

INVITATION TO BID
2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT
NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
(BID NUMBER 14B-007)

The Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333, will receive sealed bids up to 2:30 P.M. EDT on July 1, 2014, for the aerial application of chemical herbicide for vegetation management purposes to conduct site preparation activities on approximately 488 acres in Bay, Holmes and Walton Counties. The qualified contractor providing the lowest bid for the services will be issued a Purchase Order (P.O.) and Scope of Work (SOW) for the work, a draft of which is contained within the Invitation to Bid. The specifications and conditions contained in the draft SOW should be reviewed and taken into consideration when preparing bids.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the Invitation to Bid. Interested prospective bidders may obtain a copy of the complete Invitation to Bid package at the above address or by calling (850) 539-5999 or visiting the District's web site at www.nwfwater.com or on the state Vendor Bid System through the BUSINESS link at MyFlorida.com.

The bid opening is open to the public. Provisions will be made to accommodate the handicapped provided the District is given at least 72 hours advance notice.

All bids must comply with applicable Florida Statutes.

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PART I
GENERAL INFORMATION

1-1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Invitation to Bid, "bidder" shall mean contractors, vendors, consultants, respondents, organizations, firms or other persons submitting a response to this Invitation to Bid.

1-2 PURPOSE

This Invitation to Bid provides guidelines for the submission of bids for the project entitled:

2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

1-3 ISSUING OFFICE, DATE AND LOCATION OF BID OPENING

Division of Land Management and Acquisition
Northwest Florida Water Management District
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, Florida 32333-4712

Hereinafter referred to as the "District"

**THE DISTRICT MUST RECEIVE ALL BIDS BY 2:30 P.M. EDT
ON JULY 1, 2014**

1-4 INVITATION TO BID

The District solicits offers for the services of responsible bidders to perform the **2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT**.

1-5 CONTRACT AWARDS

The District anticipates entering into a contract with, or issuing a purchase order to the bidder who submits the bid judged by the District to be most advantageous. The District anticipates awarding one contract or issuing a single purchase order, but reserves the right to award more than one if it is in its best interest.

The bidder understands that this Invitation to Bid does not constitute an agreement or a contract with the District. An official contractor agreement is not binding until bids are reviewed and accepted by appointed staff, approved by the appropriate level of authority within the District and both parties execute the contract or agreement.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to negotiate with the apparent low bidder, to waive any informalities of a minor nature, and to solicit and re-advertise for other bids. The District may correct mistakes clearly evident on the face of the bid documents, such as computation errors.

All bids are subject to the approval of the Executive Director or the Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board at a duly noticed Board meeting, as appropriate.

Notice of a contract award shall be posted in the office of the Agency Clerk. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57 (3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of the proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

1-6 DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Neither the District nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a response to this Invitation to Bid. Bidders should prepare their bids simply and economically, providing a straightforward and concise description of the bidders' ability to meet the requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

1-7 INQUIRIES

The District encourages interested parties to contact the District to discuss this Invitation to Bid. Mr. Tyler Macmillan, Chief, Bureau of Land Management Operations, will receive questions concerning this Invitation to Bid at (850) 539-5999, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. weekdays, from the date of this release until 2:30 P.M. EDT on June 24, 2014. The District will provide written answers to substantive questions in the form of written addenda to all bidders who requested a paper copy of the Invitation to Bid package and will post written addenda on the District's internet website and on the State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website.

If issued, the District will distribute written addenda at least seven calendar days before the bid opening date in accordance with section 1-12. All bidders should contact the District at least seven days before the bid opening date to ascertain whether any addenda have been issued.

1-8 TIMETABLE

The District and bidders shall adhere to the following schedule in all actions concerning this Invitation to Bid.

- A. On June 11, 2014 the District issues the Invitation to Bid.
- B. From June 11, 2014 to July 1, 2014 the District will receive and answer inquiries (received by telephone and/or by mail).

- C. The District must receive the bids by the 2:30 P.M. EDT opening time on July 1, 2014.
- D. From opening time the District will review and evaluate the bids on a timely basis.
- E. The District may enter into a contract or issue a purchase order after conducting negotiations and obtaining appropriate approvals.

1-9 DELAYS

The District may delay scheduled due dates if it is to the advantage of the District to do so. The District will notify bidders of all changes in scheduled dates by written notice.

1-10 BID SUBMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL

The District will receive bids at the following address:

**Northwest Florida Water Management District
Attn.: Agency Clerk
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, Florida 32333-4712**

For hand deliveries via courier service, or to attend the bid opening, please use the location below:

**Northwest Florida Water Management District
U.S. Highway 90 west, 10 miles west of Tallahassee**

To facilitate processing, the face of the envelope shall state in capital letters: **"SEALED BID ON BID NUMBER 14B-007 TO BE OPENED JULY 1, 2014, AT 2:30 P.M. EDT AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT."**

The envelope shall also include the bidder's return address. Envelopes received but not properly marked will not be considered.

Bidders shall submit one copy of the bid in a sealed, opaque envelope marked as noted above. The bidder may submit the bid in person, by courier, or by mail.

**THE DISTRICT MUST RECEIVE ALL BIDS BY 2:30 P.M. EDT
ON JULY 1, 2014.**

Bids received after the established deadline will not be considered. The District cautions bidders to assure actual delivery of mailed or hand delivered bids directly to the District's Division of Administration prior to the deadline set for opening bids. Bidders are also cautioned that the District usually does not receive U.S. mail delivery until after 2:30 P.M. EDT each day. Any

bids received after 2:30 P.M. EDT on July 1, 2014 will not be considered. Telephone confirmation of timely receipt of the bid may be made by calling (850) 539-5999 before bid opening time.

Receipt of a bid by any District office or personnel other than the District receptionist or the Division of Administration does not constitute "delivery" as required by this Invitation to Bid.

