

# LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# **INVITATION TO BID #2019-008**

# **CALHOUN MINE ROAD WIDENING**

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW NO LATER THAN

2:00 PM, September 26, 2019

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

# LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ATTENTION: RYAN MCDUFFIE, PURCHASING AGENT 99 COURT HOUSE HILL, SUITE D DAHLONEGA, GA 30533

To submit a bid, please complete the requested information and return to the Lumpkin County Purchasing Department, no later than, 2:00 PM, on September 26, 2019. All questions should be directed to Ryan McDuffie, Purchasing Agent at 706-482-2552.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Purpose of Procurement

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting sealed bids from qualified firms or individuals for a project consisting of the widening and paving of approximately 900 feet of Calhoun Mine Road located in Lumpkin County Georgia. The contractor will be responsible for all labor and materials required to complete the project as per plans and specifications. Lumpkin County Public Works will act as the owner's representative on this project and will conduct all inspections as required by state and local regulations.

#### **1.2** Schedule of Events

The Invitation to Bid shall be governed by the following schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY	
August 28, 2019	Release of Bid	
September 12, 2019 @ 11:00 AM	Pre-Bid Conference & Site Visit	
September 18, 2019 by 12:00 PM	Deadline for written questions to Purchasing Agent	
September 20, 2019 by 5:00 PM	Answers to written questions posted to website	
	www.lumpkincounty.gov/dept/purchasing	
September 26, 2019 @ 2:00 PM	Bids Due	

#### **1.3** Restrictions on Communications

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

#### 1.4 Contractor License

No Contractor License is required.

#### 1.5 Plans

Documents can be obtained by sending an email request to ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov

#### **1.6 Permits and Fees**

All Lumpkin County permits fees shall be waived.

#### 1.7 Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 AM on September 12, 2019. The meeting location will be the Lumpkin County Administration Building First Floor Conference Room, 99 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533.

The Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted for the purpose of explaining the County's bid process, the specifications/technical documents, and to provide non-binding verbal responses to questions concerning these bid specifications and to discuss issues from the Bidders perspective. However, no verbal response provided at the Pre-Bid Conference binds the County. Only those responses to written questions that are responded to by the County in written communications will be official.

An optional tour of the site will be conducted after the pre-bid meeting.

#### 1.8 Questions & Addenda

All questions concerning this ITB<u>must be submitted in writing</u>, (email is preferred but fax and mail may also be used) to the Purchasing Agent no later than 12:00 PM, September 18, 2019.

Ryan McDuffie, Purchasing Agent Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners 99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D Dahlonega, GA 30533 <u>ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov</u> Fax: 706-482-2201

No response to inquiries, other than written, will be binding upon the County. Lumpkin County reserves the right to issue written addenda to any inquiries that alter the scope of the bid. Addenda shall be posted to the county website, <u>www.lumpkincounty.gov</u>, no later than 5:00 PM, September 20, 2019. A signed copy of any addenda shall accompany submitted bids. Contractors are advised to check the website for addenda before submitting their bids.

## 1.9 Contract Term

The contract between the County and the Contractor shall become effective upon signing and shall be completed no later than 180 calendar days from the day the Notice to Proceed is issued. Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate contract at any time if successful contractor fails to meet requirements stated in this bid.

#### 1.10 Bonds

Bid Bonds	5% of total bid amount
Performance and Payment Bonds	100% of total contract price (required of awarded vendor only)

Information regarding bonds to be furnished (if required) as stated in the 3.0 Terms and Conditions section of this bid document, 3.8 "Bid Bonds, Performance and Payment Bonds."

#### 1.11 Submission of Bid

The required completed bid documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as follows:

<u>ITB # 2019-008 CALHOUN MINE ROAD WIDENING</u>, with the bidder's business name being clearly visible. Bids must be received no later than <u>2:00 PM</u>, on September 26, 2019. Bids must be delivered, mailed or shipped to:

Ryan McDuffie, Purchasing Agent Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners 99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Bid responses submitted by fax or email will **NOT** be accepted.

