



INVITATION TO BID  
LEAK DETECTION

Village of Oswego  
Leak Detection Bid Package  
September 2017

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**INVITATION TO BID**  
**TO PROVIDE LEAK DETECTION**

Sealed bids for Leak Detection of various locations will be received at the address listed below until Friday, September 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be publically opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place. Bids not physically received by the Village by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017 will be returned, unopened to the firm. Emailed or faxed bids will not be accepted. All bids should be addressed to:

Village of Oswego  
Re: (vendor name)  
Proposal for Leak Detection  
Attention: Annie Callahan, Purchasing Manager  
100 Parkers Mill  
Oswego IL 60543

Bid packets are available online at <http://www.oswegoil.org>. The link can be found under the Business & Development tab-Bids & RFPs. Additional packets may be picked up at Oswego Village Hall, 100 Parker's Mill, Oswego, Illinois, 60543.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond from a company with an A-1 best rating, or a cashier's check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the proposal and made payable to the Village of Oswego, 100 Parker's Mill, Oswego IL. 60543. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Village. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as possible after opening and checking the bids.

Successful bidder must provide proper insurance acceptable to the Village. **Contractor must comply with Prevailing Wage Act. Each contractor is to submit their bid as indicated in the Specifications and include all signed supporting documents.**

Award of Contract: The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding. The Village of Oswego Board of Trustees will make the final award of the proposal. The successful bidder and the Village will execute a contract mutually agreeable to both parties within 14 days from the award of contract.

# INTRODUCTION

## Leak Detection

### Purpose of Request:

The leak detection contract has three primary goals:

- Perform leak detection on the distribution system to such an extent as to locate, known and unknown leaks through active leak detection and correlation methods.
- Document the location of leaks in the water distribution system through this program.
- To continually develop and redevelop the scope of this project for continuation as an ongoing program.

### Project Description:

The Village is requesting bids for leak detection throughout the Village of Oswego limits according to the specifications contained herein. The Village has approximately 80 miles of water distribution system that will need to be evaluated and inspected each year, 160 miles in total throughout the Village.

## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

### Detailed Specifications:

**Scope of Work:** The Village is requesting bids for a complete leak detection program from an experienced professional services firm Bidder with extensive experience in water distribution system leak location and pinpointing in the Village water distribution system.

The contractor shall develop, plan and execute a leak detection program to:

1. Survey/listen to the water distribution system to known and unknown leaks where they will be located through leak correlation.
2. Correlated leaks will be prioritized according to condition and criticality.
3. Deliverables:
  - a. The final report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after completion of the project in a detailed report. Periodic reports may be required as determined by the Village.
  - b. The report shall contain the following information:
    - i. Results will include individual reports of the location and estimation volume of each leak located.
    - ii. Recommendations for refining of the scope and value of an ongoing system-wide program will also be made based on the overall evaluation of the criticality of each leak.

The specifications contained herein describe the minimum requirements of the Village and any omission shall not relieve the Bidder of furnishing quality service in a timely manner.

**Atlas Corrections and Notations:** The Contractor shall document and note any corrections needed on the Village's Atlas. These notations shall be documented as a part of the final report so the Village can make corrections to their existing atlas.  
Documentations and Communication:

The Contractor is expected to perform the following:

1. Conduct a kick-off meeting with the Village to cover the goals of the project and outline work procedures. The field crew will meet daily or as agreed upon, with assigned Village personnel to go over areas of the fire hydrant assessment program for the prior workday, and plan current day and areas to survey.
2. At the end of each day, or as requested, a list of any leaks located.
3. Location of the leak.
4. Estimation of leak. Information collected by the Project Team during the leak detection program and any other information provided by the Village shall be regarded as confidential and will not be shared without permission from the Village.
5. A leak detection log of activity will be included with the final report that will include the following;
  - a. Areas work performed in
  - b. Type of problems observed
  - c. Location of leaks discovered
  - d. Dates and times that survey was conducted
  - e. Description of equipment and techniques used to conduct the survey
  - f. Specific location of all detected leaks
  - g. Main size at leak location
  - h. Estimated flow rates of each detected leak (GPM)
  - i. If identified leaks were repaired by the City
  - j. Results of resurvey (if any) of leak repaired locations
  - k. Mapping errors on the water atlas

A Final Report will be prepared at the completion of the project which will include all leak location reports and other problems found in the system during the course of the leak detection program that need the attention of the Village. This final report shall be made available for submission to the Village within thirty (30) working days of the completion of the fieldwork.

If requested, the Contractor shall present findings of the Leak Detection Program to the Village at Village Board Meeting at no additional charge.

**Base Bid:** Leak Detection will be paid at the contract unit price per foot.

**Emergency Response Call-Out:** Occasionally, the Contractor is required to provide emergency response leak detection outside of the normal leak detection schedule. In these instances, the Contractor is required to respond within two (2) hours of receiving the call regarding the Village emergency. The Contractor is paid on an hourly basis at the overtime rate with a two (2) hour minimum, excluding travel to and from. The Contractor shall furnish separate billing for these services. The Contractor shall provide a telephone number to a person the Village may call at any time for emergency services.

