



KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

FCD Motion FCD25-04

Proposed No. FCD25-04.1

Sponsors

1 A MOTION authorizing the Chair to enter into a
2 professional services agreement with Inslee, Best, Doezie
3 & Ryder, P.S. for legal consulting services.

4 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District ("the District") has
5 determined it is in the best interest of the District to hire a consultant to provide legal
6 consultant services, and

7 WHEREAS, the District issued a request for proposals for legal consultant
8 services, and

9 WHEREAS, District staff reviewed the submittals provided by consultants that
10 responded to the request for proposals, and

11 WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into a professional services agreement
12 with Inslee, Best, Doezie & Ryder, P.S. to provide legal consulting services;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 OF THE KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

15 SECTION 1. The Chair of the King County Flood Control Zone District is

FCD Motion FCD25-04

- 16 authorized to enter into the Contract for Professional Services, Attachment A to this
17 motion.

FCD Motion FCD25-04 was introduced on 9/3/2025 and passed by the King County Flood Control District on 9/9/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

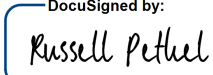
KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

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Reagan Dunn, Chair

ATTEST:

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Russell Pethel, Clerk of the District

Attachments: A. King County Flood Control Zone District Contract for Professional Services

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the King County Flood Control Zone District, a Washington municipal corporation ("District"), and Inslee, Best, Doezie & Ryder, P.S. organized under the laws of the state of Washington, located and doing business at 10900 NE 4th Street, Suite 1500, Bellevue, WA 98004, (425) 450-4209, Charlotte Archer, (hereinafter the "Consultant").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the District has determined the need to have certain services performed for the residents of King County, requiring specific expertise; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to have the Consultant perform such services pursuant to certain terms and conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

AGREEMENT:

1. Scope and Schedule of Services to be Performed by Consultant.

The Consultant shall perform work as assigned by the District, which may include the services described in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full. Additional work may be assigned by the District, however, this Agreement does not obligate the District to assign any specific work or any work to the Consultant. In performing the services, the Consultant shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the services. The Consultant shall perform the services diligently and completely and in accordance with professional standards of conduct and performance.

2. Compensation and Method of Payment. The District shall pay the Consultant for services rendered according to the rates and methods set forth below. The Consultant shall request payment for work performed using the billing invoice form at Exhibit "B."

[Check applicable method of payment]:

☐ **LUMP SUM.** Compensation for these services set forth in Exhibit A shall be a Lump Sum of \$_____.

☐ **TIME AND MATERIALS NOT TO EXCEED.** Compensation for these services shall not exceed \$_____ per year without written authorization and will be based on the list of billing rates and reimbursable expenses attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

☒ **TIME AND MATERIALS.** Compensation for these services shall be on a time and materials basis according to the list of billing rates and reimbursable expenses attached

hereto as Exhibit "C."



OTHER _____

The Consultant shall complete and return to the District Exhibit "D," federal tax Form W-9, prior to or along with the first billing invoice.

3. Payment.

A. The Consultant shall maintain time and expense records and provide them to the District monthly after services have been performed, along with monthly invoices in a format acceptable to the District for work performed to the date of the invoice.

B. All invoices shall be paid by District warrant within thirty (30) days of receipt of a proper invoice. If the District objects to all or any portion of any invoice, it shall so notify the Consultant of the same within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt and shall pay that portion of the invoice not in dispute, and the Parties shall immediately make every effort to settle the disputed portion.

C. The Consultant shall keep cost records and accounts pertaining to this Agreement available for inspection by District representatives for three (3) years after final payment unless a longer period is required by a third-party agreement. Copies shall be made available on request.

D. On the effective date of this Agreement (or shortly thereafter), the Consultant shall comply with all federal and state laws applicable to independent contractors, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of a separate set of books and records that reflect all items of income and expenses of the Consultant's business, pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 51.08.195, as required by law, to show that the services performed by the Consultant under this Agreement shall not give rise to an employer-employee relationship between the parties, which is subject to Title 51 RCW, Industrial Insurance.