Bidders are advised to allow adequate time for shipping. Many express mail and delivery services do not guarantee overnight delivery by noon to Lumpkin County. Any bid received after 2:00 PM on September 26, 2019, will not be accepted.

#### 1.12 Withdrawal of Bid Due to Errors

Bidders shall have up to forty-eight (48) hours to notify Lumpkin County, in writing, of an obvious clerical error made in the calculation of the bid in order to withdraw bid after bid opening. Bids may be withdrawn from consideration if the price was substantially lower than the other bids due solely to a mistake. The bidder shall provide evidence that the bid was submitted in good faith and that the mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake. The bidder's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error or mistake. If a bid is withdrawn under this provision, the lowest remaining responsive bid shall be deemed low bid.

No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall for compensation, supply any material or labor, perform any subcontractor or other work agreement, for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded.

Bid withdrawal is not automatically granted and will be allowed solely at Lumpkin County's discretion.

#### 1.13 Award

Any purchase order or contract awarded pursuant to this Invitation to Bid shall be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder whose bid meets the requirements and specifications set forth in the Invitation to Bid. A "responsive bidder" is a bidder who has submitted a bid response, which conforms in all material respects to the bid. A "responsible bidder" is a bidder who has the capacity in all respects to perform fully the requirements set forth in this document.

#### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

#### 2.1 General Requirements

- A. Erosion control measures must be installed prior to or concurrent with the land disturbing activity. Suitable vegetative cover or mulch shall be applied immediately following construction to all disturbed areas and rights-of-way.
- B. Structures must be grouted, clean, undamaged and in proper working order prior to the issuance of a final approval.

- c. The county right-of-way shall be cleared the full required width of all trees, bushes, debris and other materials.
- D. The centerline of the roads shall be staked at 50-foot intervals and restaked for inspection prior to application of base course. Final grade of the subgrade may be adjusted to balance earthwork with approval of Lumpkin County Public Works.

#### 2.2 Clearing, grubbing, grading, and subgrade

- A. Clearing and grubbing operations shall remove all trees, brush, stumps, rocks, or other debris from the street right-of-way, except in cases where trees are required to be preserved by the plans within the construction limits.
- B. In areas of cut, all stumps, boulders and other obstructions shall be removed to a depth of two feet below the subgrade elevation. When rock is encountered it shall be scarified to a depth of not less than 12 inches below the subgrade.
- C. In areas of fill, only suitable material may be used in the construction of fill areas. The fill shall be spread in layers not to exceed twelve inches loose and properly compacted by mechanical means. Utility trenches and other areas not accessible to the roller shall be tamped. All compacted material must meet or exceed 95 percent compaction as measured by the standard proctor density test. The top 12 inches must be at 100 percent compaction.
- D. The subgrade shall be properly shaped, rolled and uniformly compacted to conform to the vertical and horizontal design as shown on the approved drawings.
- E. All unsuitable materials must be excavated and replaced with acceptable compacted material.
- F. The contractor must contact Public Works to schedule an inspection of the completed subgrade prior to proceeding with base installation.
- G. The finished subgrade must pass a proof roll with a fully loaded tandem dump.
- H. During the proof roll, areas that fail the test must have the unsuitable materials removed and replaced with properly compacted materials.

#### 2.3 Base Course

- A. The base course shall consist of a graded aggregate of a minimum compacted thickness of six inches.
- B. The base course shall be placed on a stabilized subgrade in accordance with these standards and accepted construction practice.
- C. The base course shall extend a minimum of one foot beyond the edge of asphalt on each side of the road.
- D. No base material shall be deposited or shaped when the subgrade is frozen or thawing or during unfavorable weather conditions.
- E. All materials for the base course shall be secured from state DOT approved sources.
- F. The graded aggregate base material shall consist of hard, durable particles of fragments of stone and stone mortar and graded according to the state DOT requirements for graded aggregate base for road construction.
- G. In any other places not accessible to a roller, the base course shall be tamped thoroughly with mechanical tampers.

