# CO OVERTURE INTEREST IN PROVIDING SERVICES FORM FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS / HOST HOME PROVIDER

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:		Phone: (H)		
Address:		Phone: (W)		
		Phone: (C)		
		Email:		
EDUCATION				
College:	City & State:		Dates of Attendance:	
Major(s):	Degree:		Date of Degree:	
Additional Education or Qualifica		ertifications):		
High School:	City & State:		Date of Graduation:	
WORK HISTORY				
Employer:			Phone:	
Address:			City & State:	
Dates of Employment:			Supervisor:	
Job Title or Responsibilities:			Can we contact this person?	
			O_Yes O_No	
Reason for Leaving:				
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Employer:			Phone:	
Address:			City & State:	
Dates of Employment:			Supervisor:	
Job Title or Responsibilities:				
Reason for Leaving:				
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Employer:			Phone:	
Address:			City & State:	
Dates of Employment:			Supervisor:	
Job Title or Responsibilities:			• • •	
Reason for Leaving:				

### **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Please list 3 persons who have direct knowledge of your work experience (Professionals, Instructors,				
Supervisors, Co-workers). All persons MUST have a valid email address.				
Name:	Phone:			
Relationship/Yrs Known:	E-Mail:			
Name:	Phone:			
Relationship/Yrs Known:	E-Mail:			
Name:	Phone:			
Relationship/Yrs Known:	E-Mail:			

### JOB SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Why do you feel that you would be a good addition to the Overture Program?:

Stability and consistency are very important to our residents. Please list some reasons why we could count on you for a least a year:

Please List other obligations (i.e. jobs, family commitments) you plan to continue during your contract:

Why do you think your lifestyle would be conducive to a Host Home environment?

Host Home Provision is an around-the-clock endeavor. Please list your plans to get necessary respite, time off, and how you will be "taking care of yourself."

What persons other than you and the person in services will be residing in the home?:

Have you ever been convicted of Mistreatment, Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities? If yes, please explain.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION COULD LEAD TO TERMINATION AND I RELEASE THE AGENCY, REFERENCES AND PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS FROM LIABILITY IN REGARD TO THIS APPLICATION. I ALSO AUTHORIZE OVERTURE TO RUN BACKGROUND CHECKS, VERIFY COLLEGE DEGREES, CONTACT REFERENCES, AND OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS FORM.

FURTHER, I UNDERSTAND THAT ANYONE WHO WILL BE DOING BACK UP IS SUBJECT TO OVERTURE RULES AND STATE REGULATIONS REGARDING HIRING AND TRAINING. FAILURE OF BACK UP PROVIDERS TO MEET OUR STANDARDS COULD DISQUALIFY THEM FROM PROVIDING SERVICES.

SIGNATURE

DATE:

ALL fields of entire document must be complete or it will be returned unprocessed

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# Host Home Provider/Independent Contractor Personal Profile

In order to help us determine the compatibility of potential Host Home Provider and people we serve, please answer the following questions so that we can learn more about you and your home.

Name:	Phone:
Address:	County:
E-mail:	How you heard about Overture/Referred by:

# PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your experience working with people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Why are you interested in living with a person with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities?

Is there anything you are uncomfortable doing?

Do you have any limitations on transportation or availability?(e.g. Day Program, social events, personal preferred activities, etc.)

Do you have another jol	o? If so, what is it and what is your ty	vpical schedule/hours?
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What do you consider to	be your strengths and weaknesses	s?
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Please list your interest	k/hobbies.	
-		
		dividuals in services currently in your home.
Name:	<b>Relationship to you:</b>	Age and Date Of Birth (incl. year):
		d to fill out a background check form)
Do you have any pets? f yes, what kind?	Yes No	
/hat language is primar	ily spoken in the home?	
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Do you have CPR/First Aid, Medication Administration, or any other training required to be a provider?

