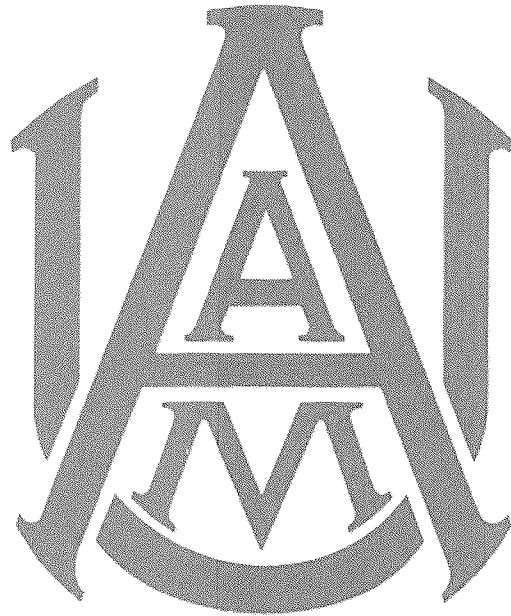


Alabama A&M University



Passenger Bus Transportation for Men's &
Women's Outdoor Track & Field Teams –
2018 Season

Invitation to Bid (ITB) – 2K18-14B

Deadline: March 2, 2018 – 2 P.M. CST

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INTRODUCTION

Alabama A&M University ("University") is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide passenger bus transportation services for the men's and women's track and field teams for the Spring 2018 season. At any time during the contract term, Alabama A&M University reserves the right to terminate a contract for convenience or cause with 30 days prior notice to the vendor.

Alabama A&M University will issue the awarded vendor an open purchase order in the sum of the estimated total contract value. It is to be understood that due to force majeure schedule changes may occur and transportation needs may be canceled. The University reserves the right to cancel a trip at any time. For these reasons, the vendor will invoice actual fees incurred to be paid in reference to the open purchase order. It is to be understood that the quoted, estimated total contract value is to be considered the not to exceed price under the assumption no schedule changes occur. Therefore, a vendor may not actually receive the total estimated contract value as revenue.

Vendors are to itemize the total cost associated with each scheduled trip. Alabama A&M University understands that fuel costs and mileage are associated costs with travel and may not be known until after a trip has been completed. For those reasons, bidders are encouraged to provide their best estimate of the price for each trip.

Vendors must provide as an attachment a listing of their passenger bus fleet by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), Make, Model, and Vehicle Year that meet or exceed the requirements of Invitation to Bid No. 2K18-14B.

The awarded vendor must follow Federal and State of Alabama laws and Alabama A&M University policies and procedures throughout the duration of the contract.



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Normal, Alabama 35762
(256) 372-5227 Office
(256) 372-5223 Fax

GENERAL CONDITIONS & GUIDELINES

1. **Requirements:** Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (“AAMU”, “the Awarding Authority”) must receive each vendor’s bid/proposal package by mail or hand delivered no later than 2:00 P.M. Central Time on the bid/proposal submission deadline, which will also be the date and time of the bid/proposal opening. Unless otherwise noted, the bid/proposal opening will take place at:

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
Purchasing Department
4900 Meridian Street
Patton Hall, Room 305
Normal, AL 35762

All bids/proposals received must be provided in a sealed envelope. (Ala. Code § 41-16-54 (b)) A faxed or emailed bid/proposal does not meet the requirements of the statute because it is not sealed, and all such bids/proposals will be deemed ineligible for award. (Attorney General’s Opinion # 91-016)

Mailed sealed bids/proposals sent to the Purchasing Department by logistics carriers such as FedEx, UPS, DHL, Airborne Express, and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) must be sent to the following address:

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2. **Bid/Proposal Preparation:** Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University bid/proposal forms must be completed and returned as a part of the bid quote/proposal. Bids/proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that AAMU may be able to properly evaluate a bidder's capabilities to provide the required products or services. All bidders must send descriptive literature and/or manufacturer's specifications along with any supplemental specifications necessary to compare the items bid/proposal with the requirements set forth in the bid/proposal form. **All bids/proposals must be submitted within a sealed package with the bid number, opening date and time, and bidder's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope.** Bidders are required to submit all items required in the bid/proposal package.

An authorized representative of the Bidding Agency shall sign ITB bid/proposal documents. All information requested must be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in rejection of the bid/proposal. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation.

All supporting documentation submitted with the bid/proposal should be bound in that single volume.

Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation originated and prepared for the University pursuant to the ITB shall belong exclusively to AAMU and be subject to public review.