Bidders may withdraw their bid by notifying the District in writing at any time prior to the opening. Bidders may withdraw their bids in person or through an authorized representative. Bidders and authorized representatives must disclose their identity and provide a signed receipt for the bid. Bids, once opened, become the property of the District and will not be returned to the bidders.

Upon opening, bids become "public record" and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Bidders must invoke the exemptions to disclosure provided by law in the response to the Invitation to Bid by providing the specific statutory authority for the claimed exemption, identifying the data or other materials to be protected, and stating the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary.

Bids will be made available for inspection at the time the District posts notice of its decision or intended decision concerning contract awards, or ten (10) days after the bid opening, whichever is earlier.

1-11 BID BOND

A bid bond will not be required for this project.

1-12 ADDENDA

If revisions become necessary, the District will provide written addenda to all prospective bidders who requested a paper copy of the Invitation to Bid. The written addenda will also be posted on the District's internet website and on the State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website. **All addenda issued by the District will include a receipt form, which must be signed and included with any bids that are submitted to the District. In the event that multiple addenda are issued, a separate receipt for each addendum must be included with the proposal at the time it is submitted to the District.** Prospective bidders are responsible for determining whether addenda have been issued and are advised to check the websites or with the District's project manager prior to submitting their bid.

1-13 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The District recognizes fair and open competition as a basic tenet of public procurement. Bidders doing business with the District are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, handicap, age or sex.

It is the policy of the District to ensure that qualified bidders wishing to participate in the procurement process have the maximum opportunity to compete and perform on District contracts.

The District encourages participation by minority and women business enterprises (MBE/WBE) and requests MBE/WBEs to submit evidence of such designation with their bids. For further information on designation as a minority business enterprise, prospective bidders may contact the District's Finance Office at (850) 539-5999.

An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

1-14 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

At its discretion, the District may require any bidder to make an oral presentation of the bid. These presentations provide an opportunity for the bidder to clarify the bid for the District. The District will schedule any such presentations.

1-15 NEWS RELEASES

The bidder should obtain the prior approval of the District for all news releases or other publicity pertaining to this Invitation to Bid or the service, study or project to which it relates.

1-16 INSURANCE

The bidder, if awarded a contract, shall maintain insurance coverage reflecting the amounts and conditions specified. In the event the proposer is a governmental entity or a self-insured organization, different insurance requirements may apply. Misrepresentation of any material fact, whether intentional or not, regarding the bidder's insurance coverage, policies or capabilities may be grounds for rejection of the bid and rescission of any ensuing contract.

1-17 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

1-18 PROHIBITED CONTACT

Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

1-19 VENDOR CHECKLIST

Please review the checklist for this bid (ITB No. 14B-007) to ensure that you have properly followed the instructions. Many bids and proposals are rejected because the respondent simply failed to comply with required preparation and submission requirements.

- ☐ Have you performed a final review of your bid to ensure you included all required documentation?
- ☐ Have you verified all amounts to ensure that they are complete and accurate?
- ☐ Have you signed the Bidder Acknowledgment form (5-1) on page 12 and included it in your package?
- ☐ Have you completed the Bid Format (5-2) and Bid Sheet (5-3) forms on pages 13, 14 and 15 and included them in your package?
- ☐ **IS YOUR ENVELOPE PROPERLY MARKED?** See page 5 of this ITB for further details. Most rejected bids are caused by the respondent failing too properly mark their package. All incoming correspondence is opened when received unless properly marked for a specified opening date and time. If your bid is opened prior to the designated date and time, it cannot be considered.

- ☐ Have you selected the method of shipping that will ensure that your response will arrive before the deadline? Responses received after the date and time specified will not be considered.
- ☐ Have you completed the Vendor Registration and W-9 Forms (attached) and included them in your package? (These forms are not required if the District already has them on file)
- ☐ Have you provided evidence of your Minority Business designation, if applicable? Please attach any pertinent documents to the Invitation to Bid package.
- ☐ If applicable, have you completed and included all addenda receipt forms per 1-12?

The following additional documents must be included and attached to your final bid:

- ☐ Copies of your current insurance coverage, limits, etc.
- ☐ Evidence you are a licensed pesticide/herbicide applicator in the State of Florida.
- ☐ Aircraft/Pilots License.

PART II
SCOPE OF SERVICES

Please see the attached draft Scope of Work for the complete description of required activities, locations, technical specifications, schedules, instructions, and terms and conditions.

PART III

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING BIDS

3-1 RULES FOR BIDS

A. COMPLIANCE

All bids must comply with applicable Florida Statutes, laws and rules.

B. BID ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS

One copy of each bid must be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope. The face of the envelope shall state in capital letters:

"SEALED BID ON BID NUMBER 14B-007 TO BE OPENED JULY 1, 2014, AT 2:30 P.M. EDT AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT."

C. BID DELIVERY RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that his/her bid is delivered at the proper time and place of the opening. Bids which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered. Bids by telegram, telephone or fax will not be accepted. The Northwest Florida Water Management District is located in the Eastern Time Zone, approximately ten (10) miles west of Tallahassee on U.S. Highway 90.

D. DISTRICT FORMS

When included, all bids shall be submitted on forms supplied by the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

E. BID BONDS

If applicable, bid bonds or other bid security required in conjunction with this bid shall be in the form of a certified check, Cashier's check, money order or Surety bond in the amount and form approved by the District.

F. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The award hereunder is subject to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. All bidders shall disclose with their bids the name of any officer, director, board member or agent who is also an employee of the State of Florida, or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders shall disclose the name of any state employee or any board member or employee of the District who owns directly or indirectly an interest of ten percent (10%) or more in the bidder's firm, subsidiaries or branches.

