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# HYDRAFLO, INC.

*Manufacturers of Fire Hydrant  
Replacement Parts*

## FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

DATE: 11-29-16 MESSAGE FROM: Buddy Barbay

TO: Jefferson Parish ATTN: Purchasing-

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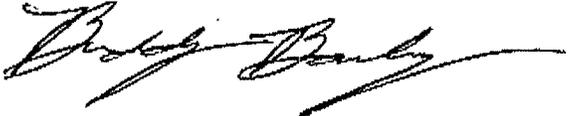
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### MESSAGE:

Here is our bid for bid#50-00118438

Thanks,



Buddy Barbay



**CENTRALBIDDING**

FROM CENTRAL AUCTION HOUSE

**5000118438 - QUANTITY OF VARIOUS TOOLS AND SUPPLIES**  
Jefferson Parish Government

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**Bid Number 50-00118438**

**QUANTITY OF VARIOUS TOOLS AND SUPPLIES**

**BID DUE: DECEMBER 9, 2016 AT 11:00 AM**

**ATTENTION VENDORS!!!**

**Please review all pages and respond accordingly, complying with all provisions in the technical specifications and Jefferson Parish Instructions for Bidders and General Terms and Conditions. All bids must be received in the Purchasing Department by the bid due date and time.**

**Jefferson Parish Purchasing Department  
200 Derbigny Street  
General Government Building, Suite 4400  
Gretna, LA 70053  
Buyer Name: Misty A. Camardelle  
Buyer Email: [mcamardelle@jeffparish.net](mailto:mcamardelle@jeffparish.net)  
Buyer Phone: 504-364-2683  
FAX: 504-364-2693**



# JEFFERSON PARISH

## Department of Purchasing

Michael S. Yenni  
Parish President

Brenda J. Campos  
Director

### **CHANGES TO JEFFERSON PARISH BIDDING PROCEDURES**

#### **\*\*\*POSTPONING OPENING OF EB LOCATION TO JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017\*\*\***

In an effort to enhance services to our vendor community, the Purchasing Department will begin maintaining an EB Office location in the Joseph S. Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 404, Jefferson, LA 70123. Beginning January 9, 2017 bidders may submit bid responses to this location, pending authorization in each bid package. **Bidders should carefully read and must respond accordingly per the requirements of the bid packages.** Please note that all bid openings will continue at 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, Gretna, LA 70053.

#### **Other Changes Continued:**

- Affidavits (Non-Public Works Affidavit or Public Works Affidavit) – as you are aware, bidders are required to submit affidavits pursuant to LA public bid law and Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances. Bidders must read each bid package to ensure compliance. Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, **affidavits are required with bid submission.** While copies are acceptable to include with bid submission, original affidavits are required upon contract execution. Original affidavits are encouraged with bid submission.
- Current W9 Forms and vendor applications may be submitted at any time; however, if your company is not registered and/or a current W-9 form is not on file, a current W-9 form must be supplied upon contract execution, should you be awarded a contract and/or issued a purchase order.
- Upon contract execution, successful bidder must continue producing final insurance certificates per standard Jefferson Parish insurance requirements. Proof of insurance is required for bidding purposes. Bidders must read the insurance requirements attachment included in each bid package for specific instructions.

**Bidders should reference the "Additional Requirements" section of the bid instructions and/or the "Important Notice to Bidders" included in the bid package for specific requirements to respond accordingly.** These changes are pursuant Louisiana Public Bid Law more specifically, Act 406 of the 2016 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session. For the purposes of this communication, this change applies to Jefferson Parish Government bid solicitations only. For more information, please call Jefferson Parish Purchasing at 504-364-2678.

