



**SECTION C – DUE DILIGENCE QUESTIONS**

**Applications will not be processed until proper documentation or details are received and a review is completed. Inaccurate answers will be cause for rejection. You may use a separate piece of paper for further explanation on any Yes answers.**

- 1 a. Have you ever **been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony offense** in any state or by the federal government?  
 No  Yes
- b. Have you ever **had adjudication deferred on any misdemeanor or felony charge or offense**, in any state or by the federal government?  
 No  Yes
- c. Have you ever **served any period of probation** for any misdemeanor or felony offense in any state or by the federal government?  
 No  Yes If you answered “**Yes**” to any of questions **1 a-c**, you must submit **certified** copies of the charging document, indictment, information, or any other charging document, judgment of conviction, and/or deferred adjudication order, probation order, order terminating probation, community supervision and/or parole certificate for each and every crime or offense. If the court states they no longer have the records, please have the court provide us with a letter on their letterhead stating that fact.
  
- 2. Have you or has any corporation, partnership, association or firm in which you were a director, officer, shareholder, manager, member or partner, ever been the subject of an administrative or legal action filed by any insurance department, or financial regulatory agency, or of an action filed on behalf of any state or by the federal government based on alleged violation of state or federal insurance, securities or financial regulatory laws.  
 No  Yes If you answer ‘**Yes**’ you must submit copies of the charging documents and the details of the action.
  
- 3. Are you indebted to any person or entity for premiums collected or commissions retained, or have any claims or judgments been filed against you for retaining premiums or commissions?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 4. Have you ever had an agency contract or company appointment terminated by the appointing company?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 5. Are you currently bonded?  
 No  Yes
  
- 6. Do you have Errors & Omission Coverage?  
 No  Yes
  
- 7. Are you involved in any pending or current litigation, investigations, or E & O claims?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 8. Within the past 10 years, has any E & O carrier denied, paid claims on, or cancelled your coverage?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 9. Within the past 10 years, has a Bonding Company denied, paid out on, or revoked a bond for you?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 10. Have you ever initiated bankruptcy proceedings or declared bankruptcy?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 11. Have you ever defaulted on any debt, including consumer or credit card debt?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 12. Have you had a tax lien which is still unpaid or less than 10 years old?  
 No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION D – ATTACHMENTS**

Copy of Your License (s)       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION E – YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

- a) **Advertising and Solicitation:** The signatory shall use only those solicitation and advertising materials, which have been approved in advance by Boston Mutual’s Home Office.
- b) **Privacy Notice:** The signatory acknowledges that a copy of the Boston Mutual Privacy Notice has been given to you.
- c) **State Laws:** The signatory acknowledges that he/she has read and is familiar with the sections of the insurance code in the state which he/she is seeking an appointment.
- d) **Consumer Report:** California, Minnesota, and Oklahoma resident agents only, please check off box if you wish to receive a copy of your consumer report.
- e) **Application Kit Documents & Navigator:** I have received and reviewed the materials provided in conjunction with this application and I agree to comply with the company’s practices, guidelines and instructions provided. I have read The *Navigator* handbook or read its contents on the Boston Mutual website. I agree to comply with the Principles and Code of Ethical Market Conduct as set forth in The *Navigator*. I acknowledge that if I violate any of the Principles and Code, I will be subject to disciplinary action.

**SECTION F – CERTIFICATIONS**

*I certify that the information contained on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I have misrepresented or omitted relevant information, it may disqualify me for my appointment with Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. I understand that Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, its agents and/or assigns will obtain consumer and/or investigative consumer reports on me and I have signed the attached Authorization allowing them to do so.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title, if signing as an officer of an agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***A FACSIMILE IS ACCEPTABLE IF ALL FOUR PAGES ARE SENT IN THE SAME TRANSMISSION***

**BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE HOME OFFICE OR TPA ADMINISTRATOR USE ONLY**

States Requesting Appointment in: \_\_\_\_\_

States Requesting Licensing in: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees Charged to: \_\_\_\_\_

BML Payroll # : \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AUTHORIZATION**

*In making this application for a producer’s appointment, I authorize Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, its agents and/or assigns to obtain consumer and/or an investigative consumer reports on me, in which information is obtained through personal interviews with family members, business associates, financial sources, friends, neighbors or other third parties with whom I am acquainted. This information will include inquiries as to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living, whichever is applicable. Further, I authorize Boston Mutual to release, for the purpose of processing my application for conducting business for Boston Mutual, any information obtained to any Boston Mutual affiliate or to the principal of the agency or to the agent recommending my appointment or otherwise recommending my application to place business with Boston Mutual. I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of "A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act" , and hereby consent to the preparation of such reports on myself.*

*If I enter into a contract, this authorization shall remain on file and in effect, and shall serve as an ongoing authorization for Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company or its representatives to procure consumer reports at any time during my term of the contract.*

*By my signature below, I hereby release any individual or institution, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at the time result to me, because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information or any attempt to comply with it.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title, if signing as an officer of an agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## NOTICE OF INFORMATION PRIVACY PRACTICES

**Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company**  
*(Herein referred to as "we", "us", "our")*

Your privacy is important to us. We believe in ensuring the privacy of the information you give to us. This notice describes our privacy practices.