G. TAX EXEMPT

The District is not subject to Florida sales tax or to any federal excise taxes on all sales made directly to the District, and neither shall be included in the bid price. Tax exemption forms will be supplied to the successful bidder upon request.

H. TRANSPORTATION

Any transportation or other charges incurred in the delivery of the product or service as specified must be included in the bid price.

I. COSTS

All costs whether direct or indirect which will be ultimately paid by the District must be included in the bid price. Any indirect, overhead, profit margin or other such costs, however named, which are reflected as a percentage figure must also be identified in a dollar amount and included in the bid price.

J. TIE BIDS

The District shall determine the award of any tie bids on the basis of factors deemed to serve the best interest of the District.

PART IV

EVALUATION OF BIDS

4-1 EVALUATION METHOD AND CRITERIA

2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

The District will evaluate all bids and anticipates awarding the 2014 Site Preparation Project purchase order based upon the lowest lump sum amount bid for all services.

PART V
BID FORMS

5-1 BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned, having read Parts I through VI of this Invitation to Bid, BID NUMBER 14B-007 and having a comprehensive understanding of all provisions, rules, requirements, restrictions, etc. contained herein, agree to same and respectfully submit the bid contained herein.

Authorized Signature

Position or Title

Typed or Printed Name of Above Signature

Agency or Company

Unsigned bids may be rejected by the Agency Clerk of the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

April Murray, Agency Clerk
Northwest Florida Water Management District

5-2 BID FORMAT

A. Business Name and Address: _____

B. Years of experience in the aerial application of chemical herbicide for site preparation purposes: _____

C. List of subcontractors, if any, who may be used to perform aerial application of chemical herbicide for site preparation purposes:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Type of Firm</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

D. List of similar aerially applied chemical herbicide for site preparation projects you completed within the past 12 months:

| <u>Date (Month/Year)</u> | <u>Location (County/State)</u> | <u>Number of Acres</u> | <u>For Whom</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

The following additional documents must be included and attached to your bid:

- ☐ Copies of your current insurance coverage, limits, etc.
- ☐ Evidence you are a licensed pesticide/herbicide applicator in the State of Florida.
- ☐ Aircraft/Pilots License.
- ☐ Vendor Registration Form (please indicate minority status)(unless already on file).
- ☐ W-9 Form (unless already on file).
- ☐ If the use of a generic herbicide is proposed for this job, please provide the name, manufacturer and detailed application formula, or recipe on a separate sheet and attach to your bid.

5-3 BID SHEET

BID SHEET (14B-007)
NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

| Stand # | County | Section | T | R | Acres | Price/Acre | Total |
|---------|--------|----------|----|-----|-------|------------|-------|
| 1 | Bay | 20/29 | 1S | 13W | 83 | \$ | \$ |
| 2 | Bay | 29/32 | 1S | 13W | 82 | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | Bay | 27/28/33 | 1S | 13W | 46 | \$ | \$ |
| 4 | Holmes | 9 | 6N | 16W | 9 | \$ | \$ |
| 5 | Walton | 4 | 1S | 18W | 27 | \$ | \$ |
| 6 | Walton | 3 | 1S | 18W | 122 | \$ | \$ |
| 7 | Walton | 2 | 1S | 18W | 55 | \$ | \$ |
| 8 | Walton | 2 | 1S | 18W | 64 | \$ | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | | 488 | | \$ |

Grand Total Lump Sum Quote Amount for Aerial Application of Chemical Herbicide for Site Preparation Activities on 488 Acres:

\$ _____

I certify that this bid is made without subsequent understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the work described herein, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the Bidder and that the Bidder is in compliance with all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Bidder Signature

Date

Bidder Name (Print or Type)

Company Name

BID SHEET (14B-007)
NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

(CONTINUED)

Bidder Title

Address

Area Code Telephone Number

City State Zip

Area Code Fax Number

E-mail address

Federal Employers Identification (FEID#) (Use SS # if no FEID #)

PART VI
DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK
2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

6-1 DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK – 2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT

Please see the attached Draft Scope of Work. This Scope of Work is subject to change subsequent to legal and administrative review.

SCOPE OF WORK

ATTACHMENT TO PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND **<INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME> FOR THE 2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT**

General

This Scope of Work (SOW) is for the aerial application of chemical herbicide for vegetation management purposes to conduct site preparation activities on approximately 488 acres in Bay, Holmes, and Walton counties, Florida, in accordance with the specifications and conditions described in the contract documents. The chemical herbicide application operation will be conducted by **<INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME>** (CONTRACTOR) for the Northwest Florida Water Management District (DISTRICT).

The contract documents for this project consist of this Scope of Work document, the Exhibit Maps, Invitation to Bid No. 14B-007, Bidders Response, Technical Specifications, all addenda issued prior to issuance of the Purchase Order, the bid submitted by the CONTRACTOR, and all modifications issued subsequent thereto, and the Purchase Order. These documents are part of this contract as if attached to this contract, whether or not they are actually attached.

Description of Work

- A. This project will be known as the **2014 SITE PREPARATION PROJECT** and consists of the aerial application of chemical herbicide for vegetation management purposes to conduct site preparation activities on approximately 488 acres.
- B. Individual chemical herbicide treatment stand location/acreage information to conduct site preparation activities is listed below.

SITE PREPARATION TREATMENT

| County | Stand # | Section | Township | Range | Acres | Lat/Long |
|--|---------|----------|----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| Bay | 1 | 20/29 | 1S | 13W | 83 | 30.377/-85.565 |
| Bay | 2 | 29/32 | 1S | 13W | 82 | 30.359/-85.559 |
| Bay | 3 | 27/28/33 | 1S | 13W | 46 | 30.366/-85.544 |
| Holmes | 4 | 9 | 6N | 16W | 9 | 30.949/-85.836 |
| Walton | 5 | 4 | 1S | 18W | 27 | 30.529/-86.051 |
| Walton | 6 | 3 | 1S | 18W | 122 | 30.525/-86.036 |
| Walton | 7 | 2 | 1S | 18W | 55 | 30.522/-86.013 |
| Walton | 8 | 2 | 1S | 18W | 64 | 30.517/-86.008 |
| SITE PREPARATION TREATMENT ACREAGE SUBTOTAL | | | | | 488 | |

C. The boundaries of the site preparation stands are shown on the maps as General Location Exhibit Map A, and Exhibit Maps 1 through 8 which are made a part hereof.