E. If the services rendered do not meet the requirements of the Agreement, the Consultant will correct or modify the work to comply with the Agreement. The District may withhold payment for such work until the work meets the requirements of the Agreement. The District shall pay the Consultant for services rendered within thirty (30) days after District voucher approval. However, if the District objects to all or any portion of an invoice, it shall notify Consultant and reserves the option to only pay that portion of the invoice not in dispute. In that event, the Parties will immediately make every effort to settle the disputed portion.

F. The District reserves the right to direct the Consultant's compensated services before reaching the maximum amount.

4. Duration of Agreement.

A. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period commencing upon mutual execution of this Agreement, and ending July 30, 2026, unless sooner terminated under the provisions of this Agreement. The District reserves the right to offer up to three one-year extensions prior to the expiration of the Agreement to retain the Consultant's services.

B. Time is of the essence of this Agreement in each and all of its provisions in which performance is required. If delays beyond the Consultant's reasonable control occur, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to determine whether an extension is appropriate.

5. Standard of Care. The Consultant represents and warrants that it has the requisite training, skill, and experience necessary to provide the services under this Agreement and is appropriately accredited and licensed by all applicable agencies and governmental entities. Services provided by the Consultant under this Agreement will be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing in similar circumstances.

6. Ownership and Use of Documents.

A. *Ownership.* Any records, files, documents, drawings, specifications, data, or information, regardless of form or format, and all other materials produced by the Consultant in connection with the services provided to the District, shall be the property of the District whether the project for which they were created is executed or not.

B. *Records preservation.* Consultant understands that this Agreement is with a government agency and thus all records created or used in the course of Consultant's work for the District are considered "public records" and are subject to disclosure by the District under the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW ("the Act"). Consultant agrees to safeguard and preserve records in accordance with the Act. The District may be required, upon request, to disclose the Agreement, and the documents and records submitted to the District by Consultant, unless an exemption under the Public Records Act applies. If the District receives a public records request and asks Consultant to search its files for responsive records, Consultant agrees to make a prompt and thorough search through its files for responsive records and to promptly turn over any responsive records to the District's public records officer at no cost to the District.

7. Relationship of the Parties; Independent Consultant. The Parties intend that an independent contractor-client relationship will be created by this Agreement. As the Consultant is customarily engaged in an independently established trade which encompasses the specific service provided to the District hereunder, no agent, employee, representative or sub-consultant of the Consultant shall be or shall be deemed to be the employee, agent, representative or sub-consultant of the District. In the performance of the work, the Consultant is an independent contractor with the ability to control and direct the performance and details of the work, the District being interested only in the results obtained under this Agreement. None of the benefits provided by the District to its employees, including, but not limited to, compensation, insurance, and unemployment insurance are available from the District to the employees, agents, representatives, or sub-consultants of the Consultant. The District shall not be responsible for withholding or otherwise deducting federal income tax or social security or contributing to the State Industrial Insurance Program, or otherwise assuming the duties of an employer with respect to the Consultant, or any employee of the Consultant. The Consultant will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and for the acts of its agents, employees, representatives, and sub-consultants during the performance of this Agreement. The District may, during the term of this Agreement, engage other independent contractors to perform the same or similar work that the Consultant performs hereunder.

8. Indemnification.

A. Consultant shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all costs, claims, injuries, damages, suits, losses or liabilities of any nature, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant, its officers, employees and agents in performing this Agreement.

B. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Agreement is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Consultant and the District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, the Consultant's liability, including the duty and cost to defend, hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Consultant's negligence.

C. IT IS FURTHER SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED HEREIN CONSTITUTES THE CONSULTANT'S WAIVER OF IMMUNITY UNDER INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE, TITLE 51 RCW, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS INDEMNIFICATION. THIS WAIVER HAS BEEN MUTUALLY NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES.

D. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9. Insurance. The Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, or employees.

A. *Minimum Scope of Insurance.* Consultant shall obtain insurance of the types described below:

i. Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, hired and leased vehicles. Coverage shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01 or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage.

ii. Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written on ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent Consultants and personal injury and advertising injury. The District shall be named as an additional insured under the Consultant's Commercial General Liability insurance policy with respect to the work performed for the District.

iii. Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington.

iv. Professional Liability insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession.

