

ITB 2021-005 Quad City Fire Station Renovations Addendum 1 Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C. Supplier Response

Event Information

Number: ITB 2021-005 Quad City Fire Station Renovations Addendum 1

Title:

Type: Invitation To Bid

Issue Date: 1/8/2021

Deadline: 2/1/2021 02:00 PM (CT)

Notes:

Download All Attachments

Please upload your response documents in the "Response Attachments" tab before completing your submission.

Contact Information

Contact: Mr. Juan Guerrero Contract Administrator

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Suite 101

Laredo, TX 78040

Phone: (956) 523-4149

Email: juguerrero@webbcountytx.gov

Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C. Information

Contact: Sara Alicia Orta

Address: 2900 North Texas Blvd

Suite 201

Weslaco, TX 78599 Phone: (956) 447-1048

Email: trigensara@gmail.com

By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Sara Alicia Orta trigensara@gmail.com

Signature

Email

Submitted at 2/1/2021 12:37:34 PM

Response Attachments

Proof of Insurance 2021.pdf

Proof of Insurance

Proof of WC 2021.pdf

Proof of WC 2021

Alternates Form Section 004323.pdf

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Unit Prices Form Section 004322.pdf

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Form 1295.pdf

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Bid Bond.pdf

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Conflict of Interest.pdf

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Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying.pdf

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Proof of No Delinquent.pdf

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Bid Form 004100.pdf

Bid Form 004100

SECTION 004322 UNIT PRICES FORM

PARTICULARS

1.1	THE FOLLOW BY:	VING IS THE LI	IST OF UNIT PRIC	ES REFERENCED	IN THE BID SUBMITTE	:D
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1.3	TO (OWNER)	։ լWebb Coւ	ynty			
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SECTION 004100 BID FORM

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1.1	TO) :
1.2	FO	PR:
1.3	Α. D Δ	Project: Webb County Renovation Quad City Fire Station TE: February 1, 2021 (BIDDER TO ENTER DATE)
1.4		IBMITTED BY: (BIDDER TO ENTER NAME AND ADDRESS)
•••	Α.	Bidder's Full Name <u>Tri-Gen Construction</u> , L.L.C. 1. Address <u>2900 North Texas Blvd. Suite</u> 201 2. City, State, Zip <u>Weslaco</u> , <u>Texas</u> 78599
1.5	OF	FER
	A.	Having examined the Place of The Work and all matters referred to in the Instructions to Bidders and the Bid Documents prepared by Redline Architecture & Consultants for the above mentioned project, we, the undersigned, hereby offer to enter into a Contract to perform the Work for the Sum of:
	B.	Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty One
		(\$\(\frac{214,351.00}{\}\), in lawful money of the United States of America.
	C.	We have included the required performance assurance bonds in the Bid Amount as required by the Instructions to Bidders. 1. The cost of the required performance assurance bonds is 5 % of Bid Bond dollars
		(\$), in lawful money of the United States of America.
	D.	All applicable federal taxes are included and State of Texas taxes are included in the Bid Sum.
	E.	All Cash and Contingency Allowances described in Section 012100 - Allowances are included in the Bid Sum.
1.6	AC	CEPTANCE
	A.	This offer shall be open to acceptance and is irrevocable for sixty days from the bid closing date.
	B.	If this bid is accepted by Owner within the time period stated above, we will: 1. Execute the Agreement within 60 days of receipt of acceptance of this bid.
1.7	CO	NTRACT TIME
	A.	If this Bid is accepted, we will:
	B.	Complete the Work incalendar weeks from Notice to Proceed. (Bidder to enter number of weeks.)
1.8	СН	ANGES TO THE WORK
	A.	When Architect establishes that the method of valuation for Changes in the Work will be net cost plus a percentage fee in accordance with General Conditions, our percentage fee will be: 165 Percent on the cost of work done by any Subcontractor.
	B.	On work deleted from the Contract, our credit to Owner shall be Architect-approved net cost plus 15% of the overhead and profit percentage noted above.
1.9	ΔD	DENDA
1.0	A.	The following Addenda have been received. The modifications to the Bid Documents noted below have been considered and all costs are included in the Bid Sum.
1.10	RIF	Property in the bid sun. Addendum No. 1
1. IV	A.	Dated January 13, 2021 The following Supplements are attached to this Bid Form and are considered an integral
		 part of this Bid Form: Document 004322 - Unit Prices Form: Include a listing of unit prices specifically requested by Contract Documents.