Insurance

The Contractor shall obtain all coverage as may be required by Florida law, including Workers Compensation and applicable professional liability, aircraft insurance, and pilots insurance. Further, the Contractor shall be insured for vehicle liability and public liability, with limits not less than \$300,000 per person, \$500,000 per occurrence for personal injury, and \$300,000 for property damage coverage. Evidence of all such insurance satisfactory to the District shall be furnished prior to beginning operations, and all such insurance policies shall provide for 10 days notice to the District of cancellation or any material change in the terms of the insurance policies.

Term

Aerial application of chemical herbicide for site preparation purposes shall begin on or after the issuance date of a Purchase Order (anticipated to be approximately August 1, 2014) and extend through September 30, 2014. No extensions of time will be considered.

Technical Specifications

- A. The contractor will supply and aerially apply chemical herbicides for vegetation management purposes to site prepare approximately 488 acres from the issuance date of a Purchase Order (anticipated issuance date is August 1, 2014) through September 30, 2014.
- B. All stands will receive the following chemical herbicide (or equivalent generic) treatment on a per-acre basis:

**48 oz. Chopper Gen II + 16oz. Forestry Garlon XRT + 32 oz. Elite Supreme
Surfactant + 14.25 gallons water**

If the use of an equivalent generic herbicide is proposed for this job, please list the name, manufacturer and detailed application formula, or recipe of the herbicide mixture on a separate sheet and submit with your bid. The District reserves the right to reject any bid that it determines to be unacceptable due to inappropriate product substitutions or formulations.

- C. The applicator must utilize a GPS system to ensure adequate vegetative coverage. A minimum of 95% of each designated treatment unit must be adequately covered with chemical. **Applicator also must not treat vegetation within 50 feet of private property, wetlands or hardwood stands as delineated on maps.** Applicator shall be responsible for any offsite impacts associated with the chemical herbicide application.
- D. All empty chemical containers must be lawfully removed from the site. Trash or other debris resulting from the contractor's operations must be removed on a daily basis.
- E. Aerial application of chemical herbicides for site preparation purposes must be completed by September 30, 2014. No extensions of time will be considered.

Indemnification

The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold the District harmless from all claims, demands, liabilities and suits of any nature whatsoever arising out of, because of, or due to any negligent act or occurrence of omission or commission by the Contractor, its agents or employees.

Payment

The Contractor will be paid a lump sum amount of \$_____ within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of a proper invoice and upon successful completion of the entire aerial application of chemical herbicide for vegetation management purposes to conduct the site preparation services project. The invoice must be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper

preaudit and postaudit thereof. The maximum compensation for this Agreement for chemical herbicide site preparation services shall not exceed the amount listed below:

Aerial Application of Chemical Herbicide Services for Vegetation Management Purposes to Conduct Site Preparation

\$ _____

Payment for vegetation management site preparation services will be subject to inspection and approval by the District's Regional Forestry Operations Supervisors or by the District's Chief, Bureau of Land Management Operations, who will be the project manager. One or both of these District representatives will determine in their sole discretion whether or not the Contractor has successfully completed all phases of the chemical herbicide site preparation services assignment, and payment will not be made to the Contractor until the District receives written authorization to do so by one or both of these District representatives.

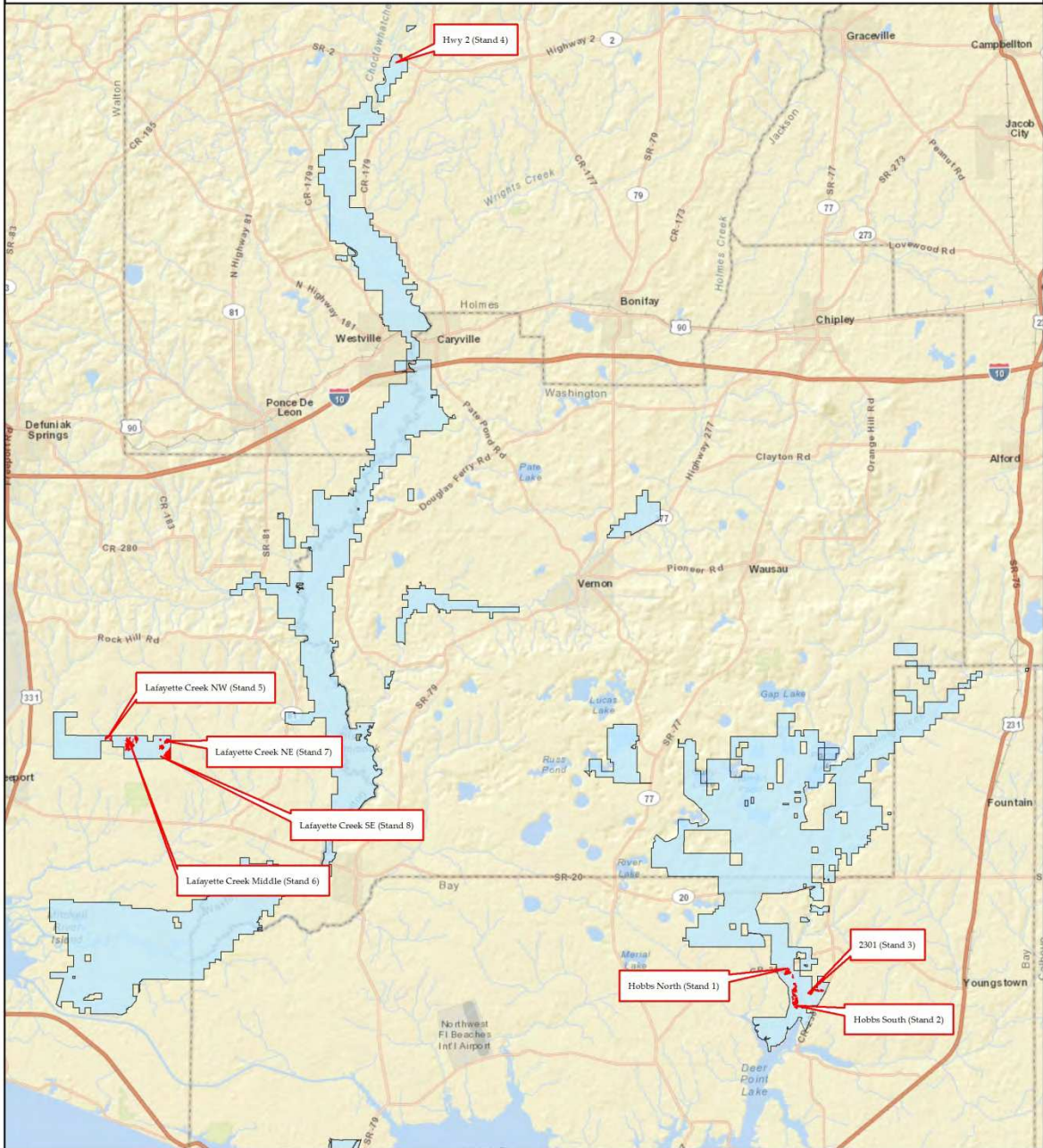
This SCOPE OF WORK is Agreed to by:

<Insert Vendor Name>

By: _____ Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____ Date: _____

Exhibit Map A



Econfina Creek and Choctawhatchee River WMA Stands

District Ownership

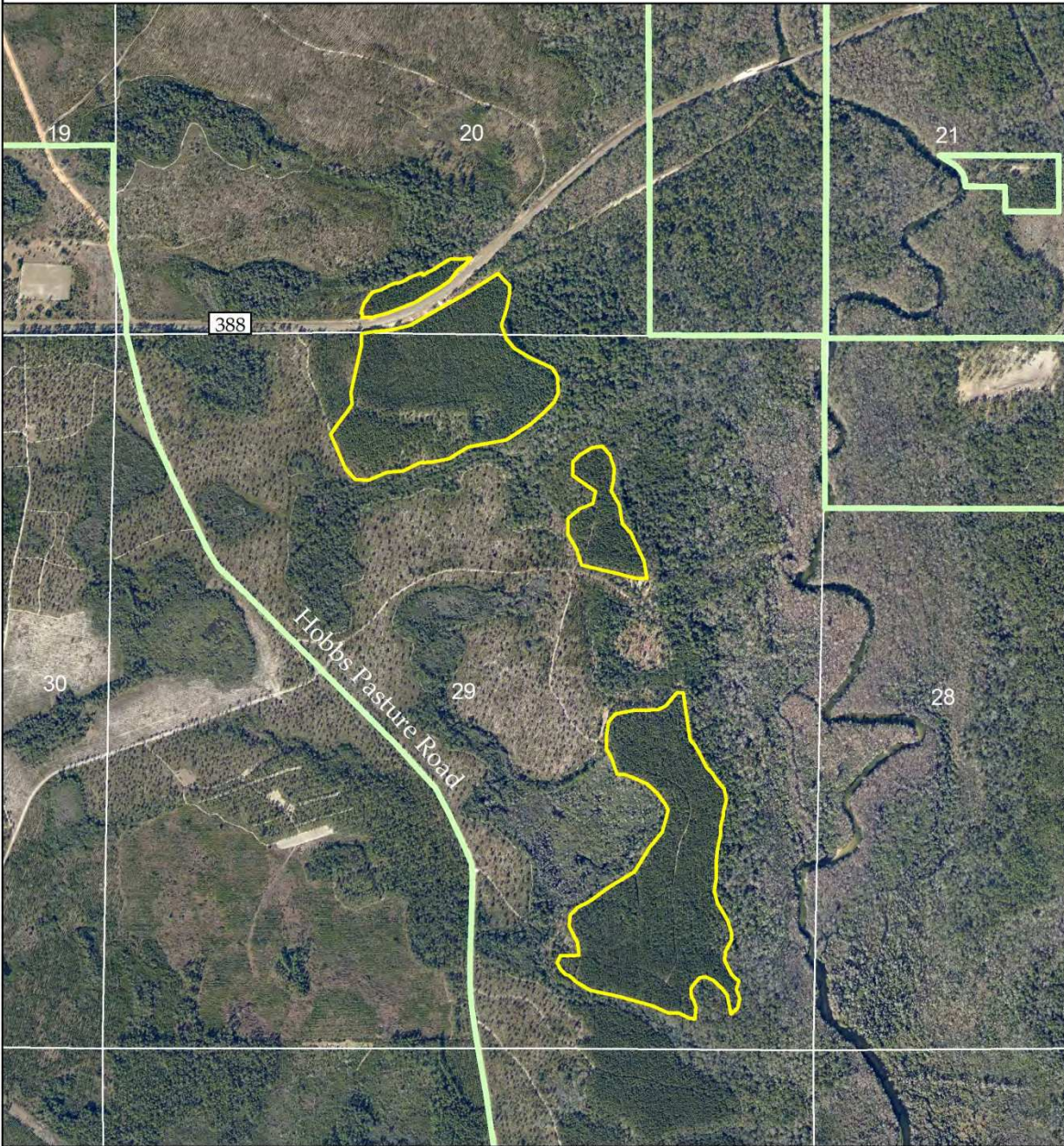
General Location Map

Econfina Creek and Choctawhatchee River WMA Stands

2014 Chemical Site Preparation Project

Miles

Exhibit Map 1



Stand 1
Hobbs North
Bay County
Sections 20/29, T1S, R13W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
83 Acres