# **PHYSICAL SETTING**

Please describe your home:
Ranch style Two Story Multi Level Apartment Other
Is there an available Bedroom and bathroom on the main floor? Yes No
Is your home wheelchair accessible? Yes No
Are there any steps to get into your home? Yes No
If yes, how many?
If yes, could a ramp be installed? Yes No
Are there stairs inside your home? Yes No
If yes, could a ramp be installed? Yes No
How many extra bedrooms?
How many bathrooms?
Describe your kitchen:
Describe your laundry room:
What is the yard like?
Does your home have fire extinguishers , smoke detectors, and CO2 detectors? Yes No
Do you Rent Own your home? If you rent your home, when is your lease up?
Do you have homeowners/renter's insurance? Yes No

If no, you will need to get it. We will need a copy of it.

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Please indicate how you access the community:
Car 🗌 RTD 🗌 Taxi 🗌 Friends 🗌 Other:
Do you own a car? Yes No
If yes, please list the primary vehicle used for transporting yourself and the people in your home: <u>Make</u> : <u>Model</u> : <u>Year</u> :
Do you have auto insurance? Yes No
If yes, please provide a copy of the policy. If no, you will either need to get it or you will need to sign a waiver stating that you will never transport the people we serve.
How close to public transportation are you?
What bus lines are close to your home?
Please provide a description of what types of community resources are within a 5 mile radius of your
home. (Malls, stores, movie theaters, churches, recreational facilities, etc.)

# PREFERENCES

What are you looking for in the person who would live in your home?
Age:
Sex:
Personality:
Skill Level:
Would you consider a person with physical or behavioral challenges? Please explain:
What is your desired monthly compensation level?
How do you prefer to be contacted? (if you don't have a preference, check all that apply)
E-Mail Cell Phone Home Phone
Do you have a working computer that you are comfortable using?
(You will need to be available via both e-mail and phone as Overture will be contacting you frequently and sends/receives documents easiest through e-mail)
Other comments:

# Overture<sup>®</sup>

# Potential Residential Provider Background Acknowledgment Form

Overture conducts background investigations of all prospective contractors to determine if individuals are qualified to work with vulnerable persons. In addition to this, any state-mandated screenings will also occur. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that persons with a criminal history, as defined by state and federal regulations, are not contracted with for any positions which involve direct contact with persons receiving services. Additionally, contractors or potential contractors with pending charges and/or disposition status as "unknown" will be ineligible to provide direct care services.

All screenings will occur prior to the contract of any person in a position that would require that person to have direct contact with any vulnerable person and reoccur based on state and federally mandated schedules. The person's contract will be conditional upon a satisfactory background check. State and/or federal background checks conducted will include, but need not be limited to driving records, arrests, conviction records, and the disposition of any criminal charges.

**Potential contractors are expected to self-report any arrests, charges, summons, or complaints made against them entailing disqualifying offenses prior to working for/with Overture.** Failure to disclose such information may result in no longer being considered for a contract position, or termination of contract. A contractor may be suspended or terminated at the discretion of the Executive Director/Designee, prior to the resolution of the criminal charges for any of the disqualifying offenses.

The following offenses are examples of disqualifying factors (but not limited to) for yourself or any other person residing in your home:

 Felony, murder, kidnapping, sexual assault, arson, burglary, assault with a deadly weapon, escape, criminal extortion, unlawful sexual behavior, domestic violence, any misdemeanor offense of child abuse/assault, theft, fraud, embezzlement, substantiated CAPS check, driving while intoxicated, suspended driver's license, ect.

By signing this acknowledgment form, I understand that a detailed background check will be performed on myself and any persons residing in my home over the age of 18 years old. I also understand that it is my responsibility to self-report in writing to Overture staff any offenses that may hinder my eligibility to contract with Overture.