**Billing/Invoicing:** All billing and invoicing will be done periodically with detailed itemized billing. Billing will include the date, the work performed, and the total cost of the leak detection per foot. After receipt of a correct invoice, payments shall be due and owing by the Village in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Ch. 50, Sec. 505, et. seq.;

If, in the opinion of the Village, the Contractor has not or is not satisfactorily performing the work covered by this specification, and within forty eight (48) hours of receipt of a written demand from the Village, for performance, has not cured any defect in performance specifically itemized in such demand, the Village may, at its option:

- a) Withhold payment.
- b) Consider all or any part of this contract breached and terminate the contractor, or
- c) May hire another contractor to cure any defects in performance or complete all work covered by this specification for the remaining term of this contract.
- d) Any demand for performance shall be specifically delivered to contractor by personal delivery, certified or registered mail.

The Village will make periodic inspections and follow up as needed with the contractor to discuss any issues, etc.

# Instructions to Bidders

1. **Receipt of Bid:** September 8, 2017; 10:00 A.M.
2. **Basis of Bid:** Sealed bids will be received until the above noted time and date.
3. **Bid Description:** Leak Detection
4. **Preparation and Submission of Bids:**
  - A. Each bid shall be submitted on the exact form furnished. All blank spaces for bid prices, unit costs and alternates must be filled in using both words and figures if indicated. In case of any discrepancy in the amount bid, the prices expressed in written words shall govern.
  - B. Each bidder must complete, execute and submit with its bid a certification that Bidder is not barred from public contracting due to bid-rigging or bid rotating convictions on the form included with the bidding documents.
  - C. Each bidder must submit a complete bid package, including the following items:
    - i. **Bid Certifications**
    - ii. **Bid Sheet**
    - iii. **Bid Sheet Signature**
    - iv. **Contractor's Bid Agreement**
    - v. **References**
    - vi. **Subcontractors List.**
    - vii. **Equipment List**
    - viii. **Bid Guarantee in the amount of 10% of the total of project.**
    - ix. **Three (3) signed contract signature pages**
    - x. **W-9 Form**
  - D. One (1) paper copies of the bid and one electronic version of the bid on a flash drive in a \*.pdf (Adobe Acrobat) version shall be submitted in a sealed envelope on or before the time stated and shall bear the name of the individual, firm, or corporation submitting the Bid and the Bid Name - "Leak Detection".
  - E. Bidders may attach separate sheets to the bid for the purpose of explanation, exception, alternate bid and to cover unit prices, if needed.
  - F. Bidders may withdraw their bid either personally or by written request at any time before the hour set for the bid opening, and may resubmit it. No bid may be withdrawn or modified after the bid opening except where the award of contract has been delayed for a period of more than ninety (90) days.
  - G. In submitting this bid, the bidder further declares that the only person or party interested in the proposal as principals are those named herein; and that the bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation.
  - H. The bidder further declares that he has carefully examined this entire Bid Package, and he has familiarized himself with all of the local conditions affecting the contract and the detailed requirements of this work and understands that in making the bid he waives all rights to plead a misunderstanding regarding same.
  - I. The bidder further understands and agrees that if his bid is accepted, he is to furnish and provide all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus, and other means to do all of the work and to furnish all of the materials specified in the contract, except such materials as are to be furnished by the owner (Village), in the manner and at the time therein prescribed, and in accordance with the requirements therein set forth.
  - J. The bidder further agrees that if the Village decides to extend or shorten the work, or otherwise alters it by extras or deductions, including elimination of one or more of the items, as provided in the specifications, he will perform the work as altered, increased or decreased.
  - K. The bidder further agrees that the Village representative may at any time during the progress of the work covered by this Contract, order other work or materials incidental thereto and that all such work and materials as do not appear in the bid or contract as a specific item

- covered by a lump sum price, and which are not included under the bid price for other items in the Contract, shall be performed as extra work.
- L. The bidder further agrees to execute all documents within this Bid Package, for this work and present all of these documents to the Village.
  - M. The bidder further agrees to execute all documents within this Bid Package, obtain a Certificate of Insurance for this work and present all of these documents within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award and the Contract.
  - N. The bidder further agrees to begin work not later than ten (10) days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed, unless otherwise provided, and to execute the work in such a manner and with sufficient materials, equipment and labor as will insure its completion within the time limit specified within the bid, it being understood and agreed that the completion within the time limit is an essential part of the contract.
  - O. By submitting a bid, the bidder understands and agrees that, if his bid is accepted, and he fails to enter into a contract forthwith, he shall be liable to the Village for any damages the Village may thereby suffer.
  - P. No bid will be considered unless the party offering it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Village that he has necessary facilities, ability and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the Contract.
  - Q. No bid shall be considered unless the party offering it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Village that he has the necessary facilities, ability, and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the Contract.

