



WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR

Dated: April 8, 2024

By: Chris Heagele
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

PROPOSAL OPENING: April 30, 2024

**WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR**

The Warren Township Board of Education will accept sealed proposals on April 30, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. The proposals will be publicly opened and read thereafter in the District's office at 213 Mt. Horeb Road, Warren, New Jersey 07059 for the following:

STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR

The request for proposals specifications will be available from the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at the above stated address and on the district's website at:

<https://www.warrentboe.org/business/rfpandbids>.

Proposals must be submitted in the manner designated therein and required by the specifications. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the proposer on the outside, clearly marked STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR and addressed to Mr. Chris Heagele, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Warren Township Board of Education, 213 Mt. Horeb Road, Warren, New Jersey 07059. Sealed proposals must be delivered by the date and time specified above. The Warren Township Board of Education assumes no responsibility for proposals mailed incorrectly or misdirected in delivery.

No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

Respondents are required to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Proposals shall be in conformance with the applicable requirement of N.J.S.A 18A:18A-1 et seq., pertaining to the "Public School Contracts Law".

Chris Heagele
April 8, 2024

WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
213 Mt. Horeb Road
Warren, New Jersey 07059

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR

The Warren Township Board of Education is a growing PK-8 public school district providing educational services to approximately 1,700 students. The school district is comprised of two PK-5 schools, two K-5 schools, and one middle school. The district has multiple special education programs as well as many extra-curricular and middle school interscholastic programs. Further information may be obtained by visiting the school district's website at www.warrentboe.org.

The Warren Township School District uses as its guiding principles the five tenets of the Whole Child:

- Each student enters school **healthy** and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle
- Each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally **safe** for students and adults
- Each student is actively **engaged** in learning and is connected to the school and broader community
- Each student has access to personalized learning and is **supported** by qualified, caring adults
- Each student is **challenged** academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment

The Warren Township School District's mission is to provide, through a safe, nurturing yet challenging environment, all students with an outstanding education that engages students and fosters academic excellence, healthy social and emotional development, and a lifelong passion for learning.

PURPOSE

In accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Warren Township Board of Education is requesting proposals (RFP) from those interested in acting as a facilitator for the district's endeavor to create a strategic plan for the Warren Township School District as directed by the Board of Education. It is the intention of the Warren Township Board of Education to undertake this endeavor in the 2024-25 school year, the outcome of which would be a Strategic Plan for the 2025-2026 through 2029-2030 school years. Under Title 18a-18a-5 (1), the Board is not required to award on the basis of lowest price and will award based on criteria as outlined in this request for proposals. The requests are being made to ensure the District receives the highest quality service at a fair and competitive price.

OBJECTIVE

Develop Warren Township Schools Strategic Plan 2030 to guide the work of the District for the next five years in order to fulfill the mission of the district to maximize each student's potential.

OPPORTUNITY

The district's current strategic plan integrates the Whole Child tenets and identifies priorities to address those tenets. For the next strategic plan, the opportunity exists to evaluate the efforts to address those priorities from 2020-2025 while identifying areas of strength and opportunities for growth to guide the district's work for the next five years.

Previous Strategic Planning Documents

- [2020-2025 Strategic Plan](#)
- [2023-2024 District Goal Action Plans](#)
- [2022-2023 District Goal Action Plans](#)
- [2021-2022 District Goal Action Plans](#)
- [2020-2021 District Goal Action Plans](#)

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The district is seeking a cost proposal to include but not limited to all of the following services as described in items (1-10) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3:

1. Meet with the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee and/or administration on location in Warren Township in July or August 2024 to develop a comprehensive action plan for 2024 - 2025 activities.
2. Assess the successes and challenges with implementing the current strategic plan. Incorporate findings into the action plan for developing the next strategic plan.
3. Conduct focus group with administrative team members on location in Warren Township (date to be mutually agreed upon). This is anticipated to be one-half day during regular business hours.
4. Facilitate large group input sessions with staff members in a format such as the World Cafe on location in Warren Township (date to be mutually agreed upon). This is anticipated to be one full day during regular business hours.
5. Facilitate large group input sessions with community members in a format such as the World Cafe on location in Warren Township in September or October 2024 (date to be mutually agreed upon). This is anticipated to be three sessions on one day such as 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm.
6. Facilitate large group input sessions with Warren Middle School students in a format such as the World Cafe on location in Warren Township in September or October 2024 (date to be mutually agreed upon). This is anticipated to be up to three sessions on one day.
7. Facilitate large group input sessions with Watchung Hills Regional High School students in a format such as the World Cafe on location in Warren Township in September or October 2024 (date to be mutually agreed upon). This is anticipated to be up to three sessions on one day.
8. Work with the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee and/or administration to synthesize input from administration, staff, students, and community members into three to five topics for the development of strategic planning action groups.
9. Facilitate strategic planning action group meetings to develop three to five strategic goals and suggested measurement indicators and annual benchmarks for each. The format for the facilitator's involvement shall be determined in consultation with the superintendent with a goal of supporting highly functioning action group meetings. This can be on-site work with all teams meeting simultaneously, individual group meetings, and/or the provision of templates for work to be conducted independently. This work should be completed between November 2024 and February 2025. *Please specify a preferred approach in the proposal.*
10. Coordinate and facilitate the strategic plan presentation and dialogue at a March 2025 Board of Education meeting.
11. Provide ongoing telephone and email support to the Superintendent throughout the plan development process.

The Warren Township Board of Education shall award a contract to the firm or individual that best meets the needs and interests of the Board. All dates are estimated.

QUALIFICATIONS OF RESPONDENTS

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM INFORMATION:

1. Name of the individual(s) to be assigned to perform the tasks.
2. Professional experience and education of the individual(s) to be assigned including a listing of experience (if any) with the Warren Township Board of Education and/or experience with other New Jersey Boards of Education. Experience facilitating the strategic planning process for a PK-8 and/or PK-12 district is preferred but not required.
3. Knowledge of and experience with ASCD's Whole Child approach to education.
4. A statement concerning the ability of the individual to perform tasks assigned by the Warren Township Board of Education in a timely fashion.
5. A list of three professional references with addresses and telephone contact numbers who can speak to your ability to perform the services outlined above.
6. A copy of your New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report approval pursuant of N.J.A.C. 17:21-1.1 et.seq. or a completed Form AA-302 Initial Employee Information report, if applicable.
7. A copy of your New Jersey Business Registration Certificate, if applicable.

ANTICIPATED SELECTION TIMELINE:

April 30:	Proposal submissions opened
May 6:	Interviews with administrative staff, if necessary
May 23:	Preferred date for in-person finalist(s) presentations at Ad Hoc Committee meeting
June 10:	Preferred date for Board action to appoint a facilitator

CONTRACT PERIOD

The term of contract for the Strategic Plan Facilitator shall be on or about July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

All activities for this contract will be coordinated through the office of:

Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent
908-753-5300

PRESENTATION PACKAGE – Submit the RFP Response

The Warren Township Board of Education seeks from all participating respondents' information that will assist the district in selecting the respondent who will provide the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price.

All respondents shall prepare a presentation package to be submitted with the RFP. The following shall be included in the presentation package:

I. TECHNICAL CRITERIA

A. Description of Services

All respondents should list all services to be rendered with their explanation in detail of how the services will be provided in alignment with the principles of the Whole Child. Respondents by submitting a proposal acknowledge that they fully understand the scope of work, activity and service.

II. MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

A. Transmittal Letter – Proposal

Each respondent shall submit a transmittal letter with the RFP that identifies the person submitting the proposal and includes a commitment by that person to provide the service required by the Warren Township Board of Education.

B. Qualifications: Relevant Experience

All respondents shall submit evidence and documentation highlighting qualifications and experience they have that will assist the district in the evaluation and selection process.

III. COST CRITERIA

A. Fee Proposal

All respondents are to submit a fee proposal that complements the service that is being requested. The school district uses a purchase order system for payment. A schedule for payment should be submitted by successful respondent and:

- Per state statute, payment can only be for services already rendered
- Subject to mutual agreement

NOTE: The proposed fee must be comprehensive, meaning inclusive of any and all ancillary costs. Requests for additional billings will not be honored, including, but not limited to, travel, supplies, etc.

Reminder: The Letter of Transmittal and the Presentation Package are to be submitted with the RFP package.