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Signature:	Date:	/ /	



# Motor Vehicle and Criminal History Check

### **Personal Information**

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:			
Maiden Name/Other Names Used:		Date Last Used:			
Email Address:		I			
Social Security Number: 	Date of Birth: / /	Sex:			
Driver's License Number:	State:				

## All addresses for the last SEVEN years: (List addresses beginning with the most recent)

1Street	City	County	State	Zip	Years: From-To
2Street	City	County	State	Zip	Years: From-To
3. <u>Street</u>	City	County	State	Zip	Years: From-To
4. <u>Street</u>	City	County	State	Zip	Years: From-To
5Street	City	County	State	Zip	Years: From-To

Please present Driver's License and Social Security Card to HR upon submittal.



### A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to <u>www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</u> or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment or to take another adverse action against you must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- You have the right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - . a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - . your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See <u>www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</u> for additional information.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score. Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See <a href="http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a> for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a>.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights. For more information, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

### DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND REPORTS

### Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure

**Overture**, including its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and agents ("COMPANY") may obtain a consumer report on you for background check purposes. This report may be in the form of a consumer report and/or an "investigative consumer report." An investigative consumer report includes information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living which can involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates. Consumer Reports may include information regarding your credit history, criminal history, identity verification, motor vehicle records ("driving records"), verification of your education or employment history, worker's compensation injuries, or other background checks. Credit history will only be requested if such information is substantially related to the duties and responsibilities of the employment position. You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report conducted by Choice Screening, 8668 Concord Center Dr., Englewood, CO 80112, 1-877-929-7878, www.choicescreening.com.

These reports may be obtained at any time after the COMPANY receives authorization from you, including any time during the period of your employment or contract if the COMPANY hires or contracts with you or if you already work or contract for the COMPANY.

CHOICE SCREENING, or another consumer reporting agency, will obtain the reports on you.

### **Authorization**

**USA Applicants Only**: I acknowledge receipt of the attached A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand the document.

**Applicants with Personal Data from Outside the USA only**: I acknowledge receipt of the attached DATA PRIVACY NOTICE and certify that I have read and understand the document.

I hereby authorize the COMPANY or its authorized agents, for employment purposes, to obtain or prepare consumer report(s) and investigative consumer report(s) at any time after the COMPANY receives this authorization, including any time that I may be employed by or in contract with the COMPANY.

I hereby authorize law enforcement agencies, public and private schools, federal, state and local agencies and courts, credit bureaus, information bureaus, current and former employers, financial institutions, licensing agencies, governmental agencies, the military, and other individuals and entities to provide any and all information that is requested by CHOICE SCREENING, 8668 Concord Center Dr., Englewood, CO 80112, 1-877-929-7878, or other consumer reporting agencies or the COMPANY. In accordance with the host nation's laws and the laws applicable to me depending on my location regarding the release of information, I authorize the release and transmittal of information from any country to the above listed parties, the clients, and/or their agents or vendors located in any country, including countries outside the European Union that may have a different level of data protection or inadequate data protection laws as defined by the European Commission. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Applicant/Employee Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Written Authorization to Request a CAPS Check



A check of the Colorado Adult Protective Services (APS) data system (CAPS) is required for you (individual) because you are:

- A potential employee/contractor who will provide direct care to at-risk adults, or
- A person who may be appointed as a conservator or guardian of an at-risk adult.

An employer may also request a CAPS check for you if you provide direct care to an at-risk adult and you:

- Were hired/contracted prior to the CAPS check requirement (1/1/2019), or
- Are a volunteer, or
- Will provide services to a CDASS recipient

The CAPS check will alert the employer or court (agency) whether you have or have not been substantiated in an APS case of mistreating an at-risk adult, to include physical abuse, sexual abuse, caretaker neglect, exploitation, and/or harmful act.

More information on the CAPS check requirement can be found in Colorado Revised Statute (26-3.1-111, C.R.S.) and in the Colorado code of Regulations (12 CCR 2518-01).