0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000
Feet

Legend:
Yellow outline: Hobbs North Stand
Green outline: District Ownership


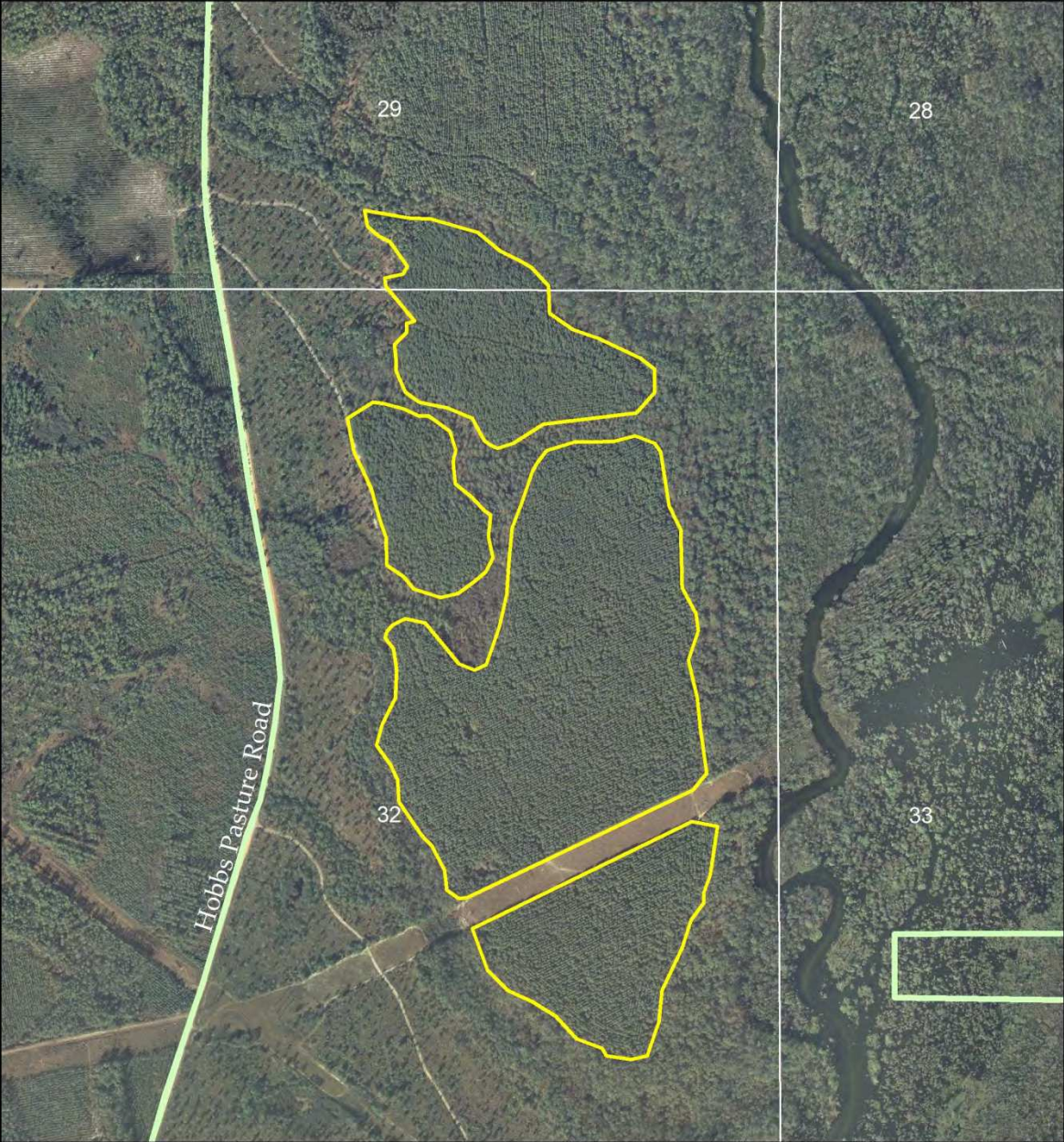


Exhibit Map 2



Hobbs South Stand

District Ownership

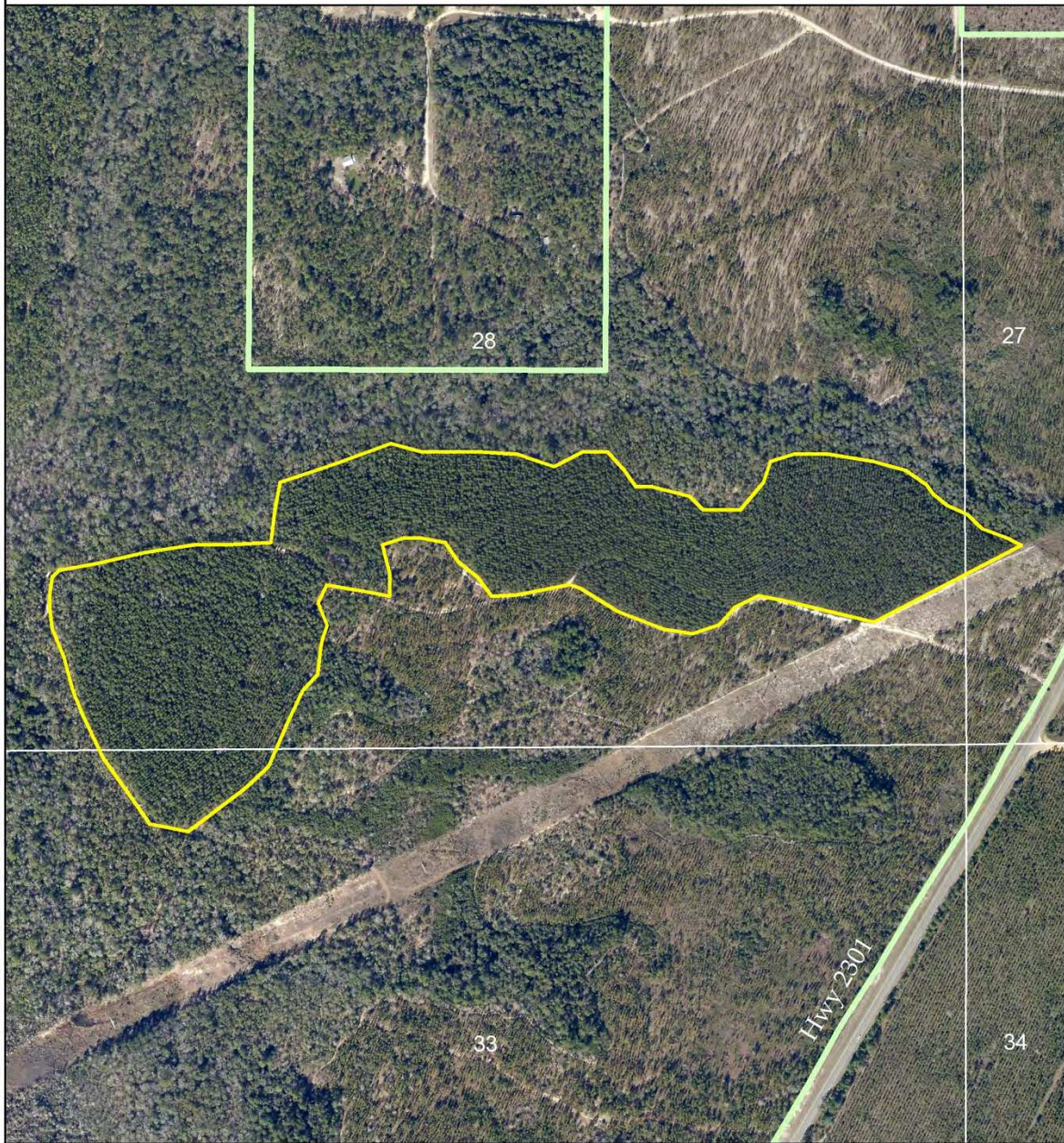
Stand 2
Hobbs South
Bay County
Sections 29/32, T1S, R13W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
82 Acres


03106201,2401,860


Feet

N
W