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BID NO.: 50-00118438

**JEFFERSON PARISH**

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
P.O. BOX 9  
GRETNA, LA. 70054-0009  
504-364-2678

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BUYER:	MCAMARD
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Bids will be received until 11:00 AM, 12/09/2016 via fax: 504-364-2693 or via online at [www.jeffparish.net](http://www.jeffparish.net)

All bids submitted are subject to these instructions and general conditions and any special conditions and specifications contained herein, all of which are made part of this bid proposal reference. By submitting a bid, vendor agrees to comply with all provisions of Louisiana Law, as well be in compliance with the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, Louisiana Code of Ethics, applicable Jefferson Parish ethical standards and Jefferson Parish Resolution No. 113646 and/or Resolution No. 113647. A copy of these resolutions may be obtained from the Office of the Parish Clerk, Suite 6700, Jefferson Parish General Government Building, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70053. You may also obtain a copy by visiting the Purchasing Department webpage at [purchasing.jeffparish.net](http://purchasing.jeffparish.net) and clicking on On-line forms.

All vendors submitting bids should register as a Jefferson Parish vendor if not already yet registered. Registration forms may be downloaded from <http://purchasing.jeffparish.net> and by clicking on Vendor Information. Current W-9 forms with respective Tax Identification numbers and vendor applications may be submitted at any time; however, if your company is not registered and/or a current W-9 form is not on file, vendor registration is mandatory. Further, a current W-9 form and respective Tax Identification number must be supplied upon contract execution, should you be awarded a contract and/or issued purchase order. Failure to do so may result in delay of payment.

As per LSA-RS 47:301 et seq., all governmental bodies are excluded from payment of sales taxes to any Louisiana taxing body. Quotations shall be based on F.O.B. Delivered, anywhere within the Parish as designated by the Purchasing Department. JEFFERSON PARISH WILL ACCEPT ONE BID ONLY FROM EACH VENDOR. Items bid must meet specifications. JEFFERSON PARISH will accept one price for each item unless otherwise indicated. Two or more prices for one item will result in bid rejection. Bidders are required to complete, sign and return the bid form and/or complete and return the associated line item pricing forms as indicated. The price quoted for work shall be stated in figures. In the event there is a difference in unit prices and totals, the unit prices shall prevail.

JEFFERSON PARISH reserves the right to award contracts or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or such combination, as shall in its judgment be in the best interest of JEFFERSON PARISH. Every contract or order shall be awarded to the LOWEST RESPONSIVE and RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, taking into consideration the CONFORMITY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS and the DELIVERY AND/OR COMPLETION DATE

JEFFERSON PARISH reserves the right to cancel all or any part of an order if not shipped promptly. No charges will be allowed for parking or cartage unless specified in the quotation. The order must not be filled at a higher price than quoted. JEFFERSON PARISH reserves the right to cancel at any time and for any reason by issuing a THIRTY (30) day written notice to the contractor.

JEFFERSON PARISH requires all products to be new (current) and all work must be performed according to standard practices for the project. Unless otherwise specified, no aftermarket parts will be accepted. Unless otherwise specified, all workmanship and materials must have at least one (1) year guaranty, in writing, from the date of delivery and/or acceptance of the project. Any deviations or alterations from the specifications must be indicated and/or supporting documentation supplied with bid submission.

If this bid requires a pre-bid conference (see Additional Requirements section), bidders are advised that such conference will be held to allow bidders the opportunity to identify any discrepancies in the bid specifications and seek further clarification regarding instructions. The Purchasing Department will issue a written response to bidders' questions in the form of an Addendum.

All formal Addenda require written acknowledgment on the bid form by the bidder. Failure to acknowledge an Addendum on the bid form shall cause the bid to be rejected; JEFFERSON PARISH reserves the right to award bid to next lowest responsive and responsible bidder in this event.

**USE OF BRAND NAMES AND STOCK NUMBERS:** Where brand names and stock numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards of quality. Bids may be submitted for products of equal quality, provided brand names and stock numbers are specified. Complete product data may be required prior to award.

Quantities listed are for bidding purposes only. Actual requirements may be more or less than quantities listed.

Bidders are not to exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination under any program or activity, any person in the United States on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex; nor discriminate on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or on the basis of religion, except that any exemption from such prohibition against discrimination on the basis of religion as provided in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, or Title VI and VII of the Act of April 11, 1968, shall also apply. This assurance includes compliance with the administrative requirements of the Revenue Sharing final handicapped discrimination provisions contained in Section 51.55 (c), (d), (e), and (k)(5) of the Regulations. New construction or renovation projects must comply with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, as amended, in accordance with the American National Standard Institute's specifications (ANSI A1 17.1-1961).