- Document 004323 Alternates Form: Include the cost variations to the Bid Sum applicable to the Work as described in Section 012300.
- B. We agree to submit the following Supplements to BidForms.
 - Document 004322 Unit Prices Form: Include a listing of unit prices specifically requested by Contract Documents.
 - Document 004323 Alternates Form: Include the cost variations to the Bid Price applicable to the Work as described in Section 012300.

1.11 BID FORM SIGNATURE(S)

- A. The Corporate Seal of
 B. Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C.
 C. (Bidder print the full name of your firm)
 D. was hereunto affixed in the presence of:
 E. Jorge Gonzalez / President
 F. (Authorized signing officer, Title)
 G. (Seal)
 President
- I. (Authorized signing officer, Title)
- 1.12 IF THE BID IS A JOINT VENTURE OR PARTNERSHIP, ADD ADDITIONAL FORMS OF EXECUTION FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT VENTURE IN THE APPROPRIATE FORM OR FORMS AS ABOVE.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 004323 ALTERNATES FORM

PARTICULARS

- THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF ALTERNATES REFERENCED IN THE BID SUBMITTED 1.1
- 12 (BIDDER) Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C.
- 13 TO (OWNER): [Webb County
- DATED Feb. 1, 2021 AND WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BID FORM.

ALTERNATES LIST

2.01 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS SHALL BE ADDED TO OR DEDUCTED FROM THE BID AMOUNT. REFER TO SECTION 012300 - ALTERNATES.

ALTERNATE # 1: ADD / (DEDUCT) \$ 5,500.00

ALTERNATE # 2: ADD / (DEDUCT) \$ 2,000.00

END OF SECTION



BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we <u>Tri-Gen Construction</u>, <u>LLC</u> as principal, hereinafter called the "Principal," and <u>MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY</u>, at 4521 Highwoods Parkway, Glen Allen, VA 23060, as surety, hereinafter called the "Surety," are held and firmly bound unto <u>Webb County</u> as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of <u>Five Percent (5%) of the Amount Bid</u> by Principal for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the principal has submitted a bid for:

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NOW, THEREFORE, if the contract be timely awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall within such time as specified in the bid, enter into a contract in writing or, in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter into such Contract, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, neither Principal nor Surety shall be bound hereunder unless Obligee prior to execution of the final contract shall furnish evidence of financing in a manner and form acceptable to Principal and Surety that financing has been firmly committed to cover the entire cost of the project.

Signed and sealed this <u>1st</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2021</u>.

Principal: Tri-Gen Construction, LLC

BY:

TITLE:

Markel Insurance Company

By:

Christopher J. Hughston, Attorney-in-Fact

THE RIDER ATTACHED HERETO IS INCORPORATED IN THIS BOND AND MODIFIES COVERAGE UNDER THIS BOND.

Markel Insurance Company

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men by These Presents, That MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Company"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its principal administrative office in Glen Allen, Virginia, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

Christopher J. Hughston, David C. Hughston, Maria V. Edwards, Peggy Gonzalez

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings of other instruments or contracts of suretyship to include waivers to the conditions of contracts and consents of surety for, providing the bond penalty does not exceed

Five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of Markel Insurance Company:

RESOLVED, that the President, any Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for on behalf of the Company, subject to the following provisions:

Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorneyin-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Secretary.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

In Witness Whereof, MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 3th day of August , 2020.