3. **Oral Presentation:** Bidders who submit a bid/proposal in response to this ITB/proposal may be required to give an oral presentation of their bid/proposal to the Awarding Authority. This will provide an opportunity for the Bidding Agency to clarify or elaborate on the bid/proposal but will in no way change the original bid/proposal. If an oral presentation is to be required, the Awarding Authority will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of the Awarding Authority and may not be required to be conducted.
4. **Bid Bonds:** It is required for any contract exceeding \$10,000 that the bidder submit with his or her bid a bid bond payable to Alabama A&M University in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid/proposal to not exceed \$10,000. Bid bonds must be submitted in a form of a cashier's check, certified check, postal money order, irrevocable letter of credit, or U.S. Treasury Notes in lieu of a bid bond. No personal checks or company checks will be accepted. If a bid bond, when required, is not included in a bid package, the bidder's bid package will not receive further consideration.
5. **Award:** Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University ("AAMU", "the Awarding Authority") reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all bids/proposals and is not bound to accept the lowest bid if that bid is contrary to the best interests of the University. In making an award, intangible factors such as a bidder's service, integrity, conformity with specifications, transportation charges, terms of delivery, facilities, equipment, reputation, and past performance history will be weighed along with the quality displayed

in the samples submitted (Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (a)). Bids may be awarded either item by item, in product groups, or all or none, whichever appears to be in the best interests of the University. Selection shall be made of one bidder deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those Bidders that submitted bids/proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in this ITB. Financial criteria shall be considered, but will not be the sole determining factor. After reviews have been conducted, the Awarding Authority shall select the Bidding Agency which has made the best bid/proposal and shall award the bid/proposal to that Bidding Agency. The Awarding Authority may cancel this ITB or reject any and all bids/proposals at any time prior to an award.

A bid/proposal accepted in error as the lowest responsible bid/proposal is null and void and AAMU, upon discovery of the error, may accept the lowest bid/proposal and award the contract to that bidder. (Attorney General's Opinion # 2002-071)

Under Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (c), the Awarding Authority may consider lifecycle costs in making its determination of the lowest responsible bidder.

Under Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (b), the Awarding Authority shall give preference to commodities produced in Alabama or sold by Alabama companies provided there is not a loss in price or quality. However, when the lowest bidder is a foreign entity, meaning that the vendor does not have a place of business within the State of Alabama, AAMU may award the contract to an "in-state" responsible bidder if his or her bid/proposal is within ten percent (10%) of the foreign entity's lowest responsible bid/proposal. AAMU may also award the contract to any of the following "in-state" responsible Bidders that are within ten percent (10%) of the foreign entity lowest bidder:

- A. A woman-owned enterprise
- B. A small business enterprise
- C. A minority-owned business enterprise
- D. A veteran-owned business enterprise
- E. A disadvantaged-owned business enterprise

If an "in-state" vendor is not within ten percent (10%) of the foreign entity lowest responsible bidder, the contract will be awarded to the foreign entity.

6. **Second Lowest Responsible Bidder:** An Awarding Authority can award the bid/proposal to the second lowest responsible bidder if the lowest responsible bidder defaults on the contract after the award has been made, but only under any of the following circumstances:
- A. The lowest responsible bidder notifies the Awarding Authority in writing that he or she will no longer comply with the contract's terms.
 - B. The Awarding Authority documents the default in writing.

The second lowest responsible bidder shall only receive the award given that he or she agrees to all the terms and conditions in the original bid/proposal.

7. **Bid/Proposal Withdrawal:** No bids/proposals may be withdrawn without approval from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University's Purchasing Department. Any requests for withdrawal must be in writing to the Purchasing Department within five (5) days after the bid/proposal opening date with justification or reason for the withdrawal. More than two (2) such requests could result in removal from our bid/proposal list. No bid/proposal may be withdrawn after the issuance of a purchase order. If a withdrawal is made after the purchase order is issued, the vendor will be considered in default. Refer to "Default of Contractor."

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University may remove any vendor from the Bidders List after a vendor fails to respond to three consecutive Invitation to Bid/proposal (ITB) requests.

8. **Bid/Proposal Rejection:** The Awarding Authority may reject any bid/proposal if the price is deemed excessive or the quality of the product inferior. (Ala. Code § 41-16-57 (c)) In the event only one bidder responds to an invitation to bid/proposal, the Awarding Authority may reject the bid/proposal and negotiate the purchase or contract, provided that the negotiated price is lower than the bid/proposal price and there are no change in specifications. (Ala Code § 41-16-50 (a) and Attorney General's Opinion # 98-140). In the event only one bidder responds to an invitation to bid/proposal, the Awarding Authority may also advertise for and seek other competitive bids/proposals. Where only one responsible and responsive bid/proposal is received, AAMU may only negotiate for a price lower than the single bid/proposal received.
9. **Prices and Payment Terms:** Bidders should quote applicable cash discounts. The University will not take into consideration in the bid/proposal evaluation any cash discount of less than thirty (30) days of duration. However, we will take advantage of all discounts for which we are eligible. Identify these discounts in your bid/proposal response. Bids/proposals containing "payment in advance" or "cash on delivery (COD)" requirements may be rejected.
10. **Applicable Law:** It is agreed that this quotation is valid to the extent that it does not violate the constitution or the laws of the State of Alabama.

