Purpose of Form

A person who is required to submit an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, interest paid to you, or dividends paid to you. The person to whom you are paid must provide your correct TIN to the IRS unless you are exempt from withholding or have obtained an exemption certificate. The person who must obtain your TIN may provide it to the IRS in Form W-9, which may be used for all future transactions with you. The person may use Form W-9 instead of other forms of verification such as your social security card or driver's license. You may also obtain an exemption certificate from the IRS for the specific payment or payments for which the exemption applies.

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States in a calendar year must file an information return for that year by the due date of the Federal income tax return for the business. See the instructions for more information.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person

State or local government

City, state, and zip code

United States tax identification number (TIN)

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Form W-9 (Rev. 9-2013)

Part I

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Full name (individuals) or business name/disregarded entity name (partnerships or corporations)

Other (see instructions)

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Part II

Certification

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Certification instructions.

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Note: If you fail to file an information return with the IRS, you must provide your correct TIN. If you fail to provide your correct TIN, the payor may be required to collect withholding tax on your payments to you.

Part III

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