SUBMISSION OF RFP PACKAGE

All responses to this Request for Proposals (which must include both the Presentation Package and Required Forms Package) are to be addressed to:

Mr. Chris Heagele
Business Administrator
Warren Township Board of Education
213 Mt. Horeb Road
Warren, NJ 07059

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit a Response to this Request for Proposals (which must include both the Presentation Package and Required Forms Package) is:

**Wednesday, April 30, 2024
1:00 p.m.**

AWARD OF CONTRACT/SELECTION CRITERIA

It is the intention of the Warren Township Board of Education to award the contract to the respondent based upon relative experience, qualifications and ability to provide the highest quality of service at fair and competitive prices.

The selection criteria to be used in awarding a contract for the services described herein, shall include:

1. Qualifications of the individuals who will perform the tasks and the amounts of their respective participation;
2. Experience in providing the professional services requested by the Warren Township Board of Education and references related thereto; and familiarity with the School District ;
3. Ability to perform the tasks in a timely fashion, including staffing and familiarity with the subject matter and the Warren Township Board of Education;
4. Location (distance) of primary office in relation to the Warren Township Board of Education schools;
5. Recent, current and projected workload of the individual or firm;
6. Thoroughness and completeness of the applicant's submittal;
7. Cost of proposal.

The Warren Township Board of Education shall award a contract to a firm or individual that best meets the needs and interests of the Board.

AUTHORIZATION TO WORK

No service shall be rendered unless the successful respondent receives an approved purchase order authorizing the respondent to render the service.

EVALUATION PROCESS: METHODOLOGY OF AWARDING CONTRACT

All RFP responses are to be evaluated on the basis of whose response is the most advantageous to all district, price and other factors considered, and whose response will provide the highest quality of service at fair and competitive prices.

The Board of Education will use a one hundred (100) point system in evaluating all proposals. The criteria to be evaluated are identified below:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Value Points</u>
I.	Technical Criteria A. Description of Services	<u>40 points</u>
II.	Management Criteria A. Transmittal Letter B. Qualifications: Relevant Experience	<u>40 points</u>
III.	Cost Criteria A. Fee Proposal	<u>20 points</u>

* The Business Office will assist in the evaluation of the Cost Criteria of all proposals received.

REQUIRED FORMS PACKAGE - All submitted responses must include the completed forms, as well as the Presentation Package.

**WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
213 MT. HOREB ROAD
WARREN, NEW JERSEY 07059
PHONE: (908) 753-5300**

Statutory Requirements

Mandatory Affirmative Action Requirements

Vendors are required to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. All successful vendors must submit evidence of Affirmative Action compliance after notification of award but prior to the execution of goods and services or professional services contract in one of the following forms:

1. A photocopy of a valid letter for an approved Federal Affirmative Action Plan (this approval letter is valid for one year from the date of issuance), or
2. A photocopy of an approved Certificate of Employee Information Report, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4, or
3. If the vendor has none of the above, the public agency is required to provide the vendor with an initial Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA-302).

State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate

It is requested that the contractor provide a State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate to contracting agency with their bid or request for proposal. However, failure to provide proof of business registration with the submission of a bid or other proposal document shall be considered a curable defect, which shall only be cured by the contractor providing the proof of business registration to the contracting agency prior to the time a contract, purchase order or other contracting document is awarded or authorized.

A Contractor shall provide the contracting agency with the business registration of the contractor and that of any named subcontractor prior to the time a contract, purchase order or other contracting document is awarded or authorized. At the sole option of the contracting agency, the requirement that a contractor provide proof of business registration may be fulfilled by the contractor providing the contracting agency with sufficient information for the contracting agency to verify proof of registration of the contractor or named subcontractors through a computerized system maintained by the State of New Jersey. A subcontractor named in a bid or other proposal made by a contractor to a contracting agency shall provide a copy of its business registration to any contractor who shall provide it to the contracting agency. No contract with a subcontractor shall be entered into by any contractor under any contract with a contracting agency unless the subcontractor first provides the contractor with proof of a valid business registration.

A contractor, subcontractor or supplier who fails to provide proof of business registration or provides false business registration information shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration not properly provided or maintained under a contract with a contracting agency. Information on the law and its requirements is available by calling (609) 292-9292.

The requirement that a contractor provide proof of business registration or provide the contracting agency with sufficient information for the contracting agency to verify proof of registration of the contractor or named subcontractors must be submitted to the Purchasing Department by 12:00 Noon on the third Wednesday of each month. Failure to comply with this request will result in the rejection of your bid or request for proposal.

