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Dear Interval Owner,

Thank you for inquiring about the VRI rental program. Enclosed you will find the following forms:

- VRI open-ended Rental Agreement
- Rental Authorization Notice
- W-9 (for US Citizens)
- W-8ECI (for Non-Resident Aliens)

Rental Agreement

Please read the Rental Agreement over carefully and fill it out completely. Remember to sign and date the form.

Rental Authorization Notice

The Rental Authorization Notice also needs to be completed and signed. This form gives us your permission to place your week into the rental program.

W-9 (for US Citizens)

If you are a US Citizen, please complete Form W-9 making sure that your Social Security Number has been entered correctly. This number will be used for tax reporting as necessary to the Internal Revenue Service. (If you are a US Citizen, please disregard Form W-8ECI.)

W-8ECI (for Non-Resident Aliens)

If you are a Non-Resident Alien, please complete Boxes 1 through 5 on Form W-8ECI. If you have a valid US Taxpayer Identification Number (USTIN), please enter that number in Box 6 of the form. If you do not have a valid USTIN, then please leave Box 6 blank. Providing this number will affect your eligibility for tax exempt status. This number will be used for tax reporting as necessary to the Internal Revenue Service. Please be sure to sign and date the form at the bottom. (If you are a Non-Resident Alien, please disregard Form W-9.)

A non-resident alien is an individual who is not a U.S. Citizen or resident, and is subject to withholding at the current rate of 30%. Withholding exemptions to avoid non-resident alien withholding may be allowed if you can provide VRI with a valid U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number (USTIN). VRI's non-resident alien reporting requirements are covered in detail in the IRS' "Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Non-Resident Aliens and Foreign Corporations." VRI does not provide tax advice and any inquiries you have should be directed to your tax advisor or the IRS.

The original signed Rental Agreement will remain in your file permanently. All you need to do in future years when you wish to rent your unit is to write a brief letter stating your intentions to rent (including the year and date) or complete a Rental Authorization Notice and mail it to us. Your unit would then be deposited into the rental program.

In addition, your resort requires that the maintenance fees be paid before placing your week up for rent. If you have not received your bill you may wait until it is mailed to you or you can pay your maintenance fees in advance.

As a reminder, VRI is unable to guarantee your rental and will NOT be notifying you of either rental or non-rental.

If you have any questions in regards to the Rental Agreement, Rental Authorization Notice or the rental program, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

Vacation Resorts International

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The following are the most commonly asked questions about the VRI Rental Program:

Question: Where do I send my rental agreement?

Answer: Send your rental agreement to:  
Vacation Resorts International  
23041 Avenida De La Carlota, Suite 400  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Question: How do I arrange to have my week put up for rent each year?

Answer: Each year you will submit a written authorization specifying the year and dates you wish to rent or complete a Rental Authorization Notice. The Rental Agreement does not authorize rental; it only defines the terms and conditions of the rental program.

Question: When do I receive my rental income?

Answer: Funds are distributed within 30-60 days of the last day of rental.

Question: What happens if my unit does not rent?

Answer: If there are any days in your week that do not rent, you may remove them from the rental program at anytime prior to the arrival date to utilize yourself, but you must call in advance to notify us so proper arrangements can be made.

Question: Am I required to pay taxes on rental proceeds?

Answer: Rental proceeds are taxable per the Internal Revenue Service. For U.S. Citizens, gross rental income of \$600 or more will be reported to the IRS on Form 1099-MISC. For Non-Resident Aliens, all gross rental income will be reported to the IRS on Form 1042-S.

Question: Am I guaranteed rentals?

Answer: No, unfortunately we cannot predict the rental demand. We use the power of a national rental program to provide national, regional and local advertising programs to our client resorts to maximize rental inquiries. However, some time periods rent better than others, and some resorts are in higher demand. Therefore, rental results will vary.

Question: Am I guaranteed a rental (per day) price?

