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**5000126719 ONE TIME PURCHASE OF NUTS & BOLTS FOR THE
JEFFERSON PARISH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**
Jefferson Parish Government

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BID #50-126719

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PARISH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

MAY 24, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M.

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-Suite 4400
Gretna, LA 70053**

Buyer Name: SHANNA FOLSE

PLEASE "EMAIL" ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BID TO:

Buyer Email: SFOLSE@JEFFPARISH.NET

Buyer Phone: 504-364-2680



JEFFERSON PARISH

Department of Purchasing

Michael S. Yenni
Parish President

Renny Simno
Director

April 24, 2019

CHANGES FOR THE JEFFERSON PARISH PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- **Purchasing will be moving back to the General Government Building the week of May 6, 2019.**
- **All Public Bid Openings (2 pm response time) after the week of May 6, 2019 will be held in Jefferson Parish Purchasing Department, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, Gretna, LA, 70053.**
- **All advertised bid submissions (2 pm) and all non-advertised bid submissions (11 am) are due at the 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400 address or via on-line through Central Bidding until the date and time the bid is to open. For convenience, the bid submission can be delivered to our satellite office in the Yenni Bldg, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd, Suite 404, Jefferson, LA, 70123 until the day before the bid opening date and time.**
- **Always refer to the Invitation to Bid instructions for pre-bid information (if applicable).** 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.
- **Proof of insurance in the form of a current certificate evidencing coverages is required with bid submission from all bidders.** Bidders must read the insurance requirement attachment included in each bid package for specific instructions. Upon contract execution, successful bidder must produce final insurance certificates in accordance with Jefferson Parish insurance requirements.

For more information, please call Jefferson Parish Purchasing at 504-364-2678.

Joseph S. Yenni Building – 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Ste. 404, Jefferson, LA 70123
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General Government Bldg. – 200 Derbigny St – Suite 4400 - Gretna, LA 70053
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DATE: 5/21/2019

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BID NO.: 50-00126719

JEFFERSON PARISH

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

VENDOR:

BUYER: SFOLSE@jeffparish.net

Bids will be received until 11:00 AM, 5/24/2019 via online at www.jeffparishbids.net or by hand delivery, USPS mail or other courier service to Purchasing Department, 200 Derbigny Street (General Government Building), Suite 4400, Gretna, LA 70053. For convenience, bidders may also submit bids in the East Bank Purchasing Department, Suite 404, Jefferson Parish Joseph S. Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson LA 70123. However, if submitting bids on the day of bid opening, bidders must submit at the West Bank location only.

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 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

PROTESTS: Only those vendors that submitted a bid in response to this solicitation may submit a protest in writing to the Director of the Purchasing within 48 hours of bid opening. The Purchasing Director will review it in connection with the Parish Attorney's Office as appropriate and a written response will be provided as soon as possible.

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 alteration from the specifications must be indicated on the bid form for each item and upon request, product data for same must be submitted by the time specified by the Purchasing Department.

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).

Jefferson Parish and its partners as the recipients of federal funds are fully committed to awarding a contract(s) to firm(s) that will provide high quality services and that are dedicated to diversity and to containing costs. Thus, Jefferson Parish strongly encourages the involvement of minority and/or woman-owned business enterprises (DBE's, including MBE's, WBE's and SBE's) to stimulate participation in procurement and assistance programs.

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.

Please visit our E-Procurement Page at www.jeffparishbids.net to register and view Jefferson Parish solicitations. For more information, please visit the Purchasing Department page at <http://purchasing.jeffparish.net>.

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(I), 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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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 stated 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. All bidders must comply with the requirements stated in the attached "Standard Insurance Requirements" sheet attached to this bid solicitation. Prior to contract executions/purchase order issuance, the successful bidder will be required to provide final insurance certificates which shall name Jefferson Parish as an additional insured in accordance with the instructions in the aforementioned "Standard Insurance Requirements" sheet.
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 2-155.10(19). By submitting a bid, vendor acknowledges this and will abide by all provisions of the referenced Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances.

DATE: 5/21/2019

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BID NO.: 50-00126719

JEFFERSON PARISH

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

VENDOR: _____

BUYER: SFOLSE

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DELIVERY: FOB JEFFERSON PARISH	
INDICATE DELIVERY DATE ON EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	<u>10 to 12 weeks</u>
INDICATE STARTING TIME (IN DAYS) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK	<u>NA</u>
INDICATE COMPLETION TIME (IN DAYS) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK	<u>NA</u>

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) _____

*** ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE SECTION BELOW ***	
FIRM NAME: <u>Hall Signs Inc.</u>	TITLE: <u>BID Specialist</u>
SIGNATURE: (Must be signed here) <u>Dennis Riddle</u>	TITLE: <u>BID Specialist</u>
PRINT OR TYPE NAME: <u>Dennis Riddle</u>	
ADDRESS: <u>4495 W. Vernal Pike</u>	
CITY STATE: <u>Bloomington, IN</u>	ZIP: <u>47404</u>
TELEPHONE: <u>(800) 284-7446</u>	FAX: <u>(812) 332-9816</u>
EMAIL ADDRESS: <u>bids@hallsigns.com</u>	