5. **Additional Information Request:** Questions regarding this RFP can be emailed to Annie Callahan, Purchasing Manager at [ACallahan@oswegoil.org](mailto:ACallahan@oswegoil.org) and specific questions regarding the specifications in this RFP can be emailed to Zach Jardine at [zjardine@oswegoil.org](mailto:zjardine@oswegoil.org) by the end of business on Friday, September 1, 2017. Answers will be provided in writing to all potential Bidders; No oral comments will be made to any Bidder as to the meaning of the RFP and Specifications or other contract documents. Bidders will not be relieved of obligations due to failure to examine or receive documents, visit the site or become familiar with conditions or facts of which the Bidder should have been aware of and the Village will reject all claims related thereto.

Information (other than in the form of a written Addendum issued by the Village) from any officer, agent, or employee of the Village or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the Bidder or relieve him from fulfilling any of the conditions and obligations set forth in the proposal and other contract documents. Before the proposals are opened, all modification or additions to the proposal documents will be made in the form of a written Addendum issued by the Village. Any Addendum issued will be posted on the Village's website. In the event of conflict with the original contract documents, addenda shall govern all other contract documents to the extent specified. Subsequent addenda shall govern over prior addenda only to the extent specified.

The Bidder shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the formal Addendum by signing the Addendum and including it with the proposal quotation. Failure of a Bidder to include a signed formal Addendum in its proposal quotation shall deem its quotation non-responsive: provided, however that the Village may waive this requirement if it in its best interest.

6. **Conditions:**
- A. The Village is exempt from Federal excise tax and the Illinois Retailer's Occupation Tax. This bid cannot include any amounts of money for these taxes.
  - B. To be valid, the bids shall be itemized so that selection for purchase may be made, there being included in the price of each unit the cost of delivery (FOB Destination).
  - C. The Village shall reserve the right to add or to deduct from the base bid and/or alternate bid any item at the prices indicated in itemization of the bid.
  - D. All bids shall be good for ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening.



7. **Award of Bid:** The Village of Oswego reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or technical error and to accept any bid deemed most favorable to the interests of the Village of Oswego.
- A. The items of work not specifically mentioned in the Schedule which are necessary and required to complete the work intended shall be done incidental to and as part of the items of work for which a unit price is given. No additional payment will be made for such incidental work. The Bidder shall be responsible for identifying all costs to complete the project on time and in order to create a functional and operational system in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.
  - B. All awards made in accordance with this Code are final determinations.
  - C. In addition to price, the Village will consider:
    - Ability, capacity and skill to fulfill the contract as specified.
    - Ability to supply the commodities, provide the services or complete the construction promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference.
    - Character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency.
    - Quality of performance on previous contracts.
    - Previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to the contract.
    - Sufficiency of financial resources.
    - Quality, availability and adaptability of the commodities, services or construction, in relation to the Village's requirements.
    - Ability to provide future maintenance and service under the contract.
    - Number and scope of conditions attached to the bid/proposal.
    - Record of payments for taxes, licenses or other monies due the Village
8. **Rejection of Bids:**
- A. The Village reserves the right to cancel invitations for bids or requests for proposals without penalty when it is in the best interest of the Village. Notice of cancellation shall be sent to all individuals or entities solicited.
  - B. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, to negotiate changes and/or modifications with the lowest responsible bidder and to make award to the response deemed to be the most advantageous to the Village. Bidders shall be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including those relating to employment of labor without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color handicap, sex, national origin or religious creed.
  - C. Any bid not conforming to the specifications or requirements set forth by the Village in the bid request may be rejected.
  - D. Bids may also be rejected if they are made by a bidder that is deemed un-responsible due to a lack of qualifications, capacity, skill, character, experience, reliability, financial stability or quality of services, supplies, materials, equipment or labor.
9. **Equal Opportunity:** The Bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, age or handicap unrelated to bona fide occupational qualifications.
10. **Non-Discrimination:** The Bidder, its employees and subcontractors, agrees not to commit unlawful discrimination and agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U.S. Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, and rules applicable to each.
11. **Copies of Documents:** The number of copies of Contract and Bond required to be executed is as follows:

Three (3) original counterparts of the Contract documents will be required to be executed.

12. **Execution of Documents:** The Bidder, in signing his Bid on the whole or on any portion of the work, shall conform to the following requirements:

Bids signed by an individual other than the individual represented in the Bid documents shall have attached thereto a power of attorney evidencing authority to sign the Bid in the name of the person for whom it is signed.

Bids which are signed for a partnership shall be signed by all of the partners or by an attorney-in-fact. If signed by an attorney-in-fact, there shall be attached to the Bid a power of attorney evidencing authority to sign the bid, executed by the partners.

Bids which are signed for a corporation shall have the correct corporate name thereof and the signature of the President or other authorized officer of the corporation manually written below the corporate name.