Bidder represents and warrants that all article and services covered by this bid/proposal meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, No. 2006, and its regulations in effect or proposed as the date of this bid/proposal.

The furnishing of materials, supplies, equipment, or service to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University under this purchase order, contract, solicitation for bids/proposals, or construction specification constitutes assurance by the vendor or contractor of his compliance with applicable provisions of an pertinent regulations promulgated under Executive Order 11246, date September 28, 1965 issued by the President of the United States of America, and Public Law 88-352, 88th Congress, the "Civil Rights Act of 1964."

11. **Non-Collusion:** Any agreement or collusion among Bidders or prospective Bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid/proposal at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding, or otherwise, shall render the bids/proposals of such Bidders void. Each bidder certifies that he has not been a party to such an agreement by signing this bid/proposal.
12. **New Products:** Unless specifically called for in the bid/proposal, all products for purchase must be new, never previously used, and the current model and/or packaging. No remanufactured or refurbished, demonstrator, used, or irregular product will be considered for purchase unless otherwise specified in the bid/proposal. The manufacturer's standard warranty will apply unless otherwise specified in the bid/proposal. All requests should be supplied complete, ready to be installed, including all cabling and connectors, where applicable.
13. **Bonds:** Bid/proposal and performance security bond, when required will be indicated.
14. **Bid/Proposal Submission:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Return of the complete document is required. Modification of or additions to any portion of the solicitation may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal; however, AAMU reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, in its sole discretion, whether or not to reject such a bid/proposal as non-responsive.

Before submitting proposal, each Bidder shall examine carefully all documents pertaining to the purchase.

Submission of bid will be considered presumptive evidence that the Bidder is conversant with the requirements of the documents and has made due allowance in his or her bid for all contingencies.

All information shall be typewritten or handwritten in the appropriate spaces on the forms. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections inserted before submission of your bid/proposal. Corrections shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid/proposal.

All bids/proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name and address of the vendor, proposal number, name of the project, and date.

All bids/proposals must be signed. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the bid/proposal.

15. **Delivery:** Time of delivery shall be stated as the number of calendar days following receipt of the order by the vendor, to receipt of the goods by Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Delivery time may be a criterion in awarding bids/proposals. Specify earliest possible delivery after receipt of order. Failure to deliver within the time the vendor specified in

the bid/proposal will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Refer to "Default of Contractor."

All prices quoted are to include Free on Board (F.O.B.) shipping to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, Central Receiving Building, 453 Buchanan Way, Normal, AL 35762 (unless another F.O.B. point is stated by the University on the bid/proposal form). The successful bidder must assume all responsibility for damage in transit. When installation is required, it will be stated in the bid/proposal requirements. If you are not quoting a delivered price, you must indicate your shipping provider / logistics carrier and all related transportation costs itemized in your bid/proposal for evaluation purposes.

16. **Bid/Proposal Terms:** Bidders must show unit prices, extensions, and total price, where applicable. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern. Bids/proposals shall remain firm for a minimum of thirty (30) days from the date of bid/proposal opening and any exceptions must be clearly stated.
 17. **Bid/Proposal Opening:** Bidders may attend the bid/proposal opening, but no information or opinions concerning the ultimate award will be given at the bid/proposal opening or during the evaluation process. After the public opening of this bid/proposal, the results will not be available to Bidders not attending the opening until after an award is made.
 18. **Bids/Proposals are Public Record:** All bids/proposals become a matter of public record at bid/proposal award. Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University accepts no responsibility for maintaining confidentiality of any information submitted with bid/proposal whether labeled confidential or not.
 19. **Standards of Quality:** When a material, article, or piece of equipment is identified in these specifications by reference to manufacturer's or vendor's name, trade name, catalog, and stock numbers, etc., it is intended merely to establish a standard; and, any material, article or equipment of other manufacturer and vendor which will perform equally the duties imposed by the general design, provided the material, article, or equipment proposed, is in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent of equal substance and function. It shall not be purchased or installed by the contractor without the Purchasing Agents' written approval.
- The bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable AAMU to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the Invitation to Bid/proposal (ITB). Normally in competitive sealed bidding only the information furnished with the bid/proposal will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid/proposal non-responsive. Unless the bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is an "Equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the invitation. References to manufacturers, suppliers, catalog numbers, etc.

are intended to establish quality standards and does not exclude bids/proposals from others as long as quality standards are met. Offers of equal items must state the brand and quality standard. Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University will be the sole judge of Equal items bid.