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Exhibit Map 3



 Highway 2301 Stand

 District Ownership

Stand 3
Highway 2301
Bay County
Sections 27/28/33, T1S, R13W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
46 Acres

0

250

500

1,000

1,500

Feet




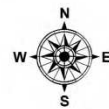
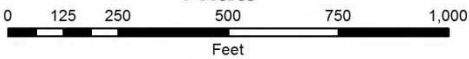


Exhibit Map 4



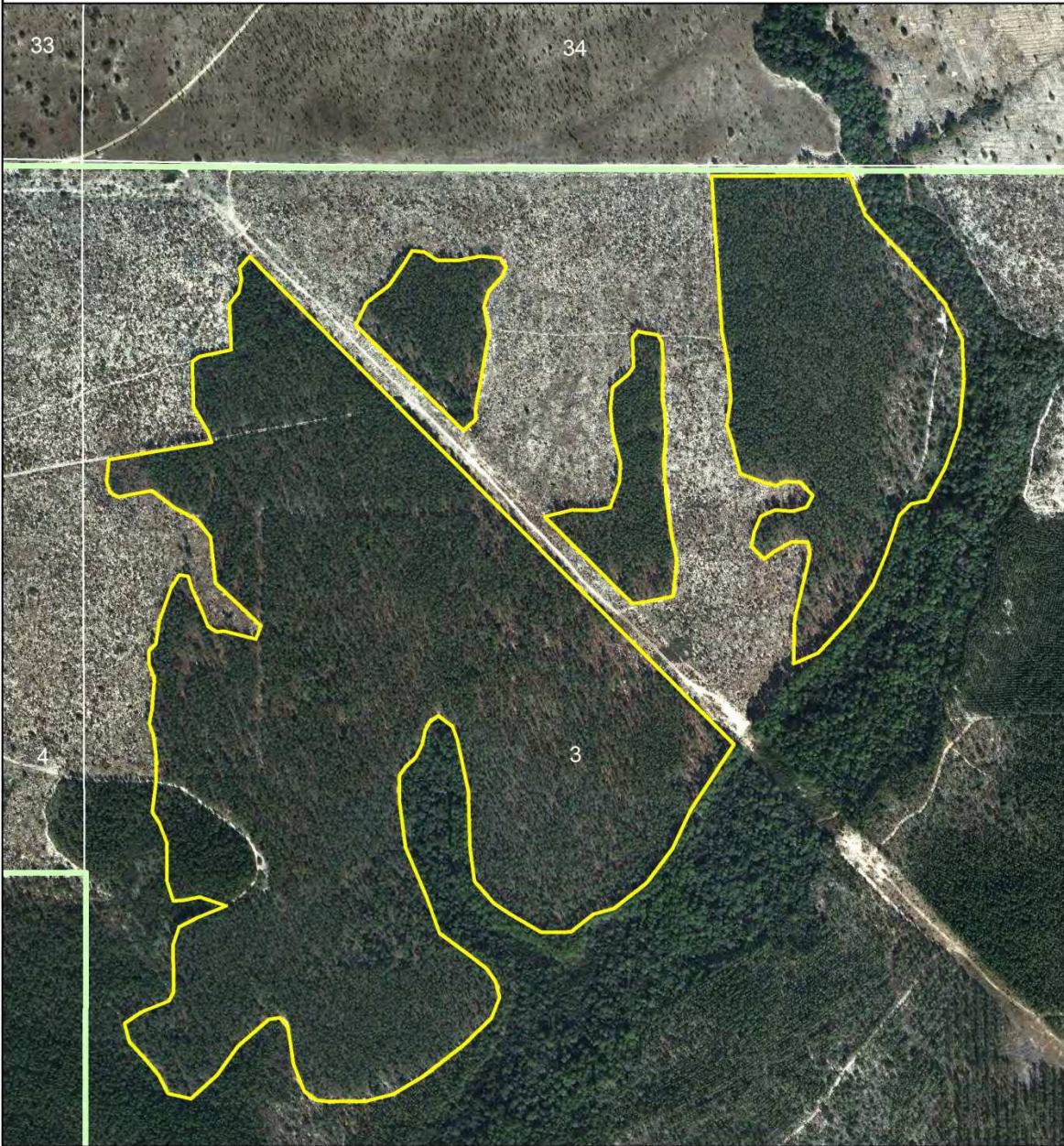
-  Highway 2 Stand
-  District Ownership