TOTAL PRICE OF ALL BID ITEMS: \$ 10,000.00

INVITATION TO BID FROM JEFFERSON PARISH - continued

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SEALED BID

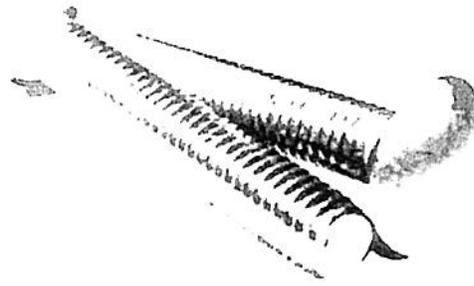
ITEM NUMBER	QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	UNIT PRICE QUOTED	TOTALS
1	10,000.00	EA	ONE TIME PURCHASE OF NUTS & BOLTS FOR THE JEFFERSON PARISH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 0010 ALUMINUM CARRIAGE BOLTS USED TO ATTACH SIGN PLATES TO U CHANNEL POSTS		
			PART # 010-031601 CARRIAGE ALUMINUM BOLT 5/16" X 2" VCB 244A-ALUMINUM CARRIAGE BOLT PLAIN FINISH 5/16" DIAMETER 18 THREAD 2" LENGTH	\$0.53ea	\$5300.00
2	10,000.00	EA	0020 ALUMINUM CARRIAGE NUTS USED TO ATTACH SIGN PLATES TO U CHANNEL POSTS PART # 010-051500 FLUTED TP NUT THREAD SIZE: 5/16"(.3125")- 18-3B TAP DRILL: "F" (.157") +/- .001"O TO BE DELIVERED TO: TRAFFIC ENGINEERING-SIGN SHOP 2100 DICKORY AVE HARAHAH, LA 70123 ***PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS***	\$0.47	\$4,700.00

Literature

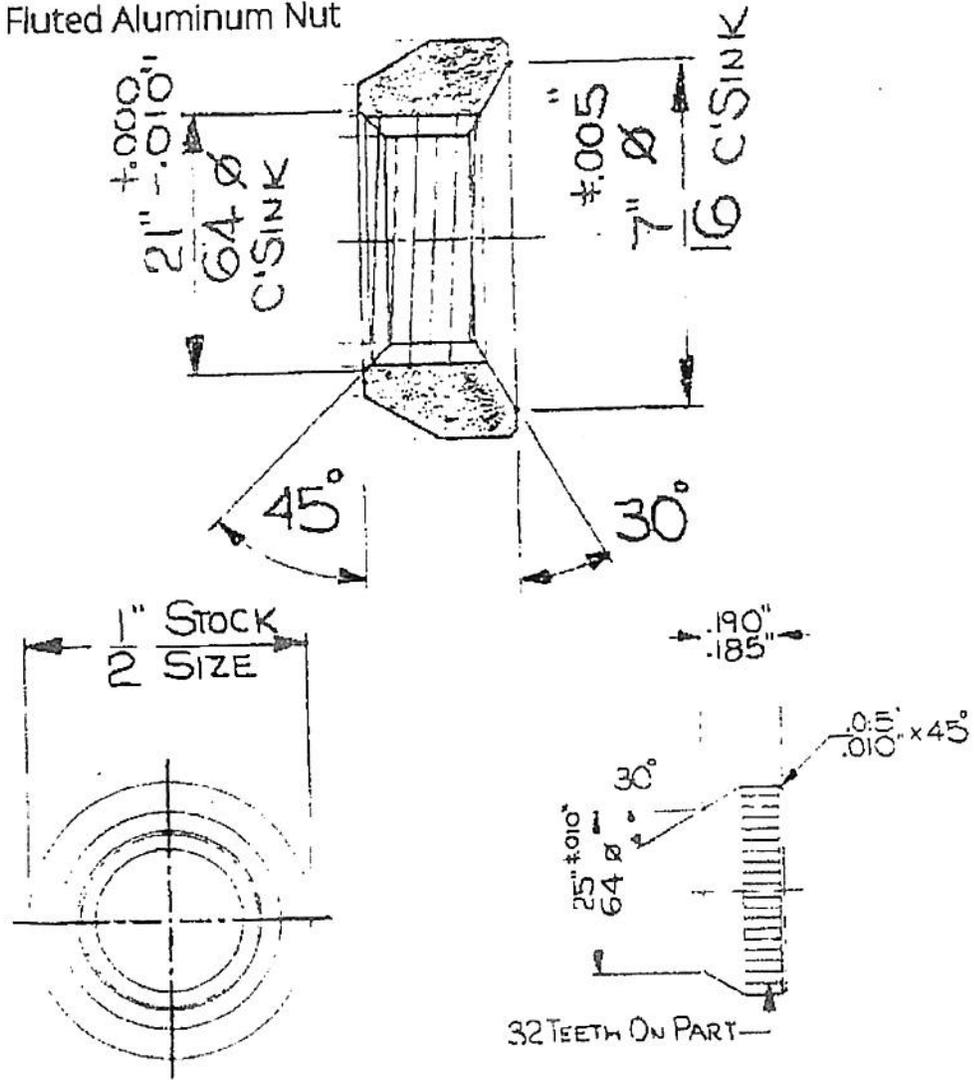
VCB 244A—Aluminum Carriage Bolt

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Aluminum
Plain Finish
5/16" Diameter
18 Thread
2" Length



Fluted Aluminum Nut



THD. SIZE: 5/16" (.3125") -18-3B
TAP DRILL: "F" (.157") $\pm .001$ " ϕ

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return) Hall Signs, Inc.	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 4495 W. Vernal Pike		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code Bloomington, IN 47404		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

Social security number								

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number								
3	5	-	1	0	3	7	2	9

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Dennis Riddle</i>	Date ▶ <i>05/22/2019</i>
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General Instructions

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

Purpose of Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

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

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

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

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

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

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

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

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

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

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

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

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

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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

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

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

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.