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REGULATIONS JEFFERSON PARISH OFFERS ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT TO ALL VENDORS**

This electronic procurement system allows vendors the convenience of reviewing and submitting bids online. This is a secure site and authorized personnel have limited read access only. Bidders are encouraged to submit electronically using this free service; while the website accepts various file types, one single PDF file containing all appropriate and required bid documents is preferred. Bidders submitting uploaded images of bid responses are solely responsible for clarity. If uploaded images/documents are not legible, then bidder's submission will be rejected. Please note all requirements contained in this bid package for electronic bid submission.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BID**

PLEASE MATCH THE NUMBERS PRINTED IN THIS BOX WITH THE CORRESPONDING INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

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1. All bidders must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid conference and will be required to sign in and out as evidence of attendance. In accordance with LSA R.S. 38:2212(l), all prospective bidders shall be present at the beginning of the MANDATORY pre-bid conference and shall remain in attendance for the duration of the conference. Any prospective bidder who fails to attend the conference or remain for the duration shall be prohibited from submitting a bid for the project.
2. Attendance to this pre-bid conference is optional. However, failure to attend the pre-bid conference shall not relieve the bidder of responsibility for information discussed at the conference. Furthermore, failure to attend the pre-bid conference and inspection does not relieve the successful bidder from the necessity of furnishing materials or performing any work that may be required to complete the work in accordance with the specification with no additional cost to the owner.
3. Contractor must hold current applicable JEFFERSON PARISH licenses with the Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement. Contractor shall obtain any and all permits required by the JEFFERSON PARISH Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement. The contractor shall be responsible for the payment of these permits. All permits must be obtained prior to the start of the project. Contractor must also hold any and all applicable Federal and State licenses. Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of these permits and shall obtain them prior to the start of the project.
4. A LA State Contractor's License will be required in accordance with LSA R.S. 37-2150 et. seq. and such license number will be shown on the outside of the bid envelope. Failure to comply will cause the bid to be rejected. Additionally if submitting the bid electronically, then the license number must be entered in the appropriate field in the Electronic Procurement system. Failure to comply will cause the bid to be rejected.
5. It is the bidder's responsibility to visit the job site and evaluate the job before submitting a bid.
6. Job site must be clean and free of all litter and debris daily and upon completion of the contract. Passageways must be kept clean and free of material, equipment, and debris at all times. Flammable material must be removed from the job site daily because storage will not be permitted on the premises. Precautions must be exercised at all times to safeguard the welfare of JEFFERSON PARISH and the general public.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS**