Written authorization is required from the individual being checked, using this form. Please complete this form in its entirety. Knowingly providing inaccurate information on a CAPS check request is a class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.

#### **AGENCY INFORMATION** (To be completed by the agency.)

Agency Name:	Overture
	451 21st Ave Suite B Longmont, CO 80501

#### **INDIVIDUAL'S INFORMATION** (To be completed by the individual being checked.)

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:			
Maiden Name/Previous Name(s)/Alias: _					
Date of Birth:		DORA License #:			
Provide the Name(s) of Your Previous Employer(s) Over the Past Five (5) Years:					
You must provide at least one (1) person	al phone number and one (1) email addr	ess.			
Personal Email Address:					
Work Email Address:					
Cell Phone: Home Phone:					
Work Phone:	Nork Phone: Work Phone Extension:				

All individuals are required to provide five (5) years of residential history, regardless of whether in the U.S. or abroad. If you lived outside the US in the past five (5) years, provide the international address(es), including the name of the city and country. If you have lived at your current address less than 5 years, please list your previous addresses for the past 5 years. Use another sheet of paper, if necessary.

Current Address Start Date (DD/MM/YYYY):				
Current Street and Number (No PO boxes):				
Current Address City:	Current State: Current Zip/Postal Code:			
Previous Address Start Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	Previous Address End Date (DD/MM/YYYY):			
Previous Street and Number (No PO boxes):				
Previous City (City & country for international addresses):				
Previous State (Not required for international addresses):	Previous Zip Code (Use "00000" for international addresses):			
Previous Address Start Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	Previous Address End Date (DD/MM/YYYY):			
Previous Street and Number (No PO boxes):				
Previous City (City & country for international addresses): _				
Previous State (Not required for international addresses):	Previous Zip Code (Use "00000" for international addresses):			
Previous Address Start Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	Previous Address End Date (DD/MM/YYYY):			
Previous Street and Number (No PO boxes):				
Previous City (City & country for international addresses): _				
Previous State (Not required for international addresses):	Previous Zip Code (Use "00000" for international addresses):			
Previous Address Start Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	Previous Address End Date (DD/MM/YYYY):			
Previous Street and Number (No PO boxes):				
Previous City (City & country for international addresses): _				
Previous State (Not required for international addresses):	Previous Zip Code (Use "00000" for international addresses):			

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, by my signature below, authorize the agency referenced above to request a CAPS check to determine if I have a substantiated finding as a perpetrator of mistreatment of an at-risk adult. I acknowledge that a substantiated finding resulting from such a check, unless the finding was expunged through a successful appeal, shall be provided to the person directly involved in the employer's hiring process or the court's hearing process and may be used to inform their decision. I acknowledge notification may occur through CAPS to this agency, for the duration of my employment, volunteer assignment, or authority as an appointed or potential conservator or guardian with them, of any future substantiated findings against me. I understand that willfully providing false information on this form is a misdemeanor 1 penalty, punishable as outlined in \$18-1.3-501, C.R.S. I declare under penalty of perjury under Colorado Law that this CAPS Check Request Form, including supporting documents, has been examined by me and is true, correct, and complete.

Signature:

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

## CLEAR FORM

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# CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

It is the nature of our program that there is a constant flow of personal, confidential information pertaining to the people receiving services at Overture. This information needs to be passed to internal and external team members so that they can be better equipped to serve those individuals. With this knowledge, we have a great responsibility to respect and maintain confidentiality about these personal matters.