Answer: Fees are based on the current Rack Rate, in accordance with your rental agreement; we reserve the right to discount rental rates depending on demand and market conditions. We make every effort to maximize rental income to owners.



**VACATION RESORTS INTERNATIONAL  
OPEN-END VACATION OWNERSHIP  
RENTAL AGREEMENT – STATE OF FLORIDA - FORT MYERS REGION**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

**US CITIZENS: Complete and sign Form W-9 enclosed in this packet.**  
**NON-RESIDENT ALIENS: Complete and sign Form W-8ECI enclosed in this packet.**  
**(Non-resident aliens must provide a valid US TIN on Form W-8ECI to be eligible for tax exemption status.)**

**If any of the information provided in this agreement or any of the required included forms is inaccurate or incorrect and results in special handling, processing, or penalties as a result of Internal Revenue Services inquiries and assessments, you will be subject to an administrative charge of \$100.00.**

Phone: Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ownership Information**

Resort Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the efforts and services of Vacation Resorts International ("VRI"), the Owner(s) hereby grants VRI the exclusive right to rent the property listed above at the terms stated herein.

The Owner must notify VRI each year **in writing** if they want that year's interval rented. Once the unit is placed into the rental program, the Owner(s) understands that he/she MAY NOT use, exchange, list with another agency, or make any other arrangements for the occupancy of the above vacation ownership interval. In the event the interval is sold, Owner agrees that sale shall be made subject to any and all pending reservations(s) under this Agreement and Owner shall immediately notify VRI of said sale.

The Owner(s) agrees that the week(s) will be rented at the best available rate and for the greatest number of days VRI is able to secure at the sole discretion of VRI.

In the event a reservation cancellation is received by VRI on or before the resort's cancellation deadline, the reservation deposit shall be refunded to prospective renter.

All accounting required under this Agreement will be completed within sixty (60) days of the last day of the rental.

The Owner(s) understand the following:

1. The following will be deducted from the Owner's proceeds:
  - a. A percentage of the gross rental proceeds payable to VRI, as approved by the Board of Directors.
  - b. Any fees due the Association.
  - c. Any cleaning charges levied by the Association, daily or based on multiple cleanings.
2. Any interest accrued from rental monies is retained by VRI.
3. Although every effort will be made to rent the Owner's week(s), VRI does not guarantee the rental of the week.

**See Reverse Side**

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party, with or without cause, except that once a properly executed copy of this Agreement is on file at VRI and Owner has committed the interval to the rental program pursuant to this Agreement during any given year, the rental authorization can only be terminated if the interval has not already been rented or reserved. A termination of this Agreement must be **in writing**. If there are multiple owners, either one can terminate this Agreement.

Signature: Signer(s) warrants that he/she has the authority to execute this contract and does so with consent of all owners on the deed.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CO-OWNER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

***Florida Endorsement  
To  
Vacation Resorts International  
Open-End Vacation Ownership  
Rental Agreement***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Vacation Resorts International to act as my agent to rent to others to use my described time-share period located at \_\_\_\_\_ and to charge, collect, and remit sales tax levied under Part 1, Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, to the Department of Revenue. I acknowledge that, by renting to others to use any accommodations in connection with any time-share resort, I am exercising a taxable privilege under Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, and as such acknowledge that I am ultimately liable for any sales tax due the State of Florida on such rentals. I fully understand that should the state be unable to collect any taxes, penalties, and interest due from the rental, a warrant for such uncollected amount will be issued and becomes a lien against my property until satisfied.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner/Lessor



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**RENTAL AUTHORIZATION NOTICE**

As per the terms of the Open-ended Rental Agreement between Myself and VRI on file at my home resort I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize  
*(Please Print)*

Vacation Resorts International to rent my unit for the year \_\_\_\_\_ with arrival date of \_\_\_\_\_ and reservation number of \_\_\_\_\_

My resort is \_\_\_\_\_ and my account number is \_\_\_\_\_.