Commonwealth of Virginia Henrico County

MARKEL INSURANCE COMPÁNY

On this 😘 day of 🐯 🕬 before me personally came Robin Russo, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in Henrico County, Virginia, the he is Senior Vice President of MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY, the company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to said instruments such company; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

Company; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

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7083968 are seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said

NUMBER

Donna Donavant, Notary Public My commission expires 1/31/2023

I, Richard R. Grinnan, Vice President and Secretary of MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Company, which is still in full force and effect; and, furthermore, the resolutions of the Board of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Glen Allen, Virginia this $\frac{1st}{}$

February

Richard R. Grinnan,

Vice President and Secretary

Any instrument issued in excess of the penalty stated above is totally void and without any validity. For verification of the authority of this Power you may call (713) 812-0800 on any business day between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM CST.

Markel Insurance Company THIS BOND RIDER CONTAINS IMPORTANT COVERAGE INFORMATION

Statutory Complaint Notice

To obtain information or make a complaint: You may call the Surety's toll free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at: 1-866-732-0099. You may also write to the Surety at:

Markel Insurance Company 9737 Great Hills Trail, Suite 320 Austin, TX 78759

Non-Texas Rider 010106

PUBLIC NOTICE ADDENDUM NO. 1

WEBB COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1110 Washington, Suite 101
Laredo, Texas 78040
(956) 523-4125
(956) 523-5010

ITB 2021-005 "Quad City Fire Station Renovations"

To: All Interested Bidders **From:** Joe A. Lopez III, CTPM

Webb County Purchasing Agent

Date: January 13 2021

This Public Notice – Addendum No. 1 is to inform all interested parties and the public in general of the following modification to the Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2021-005 posted in the Webb County eBid site on Friday January 8, 2021.

• The Pre-Bid site visit has been cancelled and a teleconference/virtual meeting has been scheduled instead.

Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting on Friday January 15, 2021 @ 10 am.

Vonage meeting for ITB 2021-005 Quad City Fire Station Renovations

Pre-Bid Meeting/Conference.

Link: https://meetings.vonage.com/253292042

Meeting PIN: 253292042

Dial-in information:

United States

Dial-In: +17322001872

Click to dial: +17322001872, 253292042#

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING (Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements)

PART A. PREAMBLE

Federal legislation, Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 generally prohibits entities from using federally appropriated funds to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the federal government. Section 319 specifically requires disclosure of certain lobbying activities. A federal government-wide rule, "New Restrictions on Lobbying", published in the Federal Register, February 26, 1990, requires certification and disclosure in specific instances.

PART B. CERTIFICATION

This certification applies only to the instant federal action for which the certification is being obtained and is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1. No federally appropriated funds have peen paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with these federally funded contract, subcontract, subgrant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions. (If needed, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture to obtain a copy of Standard Form-LLL.)

award documents for all covered subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all covered subrecipients will certify and disclose accordingly.						
Do you have or do you anticipate ☐ Yes ☑ No	having covered s	ubawards under th	nis transaction?			
Name of Contractor/Potential	Vendor ID No. or	Social Security No.	Program No.			
Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C.	26-085579)4				
Name of Authorized Representative	Title	a aid a w t				
Jorge Gorizalez	Pre	esident				
acelo		01/29/2021				
Signature – Authorized Represent	ative	D	ate			
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3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the

FORM CIQ CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity OFFICE USE ONLY This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who Date Received has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176,006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor. Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity. None Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.) 3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed. None Name of Officer Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary. None A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor? Yes None B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity? Yes None Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more. None 6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1). 01/29/2021

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Signature of vendor doing pusiness with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

<u>Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a)</u>: "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - (2) the vendor:
 - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor:
 - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
 - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
 - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
 - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
 - (1) the date that the vendor:
 - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
 - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
 - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
 - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