If such Bid is manually signed by an official other than the President of the Corporation, a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors evidencing the authority of such official to sign the Bid should be attached to it. Such Bid shall also bear the attesting signature of the Secretary of the corporation and the impression of the corporate seal.

The Contract shall be deemed as have been awarded when formal notice of award shall have been duly served upon the intended awardee.

13. **Independent Contractor:** There is no employee/employer relationship between the Contractor and the Village. Contractor is an independent contractor and not the Village's employee for all purposes, including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labors Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Worker's Compensation Act (820 ILCS 305/1, *et seq.*). The Village will not (i) provide any form of insurance coverage, including but not limited to health, worker's compensation, professional liability insurance, or other employee benefits, or (ii) deduct any taxes or related items from the monies paid to Contractor. The performance of the services described herein shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the Contractor and the Village, and the Village is not and will not be liable for any obligations incurred by the Contractor, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums, nor does there exist an agency relationship or partnership between the Village and the Contractor.

14. **Approval and Use of Subcontractors:** The Contractor shall perform the Services with its own personnel and under the management, supervision, and control of its own organization unless otherwise approved by the Village in writing. All subcontractors and subcontracts used by the Contractor shall be included on the Subcontractor's form in the Bid proposal and be acceptable to, and approved in advance by the Village. The Village's approval of any subcontractor or subcontract shall not relieve the Contractor of full responsibility and liability for the provision, performance, and completion of the Work in full compliance with, and as required by or pursuant to, this Contract. If the Contractor chooses to use subcontractors to perform any of the Work, the Work performed under any subcontract shall be subject to all of the provisions of this Contract in the same manner as if performed by employees of the Contractor. Every reference in this Contract to "Contractor" shall be deemed to also apply to all subcontractors of the Contractor. Every subcontract entered into by the Contractor to provide the Work or any part thereof shall include a provision binding the subcontractor to all provisions of this Contract.

If any personnel or subcontractor fail to perform the part of the Work undertaken by it in a manner satisfactory to the Village, the Contractor shall immediately upon notice from the Village remove and replace such personnel or subcontractor. The Village shall have no claim for damages, for compensation in excess of the contract price, or for a delay or extension of the contract time as a result of any such removal or replacement.

15. **Assignment:** Neither the Village nor the Contractor shall assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
16. **Governing Law:** This Contract and the rights of Owner and Consultant under this Contract shall be interpreted according to the internal laws, but not the conflict of laws rules, of the State of Illinois. Venue for any action related to this Contract will be in the Circuit Court of Kendall County, Illinois.
17. **Changes in Law:** Unless otherwise explicitly provided in this Contract, any reference to laws shall include such laws as they may be amended or modified from time to time.
18. **Time:** The Contract Time is of the essence of this Contract. Except where otherwise stated, references in this Contract to days shall be construed to refer to calendar days.

## CONTRACT

The entire bid package and following sections apply to all proposals requested and accepted by the Village and become a part of the contract unless otherwise specified. Persons submitting proposals or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting proposals. The Village assumes that submission of a proposal means that the person submitting the proposal has familiarized himself with all conditions and intends to comply with them unless noted otherwise.

1. **Definitions:** The Term "Village" whenever used in the contract documents shall be construed to mean the Village of Oswego. The Village of Oswego, the Public Works Department, and the Director of Public Works shall also be known herein, respectively, as the Village, the Department, and the Director.
2. **Conditions:** The Bidder is responsible for being familiar with all conditions, instructions, and documents governing this project and bid. Failure to make such investigation and preparations shall not excuse the Contractor from performance of the duties and obligations imposed under the terms of this contract. The bidder acknowledges that local ordinance permits the Village to give preference to local businesses.
3. **Bid Bond:** If the bidder's proposal for this project exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), bids shall be secured by a certified check, bank draft, satisfactory bid bond or approved letter of credit in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total project bid. Bid security shall be submitted with the bid.
4. **Insurance Requirements:** The Contractor will provide satisfactory proof of insurance naming the Village of Oswego, together with its officers, agents, employees and engineers as additional primary, non-contributory named insureds prior to commencing work. All policies shall be written on a "per occurrence" basis. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance for protection from claims under worker's compensation acts, claims for damages because of bodily injury including personal injury, sickness or disease or death of any and all employees or of any person other than such employees, and from claims or damages because of injury to or destruction of property including loss of use resulting therefrom, alleged to arise from the Contractor's negligence in the performance of services under this Agreement. Contractor's certificate of insurance shall contain a provision that the coverage afforded under the policy(s) will not be canceled or reduced without thirty (30) days prior written notice (hand delivered or registered mail) to the Village. Contractor shall promptly forward new certificate(s) of insurance evidencing the coverage(s) required herein upon annual renewal of the subject policies. Failure of the Contractor to supply a valid certificate of insurance, or if a previously valid certificate of insurance has expired and is not replaced, is grounds for issuance of a stop work order until such time as a valid certificate of insurance is provided. Failure of the Village to collect or demand a certificate of insurance shall not be deemed a waiver of the requirement to provide one. The limits of liability for the insurance required by this Subsection shall not be less than the following:

**Workmen's Compensation Insurance:**

All Liability imposed by Workmen's Compensation statute	
Employer's Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000
Contractual Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000
Completed Operations Insurance	\$ 500,000

Owned, Hired, and Non-Ownership Vehicle, Bodily Injury and Property Damage  
to the following Limits:

Commercial General Liability	\$2,000,000 (each occurrence)
Bodily Injury	\$2,000,000 (each person)
	\$2,000,000 (each accident)
Property Damage	\$2,000,000 (each accident)
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 combined single limit (each accident)
Umbrella Liability	\$3,000,000 (each occurrence)
	\$3,000,000 (aggregate)

5. **Force Majeure:** Whenever a period of time is provided for in this Agreement for the Contractor or the City to do or perform any act or obligation, neither party shall be liable for any delays or inability to perform if such delay is due to a cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation: a) Acts of nature; b) Acts or failure to act on the part of any governmental authority other than the City or Contractor, including, but not limited to, enactment of laws, rules, regulations, codes or ordinances subsequent to the date of this Agreement; c) Acts of war; d) Acts of civil or military authority; e) Embargoes; f) Work stoppages, strikes, lockouts, or labor disputes; g) Public disorders, civil violence, or disobedience; h) Riots, blockades, sabotage, insurrection, or rebellion; i) Epidemics or pandemics; j) Terrorist acts; k) Fires or explosions; l) Nuclear accidents; m) Earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, or other similar calamities; n) Major environmental disturbances; or o) Vandalism. If a delay is caused by any of the force majeure circumstances set forth above, the time period shall be extended for only the actual amount of time said party is so delayed. Further, either party claiming a delay due to an event of force majeure shall give the other party written notice of such event within three (3) business days of its occurrence or it shall be deemed to be waived.

6. **Liquidated Damages:** Time is of the essence to the contract. Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the specified time stipulated in the contract or within such extended time as may have been allowed, the Contractor shall be liable and shall pay to the Village the amount shown in the following schedule of deductions, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages, for each hour of overrun in the contract time or such extended time as may have been allowed. The liquidated damages for failure to complete the contract on time are approximate, due to the impracticality of calculating and proving actual delay costs. This schedule of deductions establishes the cost of delay to account for administration, engineering, inspection, and supervision during periods of extended and delayed performance. The costs of delay represented by this schedule are understood to be a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs that will be borne by the Village during extended and delayed performance by the Contractor of the work. The liquidated damage amount specified will accrue and be assessed until final completion of the total physical work of the contract even though the work may be substantially complete. The Village will deduct these liquidated damages from any monies due or to become due to the Contractor from the Village.

Deduction for Each Day of Overrun in Contract Time: \$750.00 per day.

7. **Ineligible Contractors or Vendors:** The Contractor shall certify their review of the village debarment list found at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org) and to further comply with all provisions of Title 1-16-16 of the Village Code. Each proposal, bid or quotation must also include a listing of all intended subcontractors.

Bids received from any listed contractor in response to an invitation for bids shall be entered on the abstract of bids and rejected. Proposals, quotations, or offers received from any listed contractor shall not be evaluated for award or included in the competitive range, nor shall discussions be conducted with a listed offer or during a period of ineligibility. If the period of

ineligibility expires or is terminated prior to award, the village may, but is not required to, consider such proposals, quotations, or offers.

8. **Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In connection with the performance of the work, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor.
9. **Contract Term:** The contract will be for approximately four (4) years, beginning on the first day of a fully executed Contract and ending on April 30, 2021.
10. **Driver's License:** Before commencing work, the Contractor shall provide a copy of valid driver's license for each employee operating equipment in the Village. Drivers shall possess of Commercial Driver's License with appropriate endorsements if operating equipment that requires such a license.
11. **Change Orders:** After a contract is awarded pursuant to the competitive bid procedures specified herein, additional purchases or modifications may be made under the contract, or the terms of the contract may be extended, without rebidding the materials, supplies, services or equipment involved, provided that the change order:
  - A. Is not of such a size or nature as to undermine the integrity of the original bidding process; and
  - B. Is germane to the original contract; and
  - C. Does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the contracted amount; and
  - D. Is approved by the Board of Trustees or by the Village Administrator, or his/her designee for change orders that are not greater than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).
  - E. Change orders for contracts for public improvements shall be as provided by state law.
12. **Construction Contracts:** In addition to the bid and performance bonds set forth above, the bidder must furnish and pay for satisfactory any other security required by law or by the specifications for this particular project. Upon receipt of the performance bond, the Village will return the bid bond to the bidder.
  - a. The bidder must comply with all applicable laws prerequisite to doing business in the state.
  - b. The bidder must have a valid Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Tax Identification Number (for individuals).
  - c. The bidder must provide a Statement of Compliance with provisions of the State and Federal Equal Opportunity Employer requirements.
  - d. The bidder must provide evidence of any professional or trade license required by law or local ordinance for any trade or specialty area in which the Contractor is seeking a contract award. Additionally, the Contractor must disclose any suspension or revocation of such license held by the company, or of any director, officer or manager of the company. Any material changes to the Contractor's status, at any time, must be reported in writing to the Village within 14 days of its occurrence. Failure to comply with this requirement is grounds for the Contractor to be deemed non-responsible.
  - e. The bidder must provide the name and addresses of all known Subcontractors, the general type of work to be performed by these Subcontractors and the expected amount of money that each will receive under the contract. If at any time during the term of the contract a Contractor adds or changes any Subcontractors, he or she shall promptly notify, in writing, the Village Finance Director or their designee of the names and addresses of each new or replaced Subcontractor and the general type of work to be performed.
  - f. The bidder must provide an affidavit indicating all incomplete work under Contractor and all pending Contractors, along with a schedule of the expected completion of each such contract.