20. **Vendor Authorization:** Vendor must be an authorized distributor/agent to sell products proposed in this bid/proposal request. When it is deemed to be in the best interest of the University, the Purchasing Department may request an on-site premise visit to examine the facility.
21. **Default of Contractor:** Where the University has determined the contractor to be in default, the University reserves the right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid/proposal from the defaulting contractor will be considered.
22. **Fiscal Funding Clause:** The continuation of this contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide the continuation of a contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.
23. **Contract Cancellation:** The Purchasing Department has the right to cancel any contract, in accordance with Purchasing Rules and Regulations, for cause, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) failure to deliver within the agreed upon contract duration; (2) failure of the product or service to meet specifications, conform to sample quality, or to be delivered in good condition; (3) misrepresentation by the contractor; (4) fraud, collusion, conspiracy, or other unlawful means of obtaining any contract with the state; (5) conflict of contract provisions with constitutional or statutory provisions of state or federal law; and (6) any other breach of contract.
24. **Warranties:** Should merchandise described on this bid/proposal contain a manufacturer's warranty, Bidders must state the warranty terms in the space provided on the bid/proposal. Bids/proposals offered for merchandise when no warranty applies must clearly state: "NO WARRANTY COVERAGE." Warranty information may be criteria in making this award. Failure of Bidders to furnish this data may cause rejection of the complete bid/proposal as being non-responsive.
25. **Disclosure Statement:** The successful bidder will be required to file with the Purchasing Department a disclosure statement of relationship between contractors/grantees and employees/officials of the University. This form must be completed prior to issuance of the Purchase Order by Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.



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Contractor's E-Verify Clause and Affidavit

Effective immediately, this notice shall be included in all Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Invitations to Bid to provide labor, supplies, or services for Alabama A&M University pursuant to contracts to be signed on or after January 1, 2012.

E-VERIFY – NOTICE (RFP)

The Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30* (also known as and hereinafter referred to as “the Alabama Immigration Act”) is applicable to contracts with Alabama A&M University (the “University”). As a condition for the award of a contract and as a term and condition of the contract with the University, in accordance with § 31-13-9 (a) of the Alabama Immigration Act, any business entity or employer that employs one or more employees shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such by sworn affidavit signed before a notary. Such business entity or employer shall provide a copy of such affidavit to the University as part of its bid or proposal for the contract along with documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program. The required affidavit form is included at the end of this notice. *A response to this RFP/Invitation which does not include the required affidavit and proof of E-Verify enrollment will be considered non-conforming and non-responsive. The University at its sole discretion may allow a reasonable period, not to exceed ten (10) business days, for non-conforming bids to be amended to comply with the Alabama Immigration Act. However, the University has no duty to alert any bidder that their response is non-conforming in any aspect.*

At the time of execution of the awarded contract, the contractor will be required to execute another affidavit in substantially the same form. In addition, during the performance of the contract, such contracting business entity or employer shall continue to participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. The contracting business entity or employer shall assure and require that every subcontractor performing under the contract shall also comply with §31-13-9(c), and the contracting business entity or employer shall maintain records that are available upon request by the University, state authorities, or law enforcement to verify its compliance and the compliance of all subcontractors with the requirements of the Alabama Immigration Act. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in breach of contract, termination of the contract or subcontract, and possibly suspension or revocation of business licenses and permits in accordance with §31-13-9 (e) (1) & (2) or in the case of a subcontractor, in accordance with §31-13-9 (f) (1) & (2).

E-Verify Affidavit

Compliance with the requirements of the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30* (also known as and hereinafter referred to as "the Alabama Immigration Act") is required for Alabama A&M University contracts as a condition of the contract performance. Please provide a duly executed and notarized affidavit in the appropriate form as describe below.

AFFIDAVIT 1

I, Juan B. Johnson, a duly authorized officer or agent of Birmingham Charter Service LLC (contractor), do execute this affidavit on behalf of Birmingham Charter Service LLC (contractor) and by executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies that it is a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other business entity (circle one) that has no employees.

The undersigned agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with Alabama A&M University, that the Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9* in a form substantially similar to this affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Alabama A&M University, at the time the subcontractor is retained to perform such services.

Birmingham Charter Service LLC

Name of Contractor

Juan B. Johnson

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Juan B. Johnson

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 23 DAY OF February, 2019.

Michelle Revie

Notary Public

My commission Expires: June 19, 2019

OR

AFFIDAVIT 2

I, Juan B. Johnson, a duly authorized officer or agent of Birmingham Charter Service LLC (contractor), do execute this affidavit on behalf of Birmingham Charter Service LLC (contractor) and by executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535 (*Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9*), stating affirmatively that it does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and that the sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation or other business entity (circle one) which is contracting with Alabama A&M University has registered with and is participating in the federal work authorization program known as "E-verify", web address <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll> operated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Bureau of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603, in accordance with the applicability provisions of the Alabama Immigration Act.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with Alabama A&M University, that the Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) verification of compliance with *Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9* in a form substantially similar to this affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to Alabama A&M University, at the time the subcontractor is retained to perform such services.

