

REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Please complete and return to: (requester's return address)
Grand Valley State University
201 LMH, 1 Campus Dr
Allendale MI 49401

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

(Requester enters name, address, and account as they appear in requester's records.)

Name _____

Locator ID _____

Step 1. (Check ONE box only and provide your complete name and Taxpayer Identification Number.)

U.S. Resident – Individual/Sole Proprietor (Form 1099 reportable)

Name _____

If you are a sole proprietor, name the owner of the business: _____

Social Security Number _____ -- _____ -- _____ Employer Identification Number _____ -- _____

U.S. Partnership, Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), or Trust (Form 1099 reportable)

Name (as shown on your tax return) _____ Employer Identification Number _____ -- _____

U.S. Corporation (exempt from Form 1099 reporting except for medical or legal services)

(If an LLC electing corporate status for U.S. tax purposes, please attach a copy of your U.S. tax election on IRS Form 8832, *Entity Classification Election*)

Name (as shown on your tax return) _____ Employer Identification Number _____ -- _____

U.S. Tax-Exempt Organization or Federal, State, or Local Government Agency (exempt from Form 1099 reporting)

Name (as shown on your tax return) _____ Employer Identification Number _____ -- _____

Step 2. Certification/Signature (Complete the following) Under penalties of perjury my signature certifies that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me).
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

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, number 2 above 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.

Signature: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Instructions for U.S. Tax Persons

As a business, federal income tax law requires us to report certain payments we make to you if you are not exempted from this reporting responsibility. In order for us to properly meet the federal tax law requirements, we need certain information from you. Please complete the information requested above and return this form to the address shown above. If you do not provide us with your correct taxpayer identification number, you may be subject to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, you may be subject to 28% backup withholding on reportable payments we make to you. *If you have any questions, please call us at 616-331-2287 (provide requester's telephone number).*

Are you a U.S. person? The IRS defines a U.S. person as:

- a U.S. citizen;
- an entity (company, corporation, trust, partnership, estate, etc.) created or organized in, or under the laws of, the United States; a state; or the District of Columbia;
- a U.S. resident (someone who has a "green card" or has passed the IRS "substantial-presence test." For an explanation of the substantial-presence test, please see IRS Pub. 515 or 519, available at www.irs.gov.)

If your answer is NO, please do not complete this form and contact us at 616-331-2255.

If your answer is YES, please complete the form.

See page 2 for additional information.

Instructions for Non-U.S. Persons

If you are a non-U.S. resident or a corporation, partnership or other entity formed outside the U.S. and you are receiving payments as beneficial owner, IRS procedures require you to submit one of the following forms for use in determining the correct course of tax withholding on and information reporting of payments made to you. *These forms are available at www.irs.gov:*

- IRS Form 8233, *Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual* **OR**
- IRS Form W-8ECI, *Certificate of Foreign Person's Claim for Exemption from Withholding on Income Effectively Connected with the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States*, **OR**
- IRS Form W-8BEN, *Certification of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding*.

If you are not a beneficial owner, but instead acting in an agency capacity for a beneficial owner, you may be required to submit:

- IRS Form W-8IMY, *Certificate or Foreign Intermediary, Foreign Flow-Through Entity, or Certain U.S. Branches for United States Tax Withholding*.

If you need assistance in completing one of the above forms, please consult your U.S. tax advisor for the appropriate help in determining which of these forms should be submitted and in correct completion of the form. We require your provision of this information to assist us for tax purposes in correctly withholding and reporting payments we make to you for your services.

Specific Instructions

Name. If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name. If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered on the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return. You may also enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name.

Limited liability company (LLC). If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name and the LLC's name on the form.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity.

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.

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-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 of the instructions for the IRS Form W-9, available at www.irs.gov, 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 Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.socialsecurity.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 ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.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, 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. Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

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

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, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, 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, or
2. You do not certify your TIN when required, or
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
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 the instructions for the IRS Form W-9, available at www.irs.gov, under "Exempt from Backup Withholding" for more information.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax 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. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.