13. **Termination:** The Village shall have the right at any time and for any reason (without any penalty) to terminate, in whole or in part, this Contract, provided that the Village shall provide Contractor at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of such termination whereupon this Agreement shall automatically terminate immediately after the 31st day.
- a. When this contract, or any portion hereof, is terminated or cancelled by the Village, and the Contractor released before all items of work included in this contract have been completed, payment may be made be prorated as a percentage of completion of the actual work at contract unit prices, and no claims for loss of anticipated profits or other damages will be made and are hereby waived.
  - b. Termination of a contract, as stated above, will not relieve the Contractor or his/her surety of the responsibility of replacing defective work or materials.

14. **Additional Items:** The Village and Contractor further agree that

a. **If the Prevailing Wage Act Applies:**

Wage Rate Requirements:

- (1) The Contract shall be based upon payment by Contractor and his Subcontractor of wage rates not less than the prevailing hourly wage rate for each classification of worker engaged on the work as determined by the State of Illinois, Department of Labor.
- (2) A copy of the wage determination shall be posted by the Contractor in a conspicuous place at the site of the work where it can be easily seen by the workers.
- (3) The Contractor shall maintain certified time sheets and submit to the Village with final invoice.
- (4) The Contractor will be required to sign a Wage Rate Requirement Certification.

b. **Prevailing Wage**

Some or all of the work herein may be subject to the provisions of Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 et.seq., providing for the payment of prevailing rate wages to all laborers, workmen and mechanics engaged on work. The Contractor agrees that, prior to making any payments to its own laborers, workers, or mechanics or to any subcontractor it will determine whether it must legally pay wages in accordance with the Prevailing Wage Act, and if so legally required, pay the then-current prevailing rate of wage as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor and posted at:  
<http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/>.

The Village may at any time inquire of the Contractor as to rates of wages being paid employees of the Contractor, and any subcontractor or material men, whereupon such information shall be promptly provided by the Contractor. The Contractor shall indemnify the Village for any and all violations of the prevailing wage laws and any rules and regulations now and hereafter issued pursuant to said laws.

The Contractor shall insert into each subcontract and into the project specifications for each subcontract a written stipulation requiring all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work under the contract to comply with the Prevailing Wage Act and to require each subcontractor to insert into each lower-tiered contract and into the project specification for each lower tiered subcontract a similar stipulation.

- c. **Sexual Harassment:** During the entire term of the contract, Contractor shall have in full force and effect a written Sexual Harassment Policy, which complies with the Illinois Human Rights Act (775- ILCS 5/1-101 et.seq.) including at least the following: 1) a statement on the illegality of sexual harassment; 2) the definition of sexual harassment under Illinois Law; 3) a description of sexual harassment, utilizing examples; 4) an internal complaint process, including penalties; 5) the legal recourse, investigative and

complaint process available through the Illinois Department of Human Rights (“Department”) and the Illinois Human Rights Commission (“Commission”); 6) directions on how to contact the Department and the Commission; and 7) protection against retaliation as provided by Section 6-101 of the Act.