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E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification User Identification Number

Birmingham Charter Service LLC

Name of Contractor

Juan B. Johnson

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

President

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Juan B. Johnson

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 23 DAY OF February, 2018

Michelle Rapp
Notary Public

My commission Expires: June 19, 2019

Verification, Demonstration, and Declaration of Lawfully Present Alien
(To be provided with Affidavit Form 1)

- A. SAVE Verification.** In order for an individual, including an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, a general partner in a limited partnership, a partner in a non-registered limited liability partnership, or sole member of a single member limited liability company, who is a lawfully present alien to receive a public benefit or conduct a business transaction with the City, the City must verify, using the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) Program, that such alien is lawfully present in the United States. In order to obtain such verification, each such alien must provide: (1) **his or her Alien Registration Number**, which is as follows: _____; and (2) **a copy of non-citizen immigration documents.**
- B. Presumptive Lawful Presence.** In order for an individual, including an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in a partnership, a general partner in a limited partnership, a partner in a non-registered limited liability partnership, or sole member of a single member limited liability company, who is a lawfully present alien to receive a public benefit or conduct a business transaction on a temporary basis pending final verification, each such alien must declare that he or she is a lawfully present alien, by executing the declaration at the bottom of this form, and must demonstrate presumptive lawful presence, by presenting a legible copy of one of the following items.

Note that if the presented item does not include picture identification, please also provide a valid form of picture identification, and if the presented item does not show the person's current legal name, please also provide a copy of a supporting document to verify the legal name change. Please check which of the listed items has been provided:

- A valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license.**
- A valid, unexpired Alabama non-driver identification card.**
- A valid tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification** (bearing a photograph or other biometric identifier).
- Any valid United States federal or state government issued identification document** (bearing a photograph or other biometric identifier, if issued by an entity that requires proof of lawful presence in the United States before issuance).
- A foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa and a corresponding stamp or notation** (by the United States Department of Homeland Security indicating the bearer's admission to the United States).
- A foreign passport issued by a visa waiver country** (with the corresponding entry stamp and unexpired duration of stay annotation or an I-94W form by the United States Department of Homeland Security indicating the bearer's admission to the United States).

DECLARATION OF LAWFULLY PRESENT ALIEN

Under penalty of perjury, I, _____, (print name of undersigned) the undersigned do hereby declare that I am a lawfully present alien in the United States of America.

(Declarant's Signature and Date)

BUS PROVIDED FOR TRIP MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM THE UNIVERSITY:

- Buses that are sent to us for our use must be no older than 2012 models. In the event that any bus provided does not meet our requirements and is, therefore, unsatisfactory for our purposes, the vendor must provide Alabama A&M University a bus meeting the given specifications or Alabama A&M University reserves the right to demand a reduction in price or refuse to use your service for the remainder of our trips if you are awarded our bid.
- 40 Passenger Buses for both men's and women's basketball teams
- Seats with foot rest
- Workable VCR/DVD with six (6) monitors & Multi-disk CD changer
- Proof of service of bus prior to departure
- Extra-large flush type restrooms
- Provide adequate Air Conditioning/Heating
- Individual reading lights & Individual pull-down blinds
- Size should be of coach based on travel party size
- Wi-Fi Capability
- Bus driver must be knowledgeable regarding site-direction per itinerary
- Buses must be punctual and capable of departing on time
- Bus should be serviced and ready for travel prior to departure. Should a bus break down, another bus should be made available immediately. If this problem persists, we reserve the right to cancel services for the remainder of the bid term.
- Driver must have an understanding and experience as it pertains to transporting the team to games, practices, meals, etc.
- Successful bidder must be a member of United Bus Owner's Association American Bus Association/United Motor Coaches of America.
- The bidder must be licensed for interstate and intrastate passenger transportation.
- Each bus must be equipped with all safety devices and must meet all applicable state and federal requirements.
- Each bus must have affixed a current DOT inspection sticker
- The successful bidder will be required to carry a minimum of \$5,000,000 liability insurance and Certificate of Insurance must be provided to the University.
- The University reserves the right to cancel a trip at any time due to inclement weather or even scheduling changes. The University also reserves the right to cancel a trip for any reason with a 30-day notice.
- The successful bidder will be determined by evaluation of a number of factors which include but are not limited to the following:
 - Bid Pricing
 - Quality of the buses relative to appearance, comfort features, and mechanical reliability
 - Ability to provide local service when requested
 - Ability to plan and trouble shoot transportation issues with 24-hour customer service representatives
 - Ample fleet of buses, deluxe coaches, sleeper buses, and executive coaches
 - References from other Division I athletic programs
 - Ability to provide on-call services within a 2 hour time frame
- Award will be made to the bidder who is determined by the University to best meet its needs and objectives.