## 2.4 Paving

A. Material, equipment used, weather limitations and preparation of surface, application and construction methods shall be as set out in Standard Specifications For Roads And Bridges, state DOT.

B. The wearing surface shall consist of a state DOT approved plant mix having an in place minimum compacted thickness of two inches of type B with a top coat of a minimum compacted thickness of 1.5 inches of type E. Care and precaution shall be taken that all joints between the asphalt layers are well sealed by means of a tack coat.

## 3.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### **3.1 Bid Amendments**

The County reserves the right to amend the bid prior to the bid due date. All addenda and additional information will be posted to the county website <u>www.lumpkincounty.gov</u> prior to 5:00 PM, on September 20, 2019. It is the vendor's responsibility to check the website for addenda before submitting a bid. All signed addenda shall be included with the bid.

#### 3.2 Bid Withdrawal

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

#### 3.3 Costs for Preparing Bids

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

#### **3.4** Conflict of Interest

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

#### 3.5 Contractor Selection

Lumpkin County reserves the exclusive right to determine which bidder should be awarded the contract. The County also reserves the right to reject any and all bids at its discretion with or without cause.

#### 3.6 Negotiations and Apparent Winner

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

The County reserves the right to negotiate modifications and costs with the successful bidder provided that no such modifications affect the specifications set forth herein.

The contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and a Notice to Proceed document is received from the County.

## 3.7 Taxes

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

## **3.8** Bid, Performance and Payment Bonds (If Required)

A five percent (5%) Bid Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Performance and Payment Bond shall be furnished to Lumpkin County if stated as required in Paragraph 1.10 in the "Introduction" section of this document. Failure to submit appropriate bonding will result in automatic rejection of bid. Bonding company must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Commission, listed in the Department of Treasury's publication of companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable surety on Federal bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies, and have an A.M. Best rating.

## **3.9** Compliance with Laws

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

## 3.10 Non-Collusive Bidding

Contractor shall not prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Contractor shall not prevent or endeavor to prevent anyone from making a bid or proposal by any means whatsoever, not shall Contractor cause or induce another to withdraw a bid or proposal for the work. § 36-91-21. If the contractor is a partnership, all of the partners and any officer, agent, or other person who may have represented or acted for them in bidding for or procuring the contract shall also make the oath. If the corporation, all officers, agents, or other persons who may have acted for or represented the corporation in bidding for or procuring the contract shall make the oath. If such oath is false, the contract shall be void, and all sums paid by the governmental entity on the contract may be recovered by appropriate action.

## 3.11 Cancellation

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

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

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

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

If the termination clause is used by the County, the successful contractor will be paid by the County for all

scheduled work completed satisfactorily by the successful contractor up to the termination date set forth in the written termination notice.

## **3.12** Conditions of Materials

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

#### 3.13 Rejection of Submissions/Cancellation of Bids

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

## 3.14 Non-discrimination

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

## 3.15 Payment

Payment terms and invoicing requirements shall be negotiated and defined by the final contract. Lumpkin County typically pays invoices on a net 30 basis. Invoices for construction related projects are paid on a draw method as negotiated and with a retainage of 5-10% held until all punch list items are completed.

#### 3.16 Insurance

The contractor shall be responsible for his work and every part thereof and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances and properties of any and all description used in connection with this project.

The contractor assumes all risks of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property of persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work.

The contractor shall, during the continuance of all work under the contract, provide the following:

- 1. Maintain statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 to protect the contractor from any liability or damages for any injuries (including death and disability) to any of its employees, volunteers or sub-contractors, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue or any statute or law in force within the State of Georgia, or which may be herein after enacted.
- 2. The vendor agrees to maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence to protect the contractor, it's sub-contractors and the interest of the County against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability Insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage Liability endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards where required.