- d. **Drug Free Workplace:** In compliance with Illinois law, The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will provide a drug free workplace by:
- 1) Publishing a Statement:
  - 2) Notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance, including cannabis, is prohibited in the Contractor’s workplace.
  - 3) Specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
  - 4) Notifying the employee that, as a condition of employment on such Contract, the employee will:
  - 5) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - 6) Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
  - 7) Establishing a drug free awareness program to inform employees about:
  - 8) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - 9) The Contractor’s policy for maintaining a drug free workplace;
  - 10) Available counseling, rehabilitation, or assistance programs; and
  - 11) Penalties imposed for drug violations.
  - 12) Providing a copy of the Statement required by subsection (a) to each employee engaged in the performance of the Contract and to post the Statement in a prominent place in the workplace.
  - 13) Notifying the contracting agency within ten (10) days after receiving notice of any violations as listed above.
  - 14) Imposing a sanction on, or requiring the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, by any employee who is so convicted, as required by Section 5 of the Drug Free Workplace Act.
  - 15) Assisting employees in selecting a course of action in the event drug counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation are required and indicating that a trained referral team is in place.
  - 16) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of the Drug Free Workplace Act.
  - 17) The Contractor will be required to sign a Drug Free Workplace Certification.
- e. **Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects:** Before a contractor or subcontractor commences work on a public works project as defined in 820 ILCS 130/2, the contractor or subcontractor shall have in place a written program which meets or exceeds the program requirements in the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act, to be filed with the public body engaged in the construction of the public works and made available to the general public, for the prevention of substance abuse among its employees. The testing must be performed by a laboratory that is certified for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. At a minimum, the program shall include all of the following:
- 1) A minimum requirement of a 9 panel urine drug test plus a test for alcohol. Testing an employee's blood may only be used for post-accident testing, however, blood testing is not mandatory for the employer where a urine test is sufficient.
  - 2) A prohibition against the actions or conditions specified in 820 ILCS 265/10.
  - 3) A requirement that employees performing the work on a public works project submit to pre-hire, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug and alcohol testing. Testing of an employee before commencing work on a public works project is not



required if the employee has been participating in a random testing program during the 90 days preceding the date on which the employee commenced work on the public works project.

- 4) A procedure for notifying an employee who violates 820 ILCS 265/10, who tests positive for the presence of a drug in his or her system, or who refuses to submit to drug or alcohol testing as required under the program that the employee may not perform work on a public works project until the employee meets the conditions specified in subdivisions (2)(A) and (2)(B) of 820 ILCS 265/20.

**f. Non-Collusion:** The Contractor represents that it is not barred from bidding for this contract as a result of a violation of 720 ILCS 5/33E concerning bid rigging, rotating, kickbacks, bribery and interference with public contracts. The Contractor will be required to sign the Non-Collusion Certification.

**g. Ineligible Contractors or Vendors:** The Contractor shall certify their review of the village debarment list found at [www.oswegoil.org](http://www.oswegoil.org) and to further comply with all provisions of Title 1-16-16 of the Village Code. Each proposal, bid or quotation must also include a listing of all intended subcontractors.

Bids received from any listed contractor in response to an invitation for bids shall be entered on the abstract of bids and rejected. Proposals, quotations, or offers received from any listed contractor shall not be evaluated for award or included in the competitive range, nor shall discussions be conducted with a listed offer or during a period of ineligibility. If the period of ineligibility expires or is terminated prior to award, the village may, but is not required to, consider such proposals, quotations, or offers.

The Contract shall comply with the Employment of Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/0.01), if applicable.

**h. Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In connection with the performance of the work, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor.

15. **Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold the Village, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, attorneys and lenders (collectively the "Indemnitees") harmless from and against all loss and expense (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and other costs and expenses) by reason of any liability or allegation of liability, against the Indemnitees, or any of them, for damages because of property damage or bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, including death, resulting therefrom, while performing the work or while at the site where work under the Contract is being conducted or elsewhere, while engaged in the performance of Work under the Contract, however such injuries may be caused, whether attributable to a breach of statutory duty or administrative regulation or otherwise, and such injuries for which liability is imputed to the Indemnitees, or any of them, or damage or injury, directly or indirectly arising or alleged to arise out of the performance of or the failure to perform the work or the failure to protect the work or the site, or the condition of the work, the site, adjoining land or driveways, or streets or alleys used in connection with the performance of the work. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the defense and indemnity set forth in this section includes, subject only to the limitations contained in this section, all liabilities, damages, losses, claims, demands and actions on account of bodily injury, death or property loss to an Indemnitee or to any other person or entities, whether based upon, or claimed to be based upon, statutory, contractual, tort or other liability of any Indemnitee. In addition, such defense and indemnity shall include all liabilities,

damages, losses, claims, demands and actions for defamation, false arrest, malicious prosecution or any other infringement or similar rights.

The provisions of the indemnity provided for herein shall not be construed to indemnify any Indemnatee for its own negligence. To the extent not permitted by law or to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification, right or remedy which the Village is otherwise entitled to assert. This provision shall survive completion, expiration, or termination of this Agreement.

If any claim indemnified hereunder has not been settled or discharged when the work is completed, final payment of the Contract Sum shall not be due, unless and until Contractor provides a bond or other security equal to 150% of the amount of such claim in a form and substance satisfactory to the Village. In any and all claims against any Indemnatee or any of its agents or employees by any employee of Contractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by him or anyone for whose acts he may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Contractor under Worker's Compensation acts or other employees benefit acts.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed or caused to be executed by their duly authorized agents, this contract in DUPLICATE, each of which shall be deemed original, on the day and year first written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village of Oswego Administrator Date

Attest \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title Date

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Address Date

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City State Zip Code

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Title Date

## WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

### GENERAL

1. The Contract shall be based upon payment by Contractor and his Subcontractor of wage rates not less than the prevailing hourly wage rate for each classification of worker engaged on the work as determined by the State of Illinois, Department of Labor.
2. The Prevailing Wage Law does not prohibit payment of more than the prevailing rate of wages nor does it limit the hours of work which may be performed by any worker in any particular period of time.
3. A copy of the wage determination shall be posted by the Contractor in a conspicuous place at the site of the work where it can be easily seen by the workers.
4. The Contractor shall maintain certified time sheets and submit to the Village with final invoice.