We restrict access to your non-public personal information ("*information*") about you. We restrict it to those employees who have a need to know it. They need it to provide products and services to you. To protect your information, we maintain: physical; electronic; and procedural safeguards.

### COLLECTING INFORMATION

We collect financial and health information about you in order to conduct business. Such uses are: to process requests for insurance products; to provide customer service; to process claims; to fulfill legal and regulatory requirements; and for other lawful purposes. We collect this information from you as well as from other sources.

Information we need to collect varies according to the products and services you request. It may include information from:

- your applications and other forms.
- other transactions you've had with us.
- consumer reporting agencies.
- your medical providers and health records.
- other sources.

### SHARING INFORMATION

We treat the information we have collected about you in a confidential way. We do not disclose information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as permitted or required by law.

We may share your information with third parties without your authorization as permitted by law. Such information is used to:

- process or service your insurance transactions with us.
- perform underwriting, administrative, account maintenance and claims functions.
- provide customer service or reinsurance coverage.
- protect against fraud.
- or perform other business functions on our behalf.

We may also share your information with:

- a consumer reporting agency in accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.
- a third party to comply with federal, state or local laws, subpoenas or summonses.
- or as otherwise permitted or required by law.

Third parties receiving information from us are required to: keep it confidential; and to comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws.

Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential. Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company or its reinsurers may, however, make a brief report thereon to the MIB, Inc., formally known as Medical Information Bureau, a not-for-profit membership organization of insurance companies, which operates an information exchange on behalf of its members. If you apply to another MIB member company for life or health insurance coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information about you in its file.

Upon receipt of a request from you, MIB will arrange disclosure of any information in your file. Please contact MIB at 866-692-6901 (TTY 866 346-3642). If you question the accuracy of the information in MIB's file, you may contact MIB and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of MIB's information office is: 50 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 400, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184-8734.

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, or its reinsurers, may also release information from its file to other insurance companies to whom you may apply for life or health insurance, or to whom a claim for benefits may be submitted. Information for consumers about MIB may be obtained on its website at [www.mib.com](http://www.mib.com).

#### **ADVERSE UNDERWRITING DECISION**

You have the right to be advised in writing of the specific reasons for an adverse underwriting decision. Such decisions include:

- declining your application for insurance.
- offers to insure you at a higher than standard rate.
- termination of your coverage.

You must request this information in writing within 90 days from the date we mail you notice of the decision. We will furnish you with a statement of the specific reason for our decision within 21 days of receiving your written request for it.

#### **ACCESS TO YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WE HAVE IN OUR RECORDS**

You have the right to obtain access to all the information we have on you. You have the right to request: the amendment; correction; or deletion of such information. To do so, write us at the address below.

If you have questions about this notice or wish more information about our privacy policies, please write us at:

**Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company**  
Attention: Privacy Office  
120 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021

*Para informacion en espanol, visite [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.*

### **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for additional information.
- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).
- **You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center - FCRA Washington, DC 20580 1-877-382-4357
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word "National" or initials "N.A." appear in or after bank's name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Consumer Help (FRCH) P O Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480 Telephone: 888-851-1920 Website Address: <a href="http://www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov">www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov</a> Email Address: <a href="mailto:ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.gov">ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.gov</a>
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word "Federal" or initials "F.S.B." appear in federal institution's name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929
Federal credit unions (words "Federal Credit Union" appear in institution's name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-519-4600
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Consumer Response Center, 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2638 1-877-275-3342
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture  Office of Deputy Administrator - GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051

# 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		
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"/> Other ▶ .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
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. 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 2.** 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 2.

Social security number								
or								
Employer identification number								

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 2 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

## 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. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, 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 2.)

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must get 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 give your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

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

**If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8.** See Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities.

**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.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 30% of such payments **after** December 31, 2001 (29% **after** December 31, 2003). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will **not** be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 2 for details), or
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

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

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions on page 2 and the separate **Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.**

### 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 social security card. 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 enter in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your **individual** name as shown on your social security card 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).** If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, **enter the owner's name on the "Name" line.** Enter the LLC's 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.

**Exempt from backup withholding.** If you are exempt, enter your name as described above, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. For more information on exempt payees, see the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

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

## 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 an LLC that is **disregarded as an entity** separate from its owner (see **Limited liability company (LLC)** above), and are owned by an individual, enter your SSN (or "pre-LLC" EIN, if desired). If the owner of a disregarded LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the owner's EIN.

**Note:** See the chart on this page 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. Get **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 get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) or from the IRS Web Site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

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

## 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, 3, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see **Exempt from backup withholding** above.

**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 or Archer MSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to give 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. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia to carry out their tax laws.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 30% 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.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN or:
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	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN or:
6. Sole proprietorship	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership	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, but you may also enter your business or "DBA" name. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one).

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the legal 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.)

**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.