7. **PUBLIC WORKS BIDS:** All awards for public works in excess of \$5,000.00 will be reduced to a formal contract which shall be recorded at the contractor's expense with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Jefferson. A price list of recordation costs may be obtained from the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Jefferson. All awards in excess of \$25,000.00 will require both a performance and a payment bond. Unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications, the performance bond requirements shall be 100% of the contract price. Unless otherwise state in the bid specifications, the payment bond requirements shall be 100% of the contract price. Both bonds shall be supplied at the signing of the contract.
8. **NON-PUBLIC WORKS BIDS:** A performance bond will be required for this bid. The amount of the bond will be 100% of the contract price unless otherwise indicated in the specifications. The performance bond shall be supplied at the signing of the contract.
9. **NON-PUBLIC WORKS BIDS:** A payment bond will be required for this bid. The amount of the bond will be 100% of the contract price unless otherwise indicated in the specifications. The payment bond shall be supplied at the signing of the contract.
10. Unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications, the successful bidder will be required to procure standard insurance policies evidencing Parish-mandated insurance requirements as indicated on the attached "insurance requirements" sheet. All bidders must comply with the instructions in this sheet. Failure to comply will cause bid to be rejected.
11. A bid bond will be required with bid submission in the amount of 5% of the total bid, unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications. Acceptable forms shall be limited to cashier's check, certified check, or surety bid bond. All sureties must be in original format (no copies). If submitting a bid online, vendors must submit an electronic bid bond through the respective online clearinghouse bond management system(s) as indicated in the electronic bid solicitation on Central Auction House. No scanned paper copies of any bid bond will be accepted as part of the electronic bid submission.
12. This is a requirements contract to be provided on an as needed basis. JEFFERSON PARISH makes no representations on warranties with regard to minimum guaranteed quantities unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications.
13. Freight charges should be included in total cost when quoting. If not quoted FOB DELIVERED, freight must be quoted as a separate item. Bid may be rejected if not quoted FOB DELIVERED or if freight charges are not indicated on bid form.
14. **PUBLIC WORKS BIDS - Completed, Signed and Properly Notarized Affidavits Required;** This applies to all solicitations for construction, alteration or demolition of public buildings or projects, in conformity with the provisions contained in LSA-RS 38:2212.9, LSA-RS 38:2212.10, LSA-RS 38:2224, and Sec 2-923.1 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances. For bidding purposes, all bidders must submit with bid submission COMPLETED, SIGNED and PROPERLY NOTARIZED Affidavits, including: Non-Conviction Affidavit, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Campaign Contribution Affidavit, Debt Disclosures Affidavit and E-Verify Affidavit. For the convenience of vendors, all affidavits have been combined into one form entitled PUBLIC WORKS BID AFFIDAVIT. This affidavit must be submitted in its original format, and without material alteration, in order to be compliant and for the bid to be considered responsive. A scanned copy of the completed, signed and properly notarized affidavit may be submitted with the bid, however, the successful bidder must submit the original affidavit in its original format and without material alteration upon contract execution. Failure to comply will result in the bid submission being rejected as non-responsive. The Parish reserves the right to award bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder in this event.
15. **NON PUBLIC WORK BIDS - Completed, Signed and Properly Notarized Affidavits Required** in conformity with the provisions contained in LSA - RS 38:2224 and Sec 2-923.1 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances. For bidding purposes, all bidders must submit with bid submission COMPLETED, SIGNED and PROPERLY NOTARIZED Affidavits, including: Non-Collusion Affidavit, Debt Disclosures Affidavit and Campaign Contribution Affidavit. For the convenience of vendors, all affidavits have been combined into one form entitled NON PUBLIC WORKS BID AFFIDAVIT. This affidavit must be submitted in its original format, and without material alteration, in order to be compliant and for the bid to be considered responsive. A scanned copy of the completed, signed and properly notarized affidavit may be submitted with the bid, however, the successful bidder must submit the original affidavit in its original format and without material alteration upon contract execution. Failure to comply will result in the bid submission being rejected as non-responsive. The Parish reserves the right to award bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder in this event.
16. The ensuing contract for this bid solicitation may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement and/or Federal funding/reimbursement. As such, the referenced appendix will be applicable accordingly and shall be considered a part of the bid documents. All applicable certifications must be duly completed, signed and submitted with bid submission. Failure to submit applicable certifications with bid submission will result in bid rejection.

It shall be the duty of every parish officer, employee, department, agency, special district, board, and commission; and the duty of every contractor, subcontractor, and licensee of the parish, and the duty of every applicant for certification of eligibility for a parish contract or program, to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, performance review, or hearing pursuant to Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances Section 2-156.10(19). By submitting a bid, vendor acknowledges this and will abide by all provisions of the referenced Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances.

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**JEFFERSON PARISH**

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
P.O. BOX 9  
GRETNA, LA. 70054-0009  
504-364-2678

VENDOR: 27118 BLANK BID COPY VENDOR

BUYER: MCAMARD

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JEFFERSON PARISH is expecting all products to be new and all work is to be done in a workman-like manner, according to standard practices. Any deviations or alterations from the specifications must be indicated and backup documentation supplied with your quotation.

<b>DELIVERY: FOB JEFFERSON PARISH</b>	
INDICATE DELIVERY DATE ON EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	_____
INDICATE STARTING TIME (IN DAYS) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK	_____
INDICATE COMPLETION TIME (IN DAYS) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK	_____

In the event that addenda are issued with this bid, bidders MUST acknowledge all addenda on the bid form. Bidder must acknowledge receipt of an addendum on the bid form as indicated. Failure to acknowledge any addendum on the bid form will result in bid rejection.