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(Printed Name of Contractor)

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Address

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**DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

In compliance with State of Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 30-580, The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will provide a drug free workplace by:

Publishing a Statement:

- A. Notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance, including cannabis, is prohibited in the Contractor’s workplace.
- B. Specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- C. Notifying the employee that, as a condition of employment on such Contract, the employee will:
  - 1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- D. Establishing a Drug Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
  - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - 2. The Contractor’s policy for maintaining a drug free workplace;
  - 3. Available counseling, rehabilitation, or assistance programs; and
  - 4. Penalties imposed for drug violations.
- E. Providing a copy of the Statement required by subsection (a) to each employee engaged in the performance of the Contract and to post the Statement in a prominent place in the workplace.
- F. Notifying the contracting agency within ten (10) days after receiving notice under part (B) of paragraph (3) of subsection (a) above from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
- G. Imposing a sanction on, or requiring the satisfactory participation in a Drug Abuse Assistance or Rehabilitation Program, by any employee who is so convicted, as required by Section 5 of the Drug Free Workplace Act.
- H. Assisting employees in selecting a course of action in the event drug counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation are required and indicating that a trained referral team is in place.
- I. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of the Drug Free Workplace Act.

The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, that he/she is authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the designated organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title Date

**NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE**

The Undersigned Bidder is not barred from bidding for this Contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes concerning bid rigging, rotating, kickbacks, bribery and interference with public contracts.

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(Printed Name of Contractor)

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Address

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City

State

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Title

Date



**ELIGIBLE CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR CERTIFICATE**

The Undersigned Bidder is not barred from bidding for this Contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 1-19-16 of The Village Code regarding ineligible contractors.

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(Printed Name of Contractor)

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Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Title

Date

**STATE AND FEDERAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER CERTIFICATE**

The Undersigned Bidder agrees to comply with all State and Federal Equal Opportunity Employer laws.

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(Printed Name of Contractor)

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Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Title

Date

**REFERENCES**

**VILLAGE OF OSWEGO**

General Information, list below current business references for whom you have performed work similar to that required by this proposal.

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

If additional sheets are needed, please make copies.

**SUBCONTRACTORS**

**VILLAGE OF OSWEGO**

Provide the name, contact information, and value of work for each and every subcontractor which will be employed on this project.

**Subcontractor No. 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Work Subcontracted: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Subcontracted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subcontractor No. 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Work Subcontracted: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Subcontracted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subcontractor No. 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Work Subcontracted: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Subcontracted: \_\_\_\_\_

If additional sheets are needed, please make copies.



# BID PROPOSAL SHEET

The estimated scope of this project is approximately 80 miles.

Leak Detection, Price per foot:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 8/1/2017-4/30/2018  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 5/1/2018-4/30/2019  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 5/1/2019-4/30/2020  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 5/1/2020-4/30/2021

Hourly rate for Emergency Response Call Out:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour 8/1/2017-4/30/2018  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour 5/1/2018-4/30/2019  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour 5/1/2019-4/30/2020  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour 5/1/2020-4/30/2021

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# BID SHEET SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR BID AGREEMENT**

TO: Village of Oswego  
100 Parker's Mill  
Oswego, IL. 60543

The undersigned bidder, in compliance with your advertisement for bids for work as specified, and related documents prepared by or at the direction of the Village of Oswego, Owner, and being familiar with all conditions surrounding the work, including availability of labor and material, does hereby propose to furnish materials, labor, equipment and services and pay for same and shall perform all work required for the completion of the Project, in accordance with the Contract documents and at the price provided.

Bidder certifies this bid to be for the project described in the Instruction to Bidders document and to be in accordance with plans, specifications and Contract documents, including the invitation for bids.

In no event shall any delays or extensions of time be construed as cause or justification for payment of extra compensation to the Contractor. Any claims for an increase of the Contract time shall be made in writing to the Village within seven (7) days of the cause.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

<b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b>																																																																							
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.																																																																							
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<b>Part II Certification</b>	
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:	
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and	
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and	
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and	
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.	
<b>Certification instructions.</b> 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.	

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### General Instructions

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

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

### Purpose of Form

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

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

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

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

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

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident 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](http://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](http://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](http://IRS.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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

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

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

**Part II. Certification**

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

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

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

1. **Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
2. **Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
3. **Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
4. **Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
5. **Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

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

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

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

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto: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](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

**Privacy Act Notice**

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