B. *Minimum Amounts of Insurance.* Consultant shall maintain the following insurance limits:

- i. Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 per accident.
- ii. Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written with limits no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate.
- iii. Professional Liability insurance shall be written with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 policy aggregate limit.

C. *Other Insurance Provisions.* The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions for Automobile Liability, Professional Liability, and Commercial General Liability insurance:

- i. The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the District. Any insurance, self-insurance or insurance pool coverage maintained by the District shall be in excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- ii. The Consultant's insurance shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either Party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by mail has been given to the District.

D. *Verification of Coverage.* The Consultant shall furnish the District with original certificates for all policies and a copy of the amendatory endorsements, including but not necessarily limited to, the additional insured endorsement for Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability, evidencing the insurance requirements of the Consultant before commencement of the work.

E. *Notice of Cancellation.* The Consultant shall provide the District with written notice of any policy cancellation, within two business days of their receipt of such notice.

F. *Failure to Maintain Insurance.* Failure on the part of the Consultant to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract, upon which the District may, after giving five business days' notice to the Consultant to correct the breach, immediately terminate the contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the District on demand, or at the sole discretion of the District, offset against funds due the Consultant from the District.

G. *No Limitation.* Consultant's maintenance of insurance as required by the Agreement shall not be construed to limit the liability of the Consultant to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the District's recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity.

10. Record Keeping and Reporting.

A. The Consultant shall maintain accounts and records, including personnel, property, financial and programmatic records which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature

expended and services performed pursuant to this Agreement. The Consultant shall also maintain other such records as may be deemed necessary by the District to ensure proper accounting of all funds contributed by the District to the performance of this Agreement.

B. The foregoing records shall be maintained for a period of seven (7) years after the termination of this Agreement unless permission to destroy them is granted by the Office of the Archivist in accordance with RCW Chapter 40.14 and by the District.

11. District's Right to Inspection and Audit.

A. Even though the Consultant is an independent contractor with the authority to control and direct the performance and details of the work authorized under this Agreement, the work must meet the approval of the District and shall be subject to the District's general right of inspection to secure the satisfactory completion thereof. The Consultant agrees to comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations that are now effective or become applicable within the terms of this Agreement to the Consultant's business, equipment, and personnel engaged in operations covered by this Agreement or accruing out of the performance of such operations.

B. The records and documents with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement shall be subject at all times to inspection, review or audit by the District during the performance of this Agreement. All work products, data, studies, worksheets, models, reports, and other materials in support of the performance of the service, work products, or outcomes fulfilling the contractual obligations are the products of the District.

12. Work Performed at the Consultant's Risk. The Consultant shall take all precautions necessary and shall be responsible for the safety of its employees, agents, and sub-consultants in the performance of the work hereunder and shall utilize all protection necessary for that purpose. All work shall be done at the Consultant's own risk, and the Consultant shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to materials, tools, or other articles used or held by the Consultant for use in connection with the work.

13. Termination.

A. *Termination without cause.* This Agreement may be terminated by the District at any time for public convenience, for the Consultant's insolvency or bankruptcy, or the Consultant's assignment for the benefit of creditors.

B. *Termination with cause.* This Agreement may be terminated upon the default of the Consultant and the failure of the Consultant to cure such default within a reasonable time after receiving written notice of the default.

C. *Immediate Termination.* This Agreement may be terminated immediately if the Consultant's insurance coverage is canceled for any reason, or if the Consultant is unable to perform the services called for by this Agreement.

D. *Rights Upon Termination.*

i. With or Without Cause. Upon termination for any reason, all finished or

unfinished documents, reports, or other material or work of the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted to the District, and the Consultant shall be entitled to just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed prior to the date of termination, not to exceed the total compensation set forth herein. The Consultant shall not be entitled to any reallocation of cost, profit or overhead. The Consultant shall not in any event be entitled to anticipated profit on work not performed because of such termination. The Consultant shall use its best efforts to minimize the compensation payable under this Agreement in the event of such termination. Upon termination, the District may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise.

ii. Default. If the Agreement is terminated for default, the Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the Agreement until all work called for has been fully performed. Any extra cost or damage to the District resulting from such default(s) shall be deducted from any money due or coming due to the Consultant. The Consultant shall bear any extra expenses incurred by the District in completing the work, including all increased costs for completing the work, and all damage sustained, or which may be sustained, by the District by reason of such default.