I Juan B. Johnson, representative of Birmingham Charter Service
(Signature) (Name of Vendor/Company)

Understand by signing this Bus Bid Requirement from Alabama A&M University Athletic Department, that my company is responsible for meeting all requirements as listed or may not be considered as a vendor.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD TEAM TRAVEL SCHEDULE 2018 Season

Please bid on the following itemized trips each for a 56-passenger bus capacity size providing a Grand Total where required.
Please sign and date this bid sheet where required.

OPPONENT	DESTINATION	DATE & TIME	DEPART FROM	DEPARTURE	RETURN	RETURN TO	BUS CAPACITY	QUANTITY REQUESTED	COST
South Carolina University	Columbia, South Carolina	03/22/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	3/23/2018	3/24/2018	Bus will continue to next opponent location in Gainesville, FL	56 Passenger	1	\$2900
*University of Florida	Gainesville, Florida	03/24/18 @ 8AM	Columbia, South Carolina	3/24/2018	3/31/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$4600
Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Kentucky	04/05/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	4/5/2018	4/7/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$3000
Auburn University	Auburn, Alabama	04/19/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	4/19/2018	4/21/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$2850
SWAC Conference	Prairie View, TX	05/02/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	5/2/2018	5/6/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$7000
Aggie Last Chance Host: North Carolina A&T University	Greensboro, North Carolina	05/12/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	5/12/2018	5/13/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$2700
NCAA East Regionals Host: University of South Florida	Tampa Bay, Florida	05/21/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	5/21/2018	5/26/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$6000
NCAA Outdoor Championship Host: University of Oregon	Eugene, Oregon	06/04/18 @ 8AM	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	6/6/2018	6/10/2018	Elmore Gymnasium/AAMU	56 Passenger	1	\$29,500
GRAND TOTAL									\$51,050

SIGNATURE *Kuan B. Johnson*

DATE *2/23/18*



Note: In order for an alternate bid to be considered, bidders must supply current catalogs or brochures, including pictorials and specifications.

Please indicate your company classification by circling the appropriate initial: Small Business (SB), a Small Disadvantaged Business (SD), a Black Small Disadvantaged Business (BD), a Woman-Owned Small Business (WB), a Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business (WD), a Black Woman-Owned Small Disadvantaged Business (BW), a Large Business (LB), an Individual (IN), Educational (ED), Non-Profit (NP), a Labor Surplus Area Concern (LS), Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (DV), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VS), Historically Underutilized Business Zone (UZ), or a Governmental Agency (GV).

F.O.B. Point	TERMS Net 7	WARRANTY
AAMU DESTINATION ESTIMATED DELIVERY	YOUR REFERENCE NO.*	QUOTATION EFFECTIVE UNTIL 04-01-18

*Your company reference number, if applicable with this bid quotation.

Certification Pursuant To Act No. 2006-557

Alabama Law (Section 41-4-116, Code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. By submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with Act No. 2006-557, they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that the awarding authority may declare the contract void if the certification is false.

Birmingham Charter Service LLC

205-335-8001

COMPANY NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Juan B. Johnson

SIGNER'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

FAX NUMBER

Juan B. Johnson
SIGNATURE

2/23/18
DATE

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University prohibits the installation of asbestos on its campus. Suppliers and contractors will not supply any equipment, material, or supplies, which contain asbestos without prior written approval.

Failure to designate Bid Number and Opening Date on the outside of your sealed envelope containing your bid and more than one bid submitted in this envelope will result in a "No Bid" response in accordance with Alabama Competitive Bid Law 41-16-24 subpart b.

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University will not accept faxed bids.

Any product that fails to meet the specifications, performance requirements or compatibility requirements will be rejected and returned to the vendor at no cost to the University.

The University reserves the right to award this contract, in whole, in part, or to reject any and all quotations.

Alabama A & M University is an instrumentality of the State and is federal, state and local tax exempt.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Manufacturer's published product data must be included with your bid response for any alternate offerings. Any exception taken to any portion of this Request for Price Quotation must be stated on the bid response sheets or Alabama A&M University will assume compliance with all requirements as stated. The successful bidder will be responsible and accountable for providing those items as specified in its bid response.

Vendor Disclosure Statement Information and Instructions

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000. The disclosure statement is not required for contracts for gas, water, and electric services where no competition exists, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance. In circumstances where a contract is awarded by competitive bid, the disclosure statement shall be required only from the person receiving the contract and shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the award.