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	Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.		1-0411-00	OFFICE USE	CONTRACTOR STATE OF THE STATE O	
1	Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business of business.	entity's place	Certificate Number: 2021-711498			
	Tri-Gen Constuction L.L.C.					
_	Weslaco, TX United States		Date 1	Filed: 9/2021		
2	Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which being filed.	h the form is	01/28	7/2021		
	Webb County		Date /	Acknowledged:		
3	Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contra	to track or identify ract.	the co	ontract, and pro	vide a	
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	Quad City Fire Station Renovations					
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	Name of Interested Party City, State, Coun	try (place of busine	ess)		oplicable)	
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5	Check only if there is NO Interested Party.					
6	UNSWORN DECLARATION	*11				
	My name is Jorge Gonzalez	_, and my date of b	oirth is	09/11/194	9	
	My address is 2900 North Texas Blvd. Suite 201, Weslaco (city)	, <u>T</u>) (sta	X_, _	78599 (zip code)	, <u>Hidalgo,</u> (country)	
	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.					
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	Signature of authorized agent of contracting bosiness entity					
		(Declarant)				

CERTIFICATION

REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

PART A.

Federal Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 require the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to screen each covered potential contractor to determine whether each has a right to obtain a contract in accordance with federal regulations on debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion. Each covered contractor must also screen each of its covered subcontractors.

In this certification "contractor" refers to both contractor and subcontractor; "contract" refers to both contract and subcontract.

By signing and submitting this certification the potential contractor accepts the following terms:

- 1. The certification herein below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract was entered into. If it is later determined that the potential contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture or other federal department or agency, or the TDA may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 2. The potential contractor will provide immediate written notice to the person to which this certification is submitted if at any time the potential contractor learns that the certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 3. The words "covered contract", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "participant", "person", "principal", "proposal", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in this certification have meanings based upon materials in the Definitions and Coverage sections of federal rules implementing Executive Order 12549. Usage is as defined in the attachment.
- 4. The potential contractor agrees by submitting this certification that, should the proposed covered contract be entered into, it will not knowingly enter into any subcontract with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture or other federal department or agency, and/or the TDA, as applicable.

Do you have o	or do you ant	icipate hav	ing subco	ontractors und	der this pr	oposed c	ontract?
□ Yes							

☑ No

- 5. The potential contractor further agrees by submitting this certification that it will include this certification titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion for Covered Contracts" without modification, in all covered subcontracts and in solicitations for all covered subcontracts.
- 6. A contractor may rely upon a certification of a potential subcontractor that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered contract, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A contractor must, at a minimum, obtain certifications from its covered subcontractors upon each subcontract's initiation and upon each renewal.
- 7. Nothing contained in all the foregoing will be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this certification document. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 8. Except for contracts authorized under paragraph 4 of these terms, if a contractor in a covered contract knowingly enters into a covered subcontract with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal department or agency, as applicable, and/or the TDA may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

PART B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

Indicate in the appropriate box which statement applies to the covered potential contractor:

X	The potential contractor certifies, by submission of this certification, that neither it
	nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared
	ineligible, or voluntarily excluded form participation in this contract by any federal
	department or agency or by the State of Texas.

The potential contractor is unable to certify to one or more of the terms in this
certification. In this instance, the potential contractor must attach an explanation for
each of the above terms to which he is unable to make certification. Attach the
explanation(s) to this certification.

Name of Contractor Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C	Vendor ID No. or Social Security No. 26-0855794	Program No.	
00010	01.	/29/2021	
Signature of Authorized Rep	presentative	Date	
Jorge Gonzalez			

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative





CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

JCASTANEDA

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 6/12/2020

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #	
	INSURER A: Navigators Specialty Insurance Company		
INSURED	INSURER B : State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company	25135	
Tri-Gen Construction LLC	INSURER C: Evanston Insurance Company	35378	
2900 North Texas Blvd. Suite 2	INSURER D: United Fire and Casualty Company	13021	
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							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$	1,000,000
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION

Tri-Gen Construction LLC 2900 North Texas Blvd. Suite 2 Weslaco, TX 78596 SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Shepard Walton King Insurance Group