E. *Suspension.* The District may suspend this Agreement, at its sole discretion. Any reimbursement for expenses incurred due to the suspension shall be limited to the Consultant's reasonable expenses, and shall be subject to verification. The Consultant shall resume performance of services under this Agreement without delay when the suspension period ends.

F. *Notice of Termination or Suspension.* If delivered to the Consultant in person, termination shall be effective immediately upon the Consultant's receipt of the District's written notice or such date as stated in the District's notice of termination, whichever is later. Notice of suspension shall be given to the Consultant in writing upon one week's advance notice to the Consultant. Such notice shall indicate the anticipated period of suspension. Notice may also be delivered to the Consultant at the address set forth in the "Notices" Section herein.

G. Nothing in this Subsection shall prevent the District from seeking any legal remedies it may otherwise have for the violation or nonperformance of any provisions of this Agreement.

14. Discrimination Prohibited.

A. The Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or any person seeking the services of the Consultant under this Agreement, on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital status, presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or other circumstance prohibited by federal, State or local law or ordinance, except for a bona fide occupational qualification.

B. Violation of this Section shall be a material breach of this Agreement and grounds for cancellation, termination, or suspension of the Agreement by the District, in whole or in part, and may result in ineligibility for further work for the District.

15. Force Majeure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any prevention, delay or stoppage due to strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, acts of God, acts of war, terrorist acts, inability to obtain services, labor, or materials or reasonable substitutes therefor, governmental actions,

governmental laws, regulations or restrictions, civil commotions, casualty, actual or threatened public health emergency (including, without limitation, epidemic, pandemic, famine, disease, plague, quarantine, and other significant public health risk), governmental edicts, actions, declarations or quarantines by a governmental entity or health organization, breaches in cybersecurity, and other causes beyond the reasonable control of the Party obligated to perform, regardless of whether such other causes are (i) foreseeable or unforeseeable or (ii) related to the specifically enumerated events in this paragraph (collectively, a "Force Majeure"), shall excuse the performance of such Party for a period equal to any such prevention, delay or stoppage. To the extent this Agreement specifies a time period for performance of an obligation of either Party, that time period shall be extended by the period of any delay in such Party's performance caused by a Force Majeure.

16. Assignment and Subcontract. The Consultant shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the services contemplated by this Agreement without the written consent of the District. Any assignment made without the prior approval of the District is void.

17. Conflict of Interest. The Consultant represents to the District that it has no conflict of interest in performing any of the services set forth in Exhibit "A". In the event that the Consultant is asked to perform services for a project with which it may have a conflict, Consultant will immediately disclose such conflict to the District.

18. Confidentiality. All information regarding the District obtained by the Consultant in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential. Breach of confidentiality by the Consultant shall be grounds for immediate termination.

19. Non-appropriation of Funds. If sufficient funds are not appropriated or allocated for payment under this Agreement for any future fiscal period, the District will so notify the Consultant and shall not be obligated to make payments for services or amounts incurred after the end of the current fiscal period. This Agreement will terminate upon the completion of all remaining services for which funds are allocated. No penalty or expense shall accrue to the District in the event that the terms of the provisions are effectuated.

20. Employment of State Retirees. The District is a "DRS-covered employer" which is an organization that employs one or more members of any retirement system administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS). Pursuant to RCW 41.50.139(1) and WAC 415-02-325(1), the District is required to elicit on a written form if any of the Contractor's employees providing services to the District retired using the 2008 Early Retirement Factors (ERFs), or if the Contractor is owned by an individual who retired using the 2008 ERFs, and whether the nature of the service and compensation would result in a retirement benefit being suspended. Failure to make this determination exposes the District to significant liability for pension overpayments. As a result, before commencing work under this Agreement, Contractor shall determine whether any of its employees providing services to the District or any of the Contractor's owners retired using the 2008 ERFs, and shall immediately notify the District and shall promptly complete the form provided by the District after this notification is made. This notification to DRS could impact the payment of retirement benefits to employees and owners of Contractor. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District from any and all claims, damages, or other liability, including attorneys' fees and costs, relating to a claim by DRS of a pension overpayment caused by or resulting from Contractor's failure to comply with the terms of this provision. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

21. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or bind either of the parties. If there is a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the attached exhibits, then the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail over the exhibits. Either party may request changes to the Agreement. Changes which are mutually agreed upon shall be incorporated by written amendments to this Agreement.