A copy of the disclosure statement shall be filed with the awarding entity and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and if it pertains to a state contract, a copy shall be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee. The address for the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts is as follows: 50 N. Ripley Street, Room 3201, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101. If the disclosure statement is filed with a contract, the awarding entity should include a copy with the contract when it is presented to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

The State of Alabama shall not enter into any contract or appropriate any public funds with any person who refuses to provide information required by Act 2001-955.

Pursuant to Act 2001-955, any person who knowingly provides misleading or incorrect information on the disclosure statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Also, the contract or grant shall be voidable by the awarding entity.

Definitions as Provided in Act 2001-955

Family Member of a Public Employee - The spouse or a dependent of the public employee.

Family Member of a Public Official - The spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse, of the public official.

Family Relationship - A person has a family relationship with a public official or public employee if the person is a family member of the public official or public employee.

Person - An individual, firm, partnership, association, joint venture, cooperative, or corporation, or any other group or combination acting in concert.

Public Official and Public Employee - These terms shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in Sections 36-25-1(23) and 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, (see below) except for the purposes of the disclosure requirements of this act, the terms shall only include persons in a position to influence the awarding of a grant or contract who are affiliated with the awarding entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these terms shall also include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the cabinet of the Governor, and members of the Legislature.

Section 36-25-1(23), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public employee as any person employed at the state, county or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations and authorities, but excluding employees of hospitals or other health care corporations including contract employees of those hospitals or other health care corporations, who is paid in whole or in part from state, county, or municipal funds. For purposes of this chapter, a public employee does not include a person employed on a part-time basis whose employment is limited to providing professional services other than lobbying, the compensation for which constitutes less than 50 percent of the part-time employee's income.

Section 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public official as any person elected to public office, whether or not that person has taken office, by the vote of the people at state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations, and any person appointed to a position at the state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations. For purposes of this chapter, a public official includes the chairs and vice-chairs or the equivalent offices of each state political party as defined in Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

Instructions

Complete all lines as indicated. If an item does not apply, denote N/A (not applicable). If you cannot include required information in the space provided, attach additional sheets as necessary.

The form must be signed, dated, and notarized prior to submission.



State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM

Birmingham Charter Service LLC

ADDRESS

1012 Parkwood Cir

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Birmingham, AL 35215

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(205) 335-8001

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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This form is provided with:

Contract

Proposal

Request for Proposal

Invitation to Bid

Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes

No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES	AMOUNT RECEIVED
Florida Atlantic University	Charter Bus	\$6550
University Of North Texas	Charter Bus	\$2550
University Of Mississippi	Charter Bus	\$15500

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes

No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	DATE GRANT AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANT
N/A		

1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS	STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
NONE		

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2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED
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NONE

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

N/A

Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

N/A

List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST	ADDRESS
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NONE

By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

Signature: Juan B. Johnson Date: 2/23/18
 Notary's Signature: Michelle Rupp Date: February 23, 2018 Date Notary Expires: June 19, 2019

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STATE OF ALABAMA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 304260
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SERVED September 6, 2017
Walter Thomas

BIRMINGHAM CHARTER SERVICE LLC,

Applicant

DOCKET 32695

CERTIFICATE CB142

DECISION

By application filed August 22, 2017, the Applicant seeks a certificate as a common carrier of passengers in charter bus operations. The Applicant also requests that the application be processed pursuant to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, which is codified at 49 U.S.C. 14501.

It appears from the application, and the materials filed with the application, that the Applicant is fit, willing and able to operate in compliance with the insurance requirements and the pertinent safety regulations, and that the Applicant has sufficient financial resources to commence operations.

Therefore, pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket 26555, dated July 17, 1998, Charter Bus Certificate CB142 is hereby issued to Birmingham Charter Service LLC, 1012 Parkwood Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35215, authorizing operations as a common carrier by motor vehicle, in intrastate commerce over irregular routes, in the transportation of:

Passengers and their baggage, in charter bus operations, between all points in the State of Alabama.

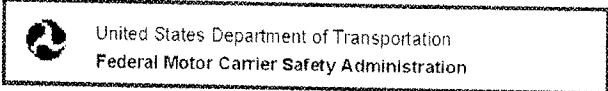
The certificate number may be located within the cab of the vehicles in lieu of placing it on the outside of the vehicles.

Jurisdiction in this proceeding will be retained for any Commission order or orders, including general orders, that may appear to be warranted in the future.

By the Commission.

L. Bentley
Lake Bentley
Hearing Officer

A Federal Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2126-0008. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be approximately 2 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are mandatory. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, MC-RRA, Washington, D.C. 20590.



Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability under Section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982

FORM MCS-90B

Issued to BIRMINGHAM CHARTERS LLC of BIRMINGHAM, AL 35215 (Motor Carrier name) (Motor Carrier state or province)

Dated at Omaha, NE on this 13th day of July, 2017

Amending Policy Number: 72APS074110 Effective Date: 07/14/2017

Name of Insurance Company: National Fire & Marine Insurance Company

Countersigned by: [Signature] (authorized company representative)

The policy to which this endorsement is attached provides primary or excess insurance, as indicated for the limits shown (check only one):

- [X] This insurance is primary and the company shall not be liable for amounts in excess of \$ 5,000,000 CSL for each accident.
[] This insurance is excess and the company shall not be liable for amounts in excess of \$ for each accident in excess of the underlying limit of \$ for each accident.

Whenever required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the company agrees to furnish the FMCSA a duplicate of said policy and all its endorsements. The company also agrees, upon telephone request by an authorized representative of the FMCSA, to verify that the policy is in force as of a particular date. The telephone number to call is: 402-916-3000

Cancellation of this endorsement may be effected by the company of the insured by giving (1) thirty-five (35) days notice in writing to the other party (said 35 days notice to commence from the date the notice is mailed, proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice), and (2) if the insured is subject to the FMCSA's registration requirements under 49 U.S.C. 13901, by providing thirty (30) days notice to the FMCSA (said 30 days notice to commence from the date the notice is received by the FMCSA at its office in Washington, DC).

DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS ENDORSEMENT

Accident includes continuous or repeated exposure to conditions or which results in bodily injury, property damage, or environmental damage which the insured neither expected nor intended.

Bodily Injury means injury to the body, sickness, or disease to any person, including death resulting from any of these.

Motor Vehicle means a for-hire carrier of passengers by motor vehicle.

Property Damage means damage to or loss of use of tangible property.

Public Liability means liability for bodily injury, property damage, and environmental restoration.

(continued on next page)

The insurance policy to which this endorsement is attached provides automobile liability insurance and is amended to assure compliance by the insured, within the limits stated herein, as a for-hire motor carrier of passengers with Section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 and the rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

In consideration of the premium stated in the policy to which this endorsement is attached, the insurer (the company) agrees to pay, within the limits of liability described herein, any final judgment received against the insured for public liability resulting from negligence in the operation, maintenance or use of motor vehicles subject to the financial responsibility requirements of Sections 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 regardless of whether or not each motor vehicle is specifically described in the policy and whether or not such negligence occurs on any route or in any territory authorized to be served by the insured or elsewhere. Such insurance as is afforded, for public liability, does not apply to injury to or death of the insured's employees while engaged in the course of their employment, or property transported by the insured, designated as cargo. It is understood and agreed that no condition, provision, stipulation, or limitation contained in the policy, this endorsement, or any other endorsement thereon, or violation thereof, shall relieve the company from liability or from

the payment of any final judgment, within the limits of liability herein described, irrespective of the financial condition, insolvency or bankruptcy of the insured. However, all terms, conditions, and limitations in the policy to which the endorsement is attached shall remain in full force and effect as binding between the insured and the company. The insured agrees to reimburse the company for any payment made by the company on account of any accident, claim, or suit involving a breach of the terms of the policy, and for any payment that the company would not have been obligated to make under the provisions of the policy except for the agreement contained in this endorsement. It is further understood and agreed that, upon failure of the company to pay any final judgment recovered against the insured as provided herein, the judgment creditor may maintain an action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the company to compel such payment. The limits of the company's liability for the amounts prescribed in this endorsement apply separately to each accident and any payment under the policy because of any one accident shall not operate to reduce the liability of the company for the payment of final judgments resulting from any other accident.

SCHEDULE OF LIMITS — PUBLIC LIABILITY

For-hire motor carriers of passengers operating in interstate or foreign commerce

The Bus Regulatory Reform Act 1982 requires limits of financial responsibility according to vehicle seating capacity. It is the Motor Carrier's obligation to obtain the required limits of financial responsibility. **The schedule of limits shown on the reverse side does not provide coverage.** The limits shown in the schedule are for information purposes only.

Vehicle seating capacity	Minimum limits
(1) Any vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more.	\$5,000,000
(2) Any vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less.	\$1,500,000

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. Birmingham Charter Service LLC	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. 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) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 1012 Parkwood Cir	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code Birmingham, AL 35215	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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 *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

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

Social security number									
OR									
Employer identification number									
8	1	-	3	4	0	2	5	8	3

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue 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
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Juan B. Johnson</i>	Date ▶ <i>2/23/18</i>
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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.

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:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 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
- 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 alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

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

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

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

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

Backup Withholding

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

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

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

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

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

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

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

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

Updating Your Information

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

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Specific Instructions

Line 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Line 2

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

Line 3

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

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

Line 4, Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

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

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

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

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

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

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

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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

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

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

Part II. Certification

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

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

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

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number to Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	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 ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
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 ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
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 ⁴
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

¹ 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.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ 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.

⁴ 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. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

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

Privacy Act Notice

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