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PROOF OF NO DELINQUENT TAXES OWED TO WEBB COUNTY

	owes no delinquent p	property taxes to Webb
County.		
Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C.	owes no property taxes a	as a business in Webb County.
(Business Name)		
Jorge Gonzalez	owes no property taxes a	as a resident of Webb County.
(Business Owner)		
Sara Alicia Orta		
Person who can attest to the above infor	mation	
* SIGNED NOTORIZED DOCUME WEBB COUNTY.	NT AND PROOF OF N	O DELINQUENT TAXES TO
The State of Texas County of Webb Before me, a Notary Public, on this day me (or proved to me on the oath of Pressubscribed to the forgoing instrument burpose and consideration therein express	esident/Tri-Gen Constr and acknowledged to me	
Given under my hand and seal of office	this 29 day of Janua	ary 20 <u>21</u> .
Notary Public, State of Texas		
SARA ALICIA O Notary Public, State Comm. Expires 11- Notary ID 12880	of Texas 17-2023	Sara a. Orta
Ay commission expires the 17 day of	of November 2023	(Print name of Notary Public here)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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Weslaco TX 78599					INSURER A: Texas Mutual Insurance Company								
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	2900 N. Texas Blvd. Ste 201			}	INSURER C:								
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WEBB COUNTY PURCHASING DEPT. QUALIFIED PARTICIPATING VENDOR CODE OF ETHICS AFFIDAVIT FORM

STATE OF TEXAS *						
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: COUNTY OF WEBB *						
BEFORE ME the undersigned Notary Public, appeared Jorge Gonzalez, the herein-named "Affiant", who is a resident of Hidalgo County, State of Texas and upon his/her respective oath, either individually and/or behalf of their respective company/entity, do hereby state that I have personal knowledge of the following facts, statements, matters, and/or other matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.						
I personally, and/or in my respective authority/capacity on behalf of my company/entity do hereby confirm that I have reviewed and agree to fully comply with all the terms, duties, ethical policy obligations and/or conditions as required to be a qualified participating vendor with Webb County, Texas as set forth in the Webb County Purchasing Code of Ethics Policy posted at the following address: http://www.webbcountytx.gov/PurchasingAgent/PurchasingEthicsPolicy.pdf						
I personally, and/or in my respective authority/capacity on behalf of my company/entity do hereby further acknowledge, agree and understand that as a participating vendor with Webb County, Texas on any active solicitation/proposal/qualification that I and/or my company/entity failure to comply with the Code of Ethics policy may result in my and/or my company/entity disqualification, debarment or make void my contract awarded to me, my company/entity by Webb County. I agree to communicate with the Purchasing Agent or his designees should I have questions or concerns regarding this policy to ensure full compliance by contacting the Webb County Purchasing Dept. via telephone at (956) 523-4125 or e-mail to the Webb County Purchasing Agent to joel@webbcountytx.gov.						
Executed and dated this 29 day of January , 20 21.						
Signature of Affiant Jorge Gonzalez/Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C.						
Printed Name of Affiant/Company/Entity						
SWORN to and subscribed before me, this 29th day						

Form (Rev. August 2013)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Name (as shown on your income tax return)												
	Tri-Gen Construction, L.L.C.											
ge 2.	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above											
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1. The	number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification nur	nber (or I am waiting for	a number to	o be iss	ued t	o me), a	and					
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and												
3. I an	3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and											
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.												
Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.												
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Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page. 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.												
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	form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when ale, to:	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.

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number

3. 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

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

to be issued),

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 allen who becomes a resident allen. Generally, only a nonresident allen 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 allen 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.
- 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.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage 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
- 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 on page 1.

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

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 in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

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 Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must 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 the "Name" line, 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 the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. 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.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation, as appropriate. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. fedderal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on the "Name" line. 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 the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the Exemptions box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See Exempt payee code and Exemption from FATCA reporting code on page 3.

Exempt payee code. Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

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

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

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

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—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 possession of the United States, 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 Reg. 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 Reg. 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 broke
 - 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

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 page 2), 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

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.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 the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see Exempt payee code earlier.

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

- 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.

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, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:				
Individual Two or more individuals (joint account)	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account '				
Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²				
The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ' The actual owner '				
Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³				
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*				
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:				
Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner				
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴				
Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation				
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 Regulation 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.

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, social security number (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 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.

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.

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 1.

^{*}Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.