22. **Non-waiver of Breach.** The failure of either Party to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, or to exercise any option herein contained in one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of said covenants, agreements, or options, and the same shall be in full force and effect.

23. **Modification.** No waiver, alteration, modification of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the District and the Consultant.

24. **Notices.** All notices or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (a) personally delivered, in which case the notice or communication shall be deemed given on the date of receipt at the office of the addressee; (b) sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, in which case the notice or communication shall be deemed given three (3) business days after the date of deposit in the United States mail; or (c) sent by overnight delivery using a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in which case the notice or communication shall be deemed given one business day after the date of deposit with such courier. In addition, all notices shall also be emailed, however, email does not substitute for an official notice. Notices shall be sent to the following addresses:

DISTRICT:

King County Flood Control District
Russell Pethel
Administrator / Clerk
516 3rd Ave. Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

CONSULTANT:

Inslee Best Doezie & Ryder, PS
Skyline Tower, Suite 1500
10900 NE 4th Street
Bellevue, WA 98004
Phone No.: 425.450.4209
Email: carcher@insleebest.com

25. **Applicable Law; Venue; Attorney's Fees.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. In the event any suit, arbitration, or other proceeding instituted to enforce any term of this Agreement, the Parties specifically understand and agree that venue shall be exclusively in King County, Washington. The prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to its attorney's fees and costs of suit, which shall be fixed by the judge hearing the case, and such fee shall be included in the judgment.

26. Compliance with Laws. The Consultant agrees to comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations that are now effective or in the future become applicable to Consultant's business, equipment, and personnel engaged in operations covered by this Agreement or accruing out of the performance of those operations.

27. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which will together constitute this one Agreement.

28. Severability. Any provision or part of this Agreement held to be void or unenforceable under any law or regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon the District and the Consultant, who agree that the Agreement shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as reasonably possible to expressing the intent of the stricken provision.

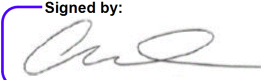
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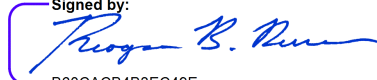
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District and the Consultant have executed this Agreement as of the dates listed below.

CONSULTANT:

Signed by:
By: 
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Charlotte Archer
Shareholder

Date: 9/15/2025

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Signed by:
By: 
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Reagan Dunn
Board Chair

Date: 9/15/2025

Scope of Work

The scope of services for District representation includes providing regular legal services and advice to District staff and the Board of Supervisors on a variety of subjects including but not limited to District power and authority, federal, state and local laws and regulations, eminent domain, nuisance abatement, public/private development, bidding and construction, purchasing and procurement, property acquisition and easements, sale and transfer of real property and interests, employment, public disclosure, open public meetings, claims for damages and methods to avoid litigation. At a minimum, the successful firm or individual who will represent the District is expected to do the following:

- Attend hybrid Executive Committee meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, from 1:30-3:00 PM PST and special meetings as needed. Meetings are held virtually via Zoom Webinar and in person at the King County Courthouse at 516 Third Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.
- Attend hybrid Board meetings on the Second Tuesday of every month, beginning 1:30 PM PST and special meetings as needed. Meetings are held virtually via Zoom Webinar and in person at the King County Courthouse at 516 Third Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.
- Recommend methods and strategies to avoid claims and litigation.
- Appear before administrative agencies, hearings examiners and courts to represent the District's interests.
- Prepare and/or review resolutions, contracts, interlocal agreements and other legal documents.
- Promote awareness of ethics standard amongst staff, officials and contractors to avoid conflicts of interests.
- Assist District staff, officials and contractors to understand their respective legal roles and responsibilities.
- Provide procedural guidance in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order at all Board meetings.
- Provide legal advice to staff relating to District business and various governmental issues.
- Provide legal opinions to staff relating to issues involving employee discipline up to and including termination.
- Prepare formal written legal opinions at the request of the Board of Supervisors.
- Perform other legal services and tasks, as requested by the Board of Supervisors.