I acknowledge that VRI cannot guarantee rental of my vacation week(s) in part or in whole, and that VRI will use every effort to rent my week and unit at the best rate possible.

Owner(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in the Vacation Resorts International Rental Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Central Reservations at 800-874-8770.

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

<b>Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.</b>	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
	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 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 chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

**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 4.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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## General Instructions

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

### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. 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.

**Note.** If 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 on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the 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 withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives 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 is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (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 not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed 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, tax-exempt 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,
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 the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

## 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” line.

**Limited liability company (LLC).** Check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification (“D” for disregarded entity, “C” for corporation, “P” for partnership) in the space provided.

For a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner’s name on the “Name” line. Enter the LLC’s name on the “Business name” line.

For an LLC classified as a partnership or a corporation, enter the LLC’s name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or DBA name on the “Business name” line.

**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. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the “Business name” line.

**Note.** You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

### Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the “Exempt payee” box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.



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.

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

The following payees 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, or
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,
7. A foreign central bank of issue,
8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
10. A real estate investment trust,
11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
13. A financial institution,
14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

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

## 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 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.ssa.gov](http://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](http://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 [www.irs.gov](http://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.** Entering "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.

## 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, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 2.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 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 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 <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. 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

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

**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.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you think your identity has been used inappropriately for tax purposes.

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](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS personal 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](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT(438-4338).

Visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.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 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, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions 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.

Form **W-8ECI**

(Rev. February 2006)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Certificate of Foreign Person's Claim That Income Is Effectively Connected With the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States**

▶ **Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**  
▶ **Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.**

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**Note:** *Persons submitting this form must file an annual U.S. income tax return to report income claimed to be effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business (see instructions).*

**Do not use this form for:**

- A beneficial owner solely claiming foreign status or treaty benefits . . . . . **W-8BEN**
- A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, foreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) . . . . . **W-8EXP**
- A foreign partnership or a foreign trust (unless claiming an exemption from U.S. withholding on income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States) . . . . . **W-8BEN or W-8IMY**
- A person acting as an intermediary . . . . . **W-8IMY**

**Note:** See instructions for additional exceptions.

**Instead, use Form:**

**Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner** (See instructions.)

<b>1</b> Name of individual or organization that is the beneficial owner		<b>2</b> Country of incorporation or organization	
<b>3</b> Type of entity (check the appropriate box): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded entity <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Simple trust <input type="checkbox"/> Complex trust <input type="checkbox"/> Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Grantor trust <input type="checkbox"/> Central bank of issue <input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> International organization			
<b>4</b> Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). <b>Do not use a P.O. box.</b>			
City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.		Country (do not abbreviate)	
<b>5</b> Business address in the United States (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). <b>Do not use a P.O. box.</b>			
City or town, state, and ZIP code			
<b>6</b> U.S. taxpayer identification number (required—see instructions)		<b>7</b> Foreign tax identifying number, if any (optional)	
<input type="checkbox"/> SSN or ITIN <input type="checkbox"/> EIN			
<b>8</b> Reference number(s) (see instructions)			
<b>9</b> Specify each item of income that is, or is expected to be, received from the payer that is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States (attach statement if necessary) . . . . .			
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**Part II Certification**

**Sign Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I further certify under penalties of perjury that:

- I am the beneficial owner (or I am authorized to sign for the beneficial owner) of all the income to which this form relates,
- The amounts for which this certification is provided are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and are includible in my gross income (or the beneficial owner's gross income) for the taxable year, **and**
- The beneficial owner is not a U.S. person.

Furthermore, I authorize this form to be provided to any withholding agent that has control, receipt, or custody of the income of which I am the beneficial owner or any withholding agent that can disburse or make payments of the income of which I am the beneficial owner.

Signature of beneficial owner (or individual authorized to sign for the beneficial owner)      Date (MM-DD-YYYY)      Capacity in which acting