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

## 3.17 **Project Coordination**

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

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

#### 3.18 Accuracy of Work

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

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

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

## 3.19 Ownership

Reports, plans, data, statistics, specifications and other supporting records compiled or prepared in the performance of the services required by this bid, shall be the absolute property of the County and shall not be used by the contractor for purposes unrelated to this bid without the prior written approval of the County. Such original documents shall be turned over to the County upon completion of the bid/contract term except that contractor shall have the right to retain copies of the same.

## 3.20 News Release by Contractor

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

## 3.21 Severability

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

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

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

## 3.22 Drug Free Workplace

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

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

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

## 3.23 Assignment of Contractual Rights

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

## 3.24 Indemnity

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

## 3.25 Appropriation of Funds

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

#### 3.26 Documents Deemed Part of Contract

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

#### 3.26 Open Records

All materials submitted in connection with this Invitation to Bid will be public documents and subject to the Open Records Act and all other laws of the State of Georgia, the United States of America and the open records policies of the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners. All such materials shall remain the property of Lumpkin County and will not be returned to the respondent.

#### 3.27 Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act

Vendors submitting a response to this Invitation to Bid <u>must provide</u> the following information in the package to indicate compliance with the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act O.C.G.A 13-10-90. The form is provided for completion and must be included with your bid.



## VENDOR'S CHECKLIST AND BID SUBMITTAL PACKET

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

- $\Box$  Information
- $\Box$  Execution of Proposal
- $\Box$  Price Proposal
- $\Box$  Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- □ Drug-Free Workplace
- □Addenda Acknowledgement
- Georgia's Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit
- Completed W9
- $\Box$ Proof of Insurance Certification

Authorized	Signature
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Title

Print Name

Date

#### THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH BID



## **VENDOR'S INFORMATION FORM**

1.	Legal Business Name
2.	Street Address
3.	City, State & Zip
4.	Type of Business: State of Registration:
5.	Name & Title of Authorized Signer:
6.	Primary Contact
7.	Phone Fax
8.	E-mail
9.	Company Website
10	. Has your company ever been debarred from doing business with any federal, state, or local agency?
If	Yes No yes, please state the agency name, dates, and reason for debarment.

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## VENDOR'S EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FORM

DATE:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ That this bid was signed by an authorized representative of this firm.

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

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

\_\_\_\_ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Invitation to Bid with no exceptions.

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

**Business Name** 

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title



#### **VENDOR'S PRICE PROPOSAL**

I have read and understand the requirement of this ITB # 2019-008 CALHOUN MINE WIDENING and agree to provide required services in accordance with this proposal and all other attachments, exhibits, etc. I understand that the County will not be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs not specifically set forth in this proposal.

LUMP SUM BID <u>\$\_\_\_\_\_</u>

I hereby certify that this Financial Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a proposal for the same services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I certify that I am authorized to sign the Financial Proposal.

Company Name		Date		
Printed Name		Authorized S	ignature	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this	day of		, 2019.	
Notary Public	Commission	Expires		



## **VENDOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION**

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

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

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

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

Authorized Representative (Signature)	Date	
Authorized Representative/Title		
(Print or Type)		
This affidavit is given this day of	, 2019.	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this	day of	, 2019.
Notary Public	Commission Expires	



## **DRUG- FREE WORKPLACE FORM**

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

located at:

And it is also that:

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

Name of Sub Contractor

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

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

Signature

Date



## ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Addendum No.

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Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title (Print or Type)

<u>Vendors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Bids which fail to acknowledge the vendor's receipt of any</u> addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.



# Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

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

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

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

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

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

#### PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND RETURN IT TO:

Ryan McDuffie Lumpkin County Purchasing Agent 99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D Dahlonega, GA 30533 Fax: (706) 482-2201

Email: <a href="mailto:ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov">ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov</a>



## LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SAVE Affidavit

#### (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements)

Affidavit for a Public Benefit as required by the Georgia Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a public benefit as referenced in the Georgia Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011 [O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e) (2)], I am stating the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a United States citizen; or

\_ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States\*; or

I am an otherwise qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.\*

\*Alien registration number for non-citizens issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: \_\_\_\_\_

At least one secure and verifiable document for identification purposes must be provided as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 (e) (1). See list on page 2 of this document.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Signature of Applicat	nt	D	late	
Printed Name				
SUBSCRIBED AND	SWORN BEFORE M	E ON THIS		
THE DAY	OF	20		
			[NOTARY S	EAL]
Notary Public			-	-
My Commission Exr	ires:			

U.S.C., as amended, provides their alien registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the Federal definition of "alien," legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. [Page 1 of 2] THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR BID



# SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTS UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-36-2

[Issued August 1, 2011 by the Office of the Attorney General, Georgia]

The following list of secure and verifiable documents, published under the authority of O.C.G.A. §50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status.

# **INDICATE AND ATTACH A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT** (front and back)

- □ United States passport or passport card
- □ United States military identification card
- □ Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the United States Coast Guard
- □ Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) card
- □ Driver's license issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- □ Identification card issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- □ Tribal identification card issued by one of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the United States Virgin Island, American Samoa, or the Swain Islands, provided that it contains a photograph of the bearer or lists sufficient identifying information regarding the bearer, such as name, date of birth gender, height, eye color, and address to enable the identification of the bearer.
- $\Box$  Passport issued by a foreign government
- □ Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card
- $\Box$  NEXUS card
- □ United States Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card
- □ Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph of the bearer.
- □ Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) [Form N-560 or Form N-561]
- □ Certificate of Naturalization issued by the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) [Form N-550 or Form N-570]

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

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

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

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

Date of Authorization to Use Federal Work Authorization F	rogram	
NAME OF CONTRACTOR		
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor		
Signature and Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agen	i	
SCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE	DAY OF	, 20

My Commission Expires:

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



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

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

Signature of Exempt Private Employer

Printed Name of Exempt Private Employer

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

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Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.		
page 2.	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes:		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to
s S ON	Individual/sole proprietor or C Corporation S Corporation Partnership	Trust/estate	certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
Print or type c Instruction:	single-member LLC Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partners	ship) ►	Exempt payee code (if any)
or t	Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in	Exemption from FATCA reporting	
int	the tax classification of the single-member owner.		code (if any)
2 2	Other (see instructions) ►		(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
Print or type Specific Instructions	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name a	and address (optional)
See S	6 City, state, and ZIP code		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		
Par	t I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)		
	your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to av		curity number
	p withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, f ant alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other		
	is, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to ge		

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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#### Part II Certification

TIN on page 3.

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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

Sign	Signature of				
Here	U.S. person ►				

#### **General Instructions**

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

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

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Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)

- · Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

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

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),  $% \left( {{\left[ {{{\rm{TIN}}} \right]}_{\rm{TIN}}} \right)_{\rm{TIN}}} \right)$ 

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

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

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

• An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;

 A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;

• An estate (other than a foreign estate); or

• A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Backup Withholding**

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

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

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

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

2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page

3 for details),

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

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

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

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

Also see Special rules for partnerships above.

#### What is FATCA reporting?

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

#### Updating Your Information

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

#### **Penalties**

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

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

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

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

#### **Specific Instructions**

#### Line 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Line 2

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

#### Line 3

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

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

#### Line 4, Exemptions

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

#### Exempt payee code.

 Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.

• Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.

• Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

 Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

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

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

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

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

4---A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5-A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7---A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G—A real estate investment trust

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 2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
<ul> <li>4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)</li> <li>b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law</li> </ul>	The grantor-trustee' The actual owner
<ol> <li>Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual</li> </ol>	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
<ol> <li>Disregarded entity not owned by an individual</li> </ol>	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity⁴
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
<ul> <li>14. Grantor trust filing under the Form</li> <li>1041 Filing Method or the Optional</li> <li>Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see</li> <li>Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)</li> <li>(B))</li> </ul>	The trust

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

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

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

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

#### Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1.877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

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

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

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

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

#### **Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information. 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 inormation.

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