EXHIBIT B
KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BILLING INVOICE

To: Russell Pethel
King County Flood Control District
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

E-mail: russell.pethel@kingcounty.gov
Phone: 206-848-0278

Business Name / Specific Program:

Invoice Number: _____ Date of Invoice: _____

Consultant Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Contract Period: _____ Reporting Period: _____

Amount Requested this Invoice: _____

Attach itemized description of services provided.

Authorized signature

For Department Use Only

BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Contract Amount: _____

Previous Payments: _____

Current Request: _____

Balance Remaining: _____

Approved for Payment by: _____

Date: _____

FEE PROPOSAL

We propose to provide legal services to King County Flood Control District based on a straight hourly fee structure which we feel is best suited to the types of legal services to be provided.

A proposed Fee Schedule is below. The names of the attorneys, both shareholders and associates, most likely to work with the District are identified in the Fee Schedule. Since the bulk of the legal services will be performed by members of our Municipal Group, we have identified a special “municipal rate” that is less than what we would normally charge our private clients. The proposed Municipal Group rates will remain firm for two years.

If legal assistance is needed from partners outside of the Municipal Group (e.g., for litigation, personnel/employment, or large business or real estate transactions) all other partners and contract attorneys would charge their regular hourly rates less 10%, subject to client approval. Any fees that are charged through from the District to other parties, where possible, based on District policies and procedures (i.e., development work, franchise review, etc.) will be charged at our standard rates.

Inslee Best bills on a monthly basis. All invoices summarize the date and description of legal services performed, the attorney performing the services, the time spent on the services, and the charge for the services.

INSLEE, BEST, DOEZIE & RYDER, P.S.
Attorney Billing Rates for 2026 and 2027

ATTORNEYS	HOURLY RATES
Charlotte Archer	\$ 350
Curtis Chambers	\$ 350
Maili Barber	\$ 350
Chris Pirnke	\$ 350
Rosemary Larson	\$ 375
Dawn Reitan	\$ 375
Jennifer Robertson	\$ 375
Municipal Group Associates	\$ 320
Other Firm partners	10% less than regular firm rates, rounded to next lowest \$5 increment, adjusted annually
Fees charged to other parties (i.e., developers, franchisees, etc.)	Regular firm rates

Form **W-9**
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**
Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

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

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____ Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions) _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions ☐	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)	Social security number											
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> , later.	<table><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				-			-				
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Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.	or Employer identification number											
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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 for Part II, later.			
Sign Here	<table><tr><td>Signature of U.S. person</td><td>Date</td></tr></table>	Signature of U.S. person	Date
Signature of U.S. person	Date		

General Instructions

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

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

Purpose of Form

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

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must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers).
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions).
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions).
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), and 1098-T (tuition).
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt).
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property).

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

Caution: If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting is correct. See *What Is FATCA Reporting*, later, for further information.

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).

Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding. Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

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

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

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 (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(l)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

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 their 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 their 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.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include, but are not limited to, 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 instructions for Part II 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, as described in item 4 under "*By signing the filled-out form*" above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

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

See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier.

What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, 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 are no longer 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

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

• **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note for ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040 you filed with your application.

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

• **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the owner entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should 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 line 1. 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 line 2. 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.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, enter it on line 2.

Line 3a

Check the appropriate box on line 3a for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3a.

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation.
• Individual or	Individual/sole proprietor.
• Sole proprietorship	
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification:
• LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.
• Partnership	Partnership.
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate.

Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

Note: A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

Line 4 Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space on line 4.

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 U.S. commonwealth or territory, 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 U.S. commonwealth or territory.
- 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 as defined under section 581.
- 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 Information, 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 reportable under section 6045(f), 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 requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) entered on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- 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 U.S. commonwealth or territory, 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 Regulations 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 Regulations 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.

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

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 ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. 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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, 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 SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 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/EIN. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "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, you will generally 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. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

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 item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates 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 line 1 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), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), 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) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
14. 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
15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations 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 on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. 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.)

* **Note:** The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.

** For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

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, 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 return 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 a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic 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 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 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 (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Go to www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft 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 territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also 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, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.