



# How to complete this form

## Backup Withholding

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires us to withhold taxes for the applicable rate of backup withholding for U.S. persons without a W-9 tax certification who are not otherwise exempt. Parties acting as disbursement agents must withhold and pay to the IRS the applicable tax rate of such payments under certain conditions. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, and royalties. Supplying us with your correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), and signing this form will generally allow you to receive your payments without being subject to backup withholding. Failure to supply your TIN, or supplying us with an incorrect TIN, could result in a \$50.00 penalty being assessed by the IRS.

Receipt of a completed Form W-9 will discontinue backup withholding unless otherwise required.

### 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
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee The actual owner
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor
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
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 or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

**Exempt payee code.** Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. 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.

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

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

- 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 other than an account maintained by an FFI
- 3 – A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, 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 possession of the United States
- 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 as defined under section 581
- 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

**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).

**Exemption from FATCA reporting:** If you are submitting this form for an account that is maintained in the United States, you are exempt from FATCA reporting.

**Please return this completed form to the address listed on the first page in the top right corner.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can certify your account online by visiting us at the website on the reverse side of this form. While online, join the thousands of shareholders that have signed up for electronic delivery!