			

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)																																																																														
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.																																																																														
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Part II Certification	
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:	
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and	
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and	
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and	
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.	
Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.	

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

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

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

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

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

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

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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

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

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

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

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership 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 \$600 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 1-800-368-4484. 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.