

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

(Substitute W-9 Form)  
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**Name of Real Estate Brokerage** ( List legal name of the licensed real estate brokerage, if joint names, list first & circle the name of the person whose TIN you enter in Part I-See **Specific Instruction** on page 2)

**Business name**, if different from above. (See **Specific Instruction** on page 2)

Check the appropriate box:  Individual/Sole proprietor  Corporation  Partnership  Other  Exempt from backup withholding

**Legal Address:** number, street, and apt. or suite no.

**Remittance Address:** if different from legal address number, street, and apt. or suite no.

**City, state and ZIP code**

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Phone # ( ) Fax # ( ) Email address:

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). **However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instruction on page 2.** For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see **How to get a TIN** on page 2.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 2 for guidelines on whose number to enter. \*\* While corporations are exempt (except Attorneys/Law Firms) we still require a W-9 for our files.

### Social security number

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OR

### Employer identification number

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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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 Services (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**
- I am an U.S. person (including an U.S. resident alien).

**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.

**Sign Here**

**Authorized Signature** ▶

**Date** ▶

### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must get your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

**Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person** (including a resident alien), to give your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify you are not subject to backup withholding

**If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8.** See **Pub 515**, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Corporations.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must withhold a designated percentage, currently 30.5% and pay to the IRS of such payments under certain

conditions. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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 not be subject to backup withholding. **Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

- You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
- You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 2 for details), or
- The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
- The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your 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 the Part II instructions on page 2.

### 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

**Name.** If you are an individual, you must Generally enter the name shown on your social security card. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first and then circle the name of the person or entity whose number you enter in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your social security card on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

**Limited liability company (LLC).** If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, **enter the owner's name on the "Name" line.** Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required Federal tax documents on the "Name" line. 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 the "Business name" line.

**Exempt from backup withholding.** If you are exempt, enter your name as described above, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. For more information on exempt payees, see the Instructions for the Requestor of Form W-9.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

**Note:** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

### 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 an **LLC** that is **disregarded as an entity** separate from its owner (see **Limited liability company (LLC)** above), and are owned by an individual, enter your SSN (or "pre-LLC" EIN, if desired). If the owner of a disregarded LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the owner's EIN.

**Note:** See the chart on this page 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 Social Security Administration office. Get **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 get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) or from the IRS Web Site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, 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:** Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded domestic 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, 3, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see **Exempt from backup withholding** above.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 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 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 or Archer MSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

### Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to give your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA or Archer MSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia to carry out their tax laws.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 30% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

## 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 <sup>1</sup> The minor <sup>2</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. 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	The public entity

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name, but you may also enter your business or "DBA" name. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one).

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

**Note:** 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.

## BROKER/AGENT PARTICIPATION

We invite real estate broker and agent participation. A minimum one percent (1%) cooperating broker commission, based on the winning bid amount, will be paid to Brokers/Agents (i) who have duly registered as a "Registered Broker/Agent" on-line at [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the Auction, and, (ii), who have been identified by their client on the bidder online registration profile; and (iii) for live auctions, who personally check in on auction day with their client, and (iv) whose client(s) successfully purchase the Property and close the transaction. Please see the website for specific cooperating broker commission amounts related to specific Properties. For Pre-Auction Event Sales, commissions will be paid in accordance with the property-specific listings. Please confirm such commission amount. **THERE WILL BE NO BROKER/AGENT REGISTRATION PERMITTED ON THE DAY THE AUCTION BEGINS.**

To qualify for a commission and become a Registered Broker/Agent, you must:

1. Fully complete the Broker/Agent Participation Form on-line at [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) and bring a copy of it (printed from the website) to the Auction along with a copy of your valid real estate license for the Live Auction event. You are required to personally check in at the broker/agent registration desk prior to the start of the live Auction. Your client must accompany you to check in at the Broker/Agent check in table. If you are an Agent, you must also provide a letter, signed by your Broker on company letterhead, confirming your attendance at the Auction with your client which sets forth commission payment information including broker license number, name and tax identification number. Prior to closing, you will be required to provide the escrow/closing agent with an IRS Form W-9 or electronically complete an IRS Form W-9 in order to receive a commission. This W-9 must be completed by your Broker as payment can only be made through the Broker who holds your license. Be prepared and bring it with you on Auction day to provide when your client is the winning bidder. You may be required to provide a copy of your Broker/Agent Participation Form to the escrow/closing agent prior to closing;
2. For online bidding clients, you must complete the Broker/Agent Participation Form online at [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) and you must ensure that when your client registers, he or she includes your information as part of the registration identifying you as the broker/agent. You will be required to complete the necessary electronic signatures as part of the purchase transaction within the time frames required. You must provide a copy of your Broker/Agent Participation Form to the escrow/closing agent prior to closing. You will be required to provide the escrow/closing agent with an IRS Form W-9 or electronically complete an IRS Form W-9 in order to receive a commission. This W-9 must be completed by your broker as payment can only be made through the broker who holds your license;
3. Inspect each Property with your client;
4. Identify yourself, remain with your client, and execute all necessary documentation during the entire Auction and post-Auction process;
5. Be present at the Live Auction with your client. You must sign in on each day of the Auction and identify your client at that time. Registered Broker/Agent must accompany and remain with your client throughout the entire bidding and purchase process at the Live Auction; and
6. Participating Brokers/Agents may be required to sign the purchase documentation, either at the live auction or by electronic means, along with their client. Any Registered Broker/Agent who fails to sign the purchase documentation at the Auction or within the time prescribed shall not be entitled to any commission. Commissions will be paid upon closing. No commission will be paid to a Registered Broker/Agent acting as a principal in the purchase of any Property. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE BROKER/AGENT PARTICIPATION RULES.**

**THIS SUBSTITUTE W-9 IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BROKER UNDER WHOM YOU ARE LICENSED AS SET FORTH ABOVE. AS A REAL ESTATE LICENSEE, COMMISSIONS CAN ONLY BE PAID TO A LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER AND NOT DIRECTLY TO THE AGENT. PRIOR TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ANY COMMISSION, A COMPLETED AND SIGNED SUBSTITUTE W-9 IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED TO THE ESCROW/CLOSING AGENT. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR BROKER'S LETTER. ALTHOUGH CORPORATIONS ARE EXEMPT (EXCEPT ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS), A COMPLETED AND EXECUTED SUBSTITUTE W-9 IS STILL REQUIRED FOR OUR RECORDS.**