Information disclosed (written or verbal) that a **reasonable person** would consider to be **confidential** or proprietary from the context or circumstances of disclosure shall be deemed as such. This Confidential Information shall be shared only with people who are directly involved with the person receiving services. This includes the Interdisciplinary Team, Healthcare professionals, and the Overture employees serving this person. To share the information with others may violate confidentiality. When necessary to disclose information, be sure to:

- a. Use an alias or initials of the person in services
- b. NEVER disclose addresses, phone numbers, or family members' names
- c. ALWAYS avoid using a person's full name in any situation outside the immediate circle of providers

Additionally, to protect Confidential Information that may be disclosed, you agree to the following:

- A. Signee will hold the Confidential Information received from Overture in strict confidence and shall exercise a reasonable degree of care to prevent disclosure to others.
- B. Signee shall take reasonable steps and safeguards to ensure that the minimum amount of confidential information is being used to complete the task.
- C. Signee shall not reproduce the confidential information nor use this information for any purpose other than the performance of their duties for Overture.
- D. Signee shall, upon the request or upon termination of their relationship with Overture, deliver any and all drawings, notes, documents, equipment, and materials received from Overture or originating from Signee's activities for Overture.

Signee represents and warrants that they are not under any preexisting obligations inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement. Signing below signifies that the Signee agrees to the terms and conditions of this Confidentiality Agreement.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Befor	Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see Purpose of Form, below.			
	1	Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the or entity's name on line 2.)	wner's name on line	1, and enter the business/disregarded
	2	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.		
Print or type. Specific Instructions on page 3.		Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered only one of the following seven boxes.         Individual/sole proprietor       C corporation       S corporation       Partnership         LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership)       .         Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) f classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check box for the tax classification of its owner.         Other (see instructions)         If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership in this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions	Trust/estate	Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):     Exempt payee code (if any)     Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any)     (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
See	5	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name a	and address (optional)
	6	City, state, and ZIP code		
	7	List account number(s) here (optional)		
Par	t I	Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)		
			Social sec	curity number

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid		Social security number					
backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. 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> . later.			] -			- [	
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**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

# Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

Sign	Signature of
Here	U.S. person

# **General Instructions**

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

**Future developments**. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

# What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification. New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners way be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

### **Purpose of Form**

Date

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

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-NEC (nonemployee compensation).

• 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), and 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.

**Caution:** If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

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; and

4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and

5. 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*, later, 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).

Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding. Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

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

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

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

**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 (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(I)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

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

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

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

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

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

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

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

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if their 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 their 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 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include, but are not limited to, 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 instructions for Part II 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, as described in item 4 under "*By signing the filled-out form*" above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

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

See also Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding, earlier.

### What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, 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 are no longer 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 (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

• 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 for 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 you filed with your application.

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

• Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity. 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.

• 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. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the owner 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. 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, enter it on line 2.

#### Line 3a

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

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n)	THEN check the box for		
Corporation	Corporation.		
Individual or	Individual/sole proprietor.		
Sole proprietorship			
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax		
LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	classification: P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.		
Partnership	Partnership.		
Trust/estate	Trust/estate.		

#### Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

**Note:** A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

#### Line 4 Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on 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 on 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 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 U.S. commonwealth or territory.

 $7-\mathrm{A}$  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.

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 Information, 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) entered 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 territory, 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. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

#### 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 ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. 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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at *www.SSA.gov.* You may also get this form by calling 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/EIN.* Go to *www.irs.gov/Forms* to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to *www.irs.gov/OrderForms* to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "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, you will generally 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. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

**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 item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates 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), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), 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) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
<ol> <li>Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)</li> </ol>	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. 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>
<ol> <li>Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual</li> </ol>	The owner <sup>3</sup>
<ol> <li>Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**</li> </ol>	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
<ol> <li>Disregarded entity not owned by an individual</li> </ol>	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
<ol> <li>Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization</li> </ol>	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
14. 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
15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or	The trust

15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))\*\*

<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 on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. 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.)

\* Note: The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust

\*\* For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

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 return 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 a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic 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 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 800-829-4059.

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

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

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing@irs.gov*. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at *spam@uce.gov* or report them at *www.ftc.gov/complaint*. You can contact the FTC at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see *www.ldentityTheft.gov* and Pub. 5027.

Go to *www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft* 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 territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also 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, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.