Acknowledge Receipt of Addenda: NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LOUISIANA CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NO.: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>*** ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE SECTION BELOW ***</b>	
FIRM NAME: Hydraflo, Inc.	
SIGNATURE: (Must be signed here) 	TITLE: Vice President
PRINT OR TYPE NAME: Buddy Barbay	
ADDRESS: 1030 Milam St.	
CITY, STATE: Beaumont, TX	ZIP: 77701
TELEPHONE: (800) 327-7853	FAX: (409) 832-4954
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

TOTAL PRICE OF ALL BID ITEMS: \$ 1294.09

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SEALED BID

ITEM NUMBER	QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT PRICE QUOTED	TOTALS
1	55.00	EA	QUANTITY OF VARIOUS TOOLS AND SUPPLIES  0010 KIT, SAFETY FLANGE REPAIR, 5-1/4 INCH MUELLER IMPROVED/CENTURION (FOR MODELS BEFORE 1987) CATALOG NUMBER A-423 PART NUMBER A301-07, MUST BE OEM MUELLER BRAND PARTS	no bid	
2	1.00	EA	0020 STEM, LOWER, THREADED, 2.5 FEET 5-1/4 INCH MUELLER IMPROVED FOR MODELS BEFORE 1972 OLD STYLE CATALOG NUMBER A-24015 PART NUMBER 185302 <u>Hydraflo #1012-2-6</u> ITEM NUMBER H-79	56.25	56.25
3	10.00	EA	0030 COUPLING (SOLID), EXTENSION STEM, THREADED, 5-1/4 INCH MUELLER IMPROVED  FOR MODELS BEFORE 1972 OLD STYLLE CATALOG NUMBER A-24015, PART NUMBER 175495 <u>Hydraflo #1045</u>	51.88	518.80
4	6.00	EA	0040 PACKING, STEM 1/8 INCH TWISTED ROUND, NON-ASBEAIDS, GRAPHITED, AMERICAN BRADING STYLE 3030-INA	no bid	
5	8.00	EA	0050 REDUCER, CONCENTRIC, 6 INCH, BY 4 INCH DUCTILE IRON, FLANGED, FUSION  EPOXY COATED, WITHOUT ACCESSORIES, MUST HAVE AWWA, ASTM, OR ANISI APPROVAL AND WRITTEN PROOF OF ISO9001 CERTIFICATION	no bid	
6	12.00	EA	0060 CLAMP, 6 INCH BY 15 INCH LONG, ALL STAINLESS 6.84 TO 7.24 RANGE,  SINGLE BAND, FULL GASKET, DOMESTIC FORD NUMBER S1-724X15	no bid	
7	1.00	EA	0070 STEM, UPPER, CLEVIS PIN TYPE, 29-1/32 INCH LONG, LEFT OPEN /COUNTER  CLOCKWISE, 5-1/4 MUELLER SUPER CENYURIION (FOR MODELS BEYWEEN 1975 AND 1976) NEW STYLE CATALOG NUMBER A-423 PART NUMBER 184094, ITEM NUMBER A-11	no bid	
8	6.00	EA	0080 PLATE, UPPER, 5-1/4 INCH MUELLER IMPROVED FOR MODELS BEFORE 1972 OLD STYLE CATALOG NUMBER A-24015, ITEMH-83, PART NUMBER 180001  <u>Hydraflo #2012</u>	119.84	719.04

**W-9**  
Form (Rev. October 2007)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

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

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Name (as shown on your income tax return)  
**HYDRAFLO, INC**

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box:  Individual/sole proprietor  Corporation  Partnership  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ .....  Exempt payee  
 Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)  
**1030 MILAM ST.**

City, state, and ZIP code  
**BEAUMONT, TX 77701**

Requestor's name and address (optional)  
**JEFFERSON PARISH PURCHASING**

List account number(s) here (optional)  
*Vendor # 27711*

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3. Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
or	
Employer identification number	<b>76 0138320</b>

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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
- 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
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ *[Signature]* Date ▶ *1-13-11*

**General Instructions**

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

**Purpose of Form**

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

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

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

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

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

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

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

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

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