Pay-to-Play Affecting Boards of Education, Chapter 271 of P.L. 2005

In accordance with c. 271, L.2005, the Warren Township Board of Education will require from all business entities submitting proposals, or with whom the Board is negotiating or considering an appointment, a list of political contributions (as defined below) made by the entity (including certain company officials and their spouses) during the preceding 12-month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution. This requirement will be strictly enforced with respect to all covered contracts, including appointments at the annual reorganization meeting of the Board. The list must accompany your proposal or must be provided no later than (10) days prior to the Board's approval of the contract.

This requirement applies to individuals as well as to any form of business entity. The only exceptions are for the following:

1. Contracts having an anticipated value of \$17,500.00 or less are exempted; and
2. Emergency contracts are exempted.

It is your responsibility to prepare and file the list of political contributions and to make certain that the list complies with the law. Your failure to do so will preclude consideration of your appointment or contract for services. Please be advised that the political contributions list you submit to the Warren Township Board of Education must include all contributions made to any State, county or municipal committee of any political party; to any legislative leadership committee; to any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office of this Board of Education and of any other public entity located in Somerset county or located in the 16th Legislative District.

You are obligated to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey election enforcement commission if you receive contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 from public entities in a calendar year. Business entities are responsible for determining if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us

W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

The W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, is requested by the Warren Township Board of Education.

Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification enclosed in the bid to attest, under penalty of perjury, that the person or entity, or one of the person or entity's parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, is not identified on a list created and maintained by the Department of the Treasury as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. If the District finds a person or entity to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, they shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the person or entity.

Disclosure of Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. (L. 2022, c. 3) any person or entity (hereinafter "Vendor") that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list.

EXHIBIT A
MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127) N.J.A.C. 17:27
GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

- Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval
- Certificate of Employee Information Report
- Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance)

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27**

Exhibit A
Affirmative Action Compliance Notice
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
Goods, Services and Professional Services Contracts

This form is a summary of the successful vendor's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The successful vendor shall submit to the public agency, with your proposal or after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

- (a) A photocopy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program (good for one year from the date of the letter);

_____ Yes _____ No

- (b) A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

_____ Yes _____ No

- (c) A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

_____ Yes _____ No

If you answered **NO** to the questions above, an Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA-302) will be mailed to you. Complete the form and retain a copy for your files, forward a copy to the Warren Township Board of Education and an additional copy to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase & Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit EEO Monitoring Program, P.O. Box 206, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0206 along with the required check in the amount of \$150.00 payable to The Treasurer, State of New Jersey, this fee is non-refundable.

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence. The undersigned vendor further understands that his/her proposal shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Company Name _____

Name _____
(Print)

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

If your Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval or your State of New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report is available please attach to this document.

STATE OF _____)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF _____)

Stockholder Disclosure Certification
N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2

Please check the appropriate information that applies, complete the form, and execute where provided.

_____ I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

_____ I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

____ Partnership ____ Corporation ____ Sole Proprietorship ____ Limited Partnership

____ Limited Liability Corporation ____ Limited Liability Partnership ____ Subchapter S Corporation

Stockholders:

Name: _____
Corporate Title: _____
Home Address: _____

Name: _____
Corporate Title: _____
Home Address: _____

Name: _____
Corporate Title: _____
Home Address: _____

Name: _____
Corporate Title: _____
Home Address: _____

By: _____
(Name of Bidder)

(Address)

Subscribed and sworn before me this

_____ day of _____, 2____

(Signature)

(Type or print name of affiant.)

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Corporate Seal

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT THIS FORM BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED, SIGNED AND SUBMITTED
WITH THE C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM.**

Contractor Instructions

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26).

This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
 - of the public entity awarding the contract
 - of that county in which that public entity is located
 - of another public entity within that county
 - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 52:34-25(b) itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an “interest:” ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs).

When the business entity is a natural person, “a contribution by that person’s spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.” [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure.

Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor’s submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(s): “The term “legislative leadership committee” means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.”

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Required Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

This form or its permitted facsimile must be submitted to the local unit
no later than 10 days prior to the award of the contract.

Part I – Vendor Information

Vendor Name:			
Address :			
City :		State:	Zip:

The undersigned being authorized to certify, hereby certifies that the submission provided herein represents compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 and as represented by the Instructions accompanying this form.

Signature	Printed Name	Title
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Part II – Contribution Disclosure

Disclosure requirement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 this disclosure must include all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the form provided by the local unit.

Check here if disclosure is provided in electronic form.

Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount
			\$

Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)

Continuation Page

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Required Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

Page ____ of ____

Vendor Name:

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Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)

WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
213 MT. HOREB ROAD
WARREN, NEW JERSEY 07059
PHONE: (908) 753-5300

List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure
N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

County Name: Somerset

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s: 16, 17, 21, & 22

State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

Freeholders

County Clerk

Sheriff

Surrogate

Municipalities (Mayor and members of governing body, regardless of title):

Bedminster Township	Franklin Township	Raritan Borough
Bernards Township	Green Brook Township	Rocky Hill Borough
Bernardsville Borough	Hillsborough Township	Somerville Borough
Bound Brook Borough	Manville Borough	South Bound Brook Borough
Branchburg Township	Millstone Borough	Warren Township
Bridgewater Township	Montgomery Township	Watchung Borough
Far Hills Borough	North Plainfield Borough	
	Peapack-Gladstone Borough	

Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

Bedminster Township	Green Brook Township	Somerset Hills Regional
Bernards Township	Hillsborough Township	Somerville Borough
Bound Brook Borough	Manville Borough	South Bound Brook
Branchburg Township	Millstone	Warren Township
Bridgewater-Raritan Regional	Montgomery Township	Watchung Borough
Franklin Township	North Plainfield Borough	Watchung Hills Regional
	Rocky Hill	

Fire Districts (Board of Fire Commissioners):

Bridgewater Township Fire District No. 1	
Bridgewater Township Fire District No. 2	
Bridgewater Township Fire District No. 3	
Bridgewater Township Fire District No. 4	
Franklin Township Fire District No. 1	Franklin Township Fire District No. 3
Franklin Township Fire District No. 2	Franklin Township Fire District No. 4
	Hillsborough Township Fire District No. 1
	Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1
	Montgomery Township Fire District No. 2

**WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

Bid Number: _____ **Name of Bidder:** _____

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that the person or entity, or one of the person or entity's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is not identified on a list created and maintained by the Department of the Treasury as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. If the District finds a person or entity to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, they shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the person or entity.

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that the person or entity listed above for which I am authorized to bid/renew:

_____ is not providing goods or services of \$20,000,000 or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person or entity that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran,

AND

_____ is not a financial institution that extends \$20,000,000 or more in credit to another person or entity for 45 days or more, if that person or entity will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

In the event that a person or entity is unable to make the above certification because it or one of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates has engaged in the above-referenced activities, a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities must be provided in Part 2 below to the Warren Township Board of Education under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

PART 2:

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

**EACH BOX WILL PROMPT YOU TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE
QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION.**

Name: _____	Relationship to Bidder/Offeror: _____
Description of Activities: _____	

Duration of Engagement: _____	Anticipated Cessation Date: _____
Bidder/Offeror Contact Name: _____	
Contact Phone Number: _____	

Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran (cont'd)

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the above-referenced person or entity. I acknowledge that the Warren Township Board of Education is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Board to notify the Board in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Warren Township Board of Education and that the Board at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS
WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.5

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. ([L. 2022, c. 3](#)) any person or entity (hereinafter “Vendor”) that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule, or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the definition of “Vendor” below, and have reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify:

(Check the Appropriate Line)

____ A. That the Vendor is not identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

____ B. That I am unable to certify as to “A” above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

____ C. That I am unable to certify as to “A” above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list](#). However, the Vendor is engaged in activity related to Russia and/or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed description of how the Vendor’s activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

<hr/> Signature of Vendor’s Authorized Representative	<hr/> Date
<hr/> Print Name and Title of Vendor’s Authorized Representative	<hr/> Vendor’s FEIN
<hr/> Vendor’s Name	<hr/> Vendor’s Phone Number
<hr/> Vendor’s Address (Street Address)	<hr/> Vendor’s Fax Number
<hr/> Vendor’s Address (City/State/Zip Code)	<hr/> Vendor’s Email Address

i Vendor means: (1) A natural person, corporation, company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, business association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group; (2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act, 22 U.S.C. 262f(c)(3); or (3) Any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in paragraph (1) or (2). NJ Rev. 1.22.2024

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

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

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	Exemptions (see instructions): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	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 the "Name" line 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								
				-				
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), 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.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

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

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.

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, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity,
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* 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. federal 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.

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.

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 broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

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. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ³
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see 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.

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

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

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

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

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, 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.