Stand 4
Highway 2
Holmes County
Section 9, T6N, R16W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
9 Acres





An aerial photograph showing a large, irregularly shaped forested area outlined in yellow. The area is surrounded by other land, including a cleared field in the top right and a road labeled 'JW Hollington Road' on the right side. The number '33' is in the top left, and '4' is in the bottom left.

Exhibit Map 6



Stand 6
Lafayette Creek Middle
Walton County
Sections 3, T1S, R18W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
122 Acres

 Lafayette Creek Middle Stand
 District Ownership

0 255 510 1,020 1,530
Feet


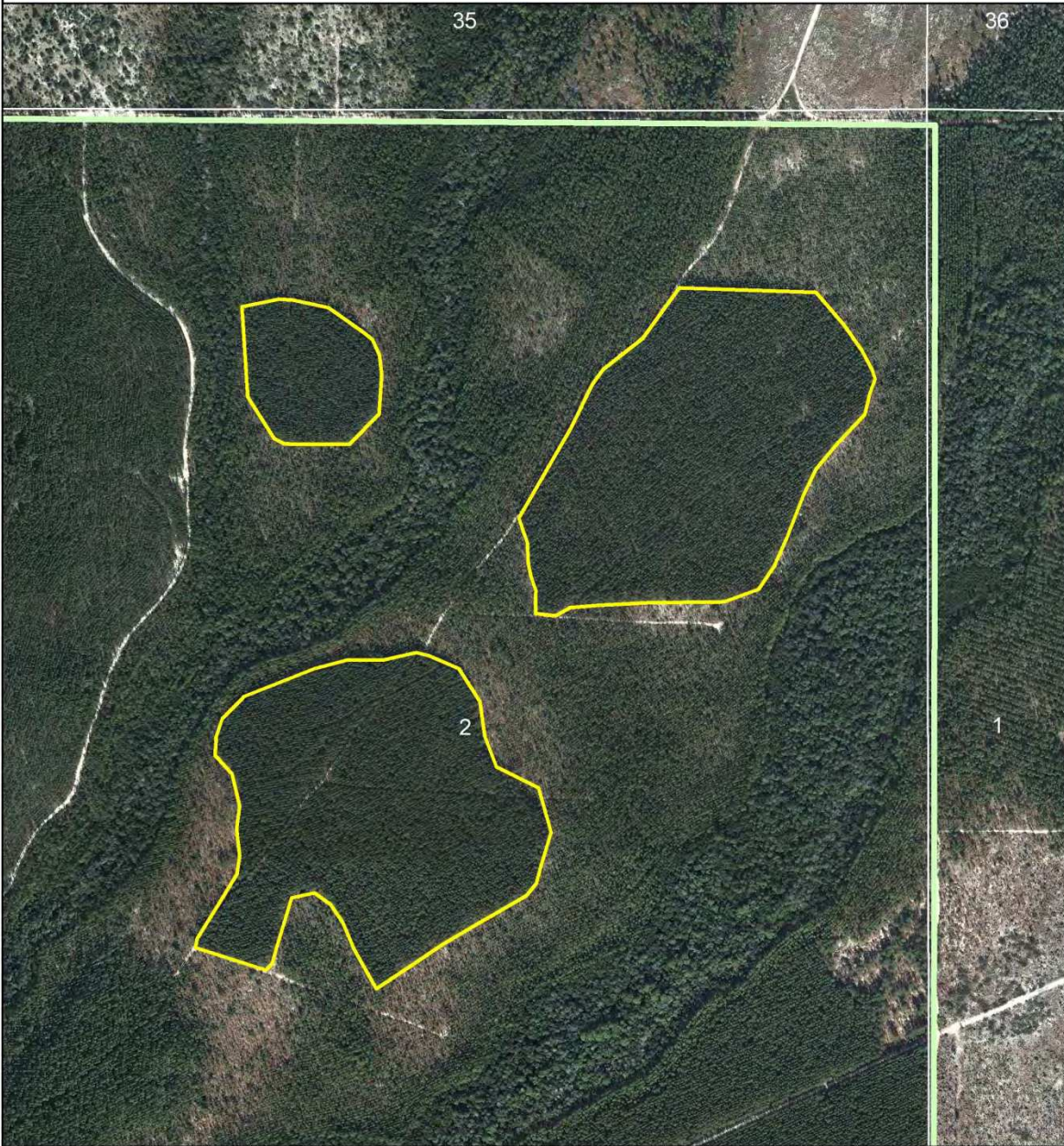




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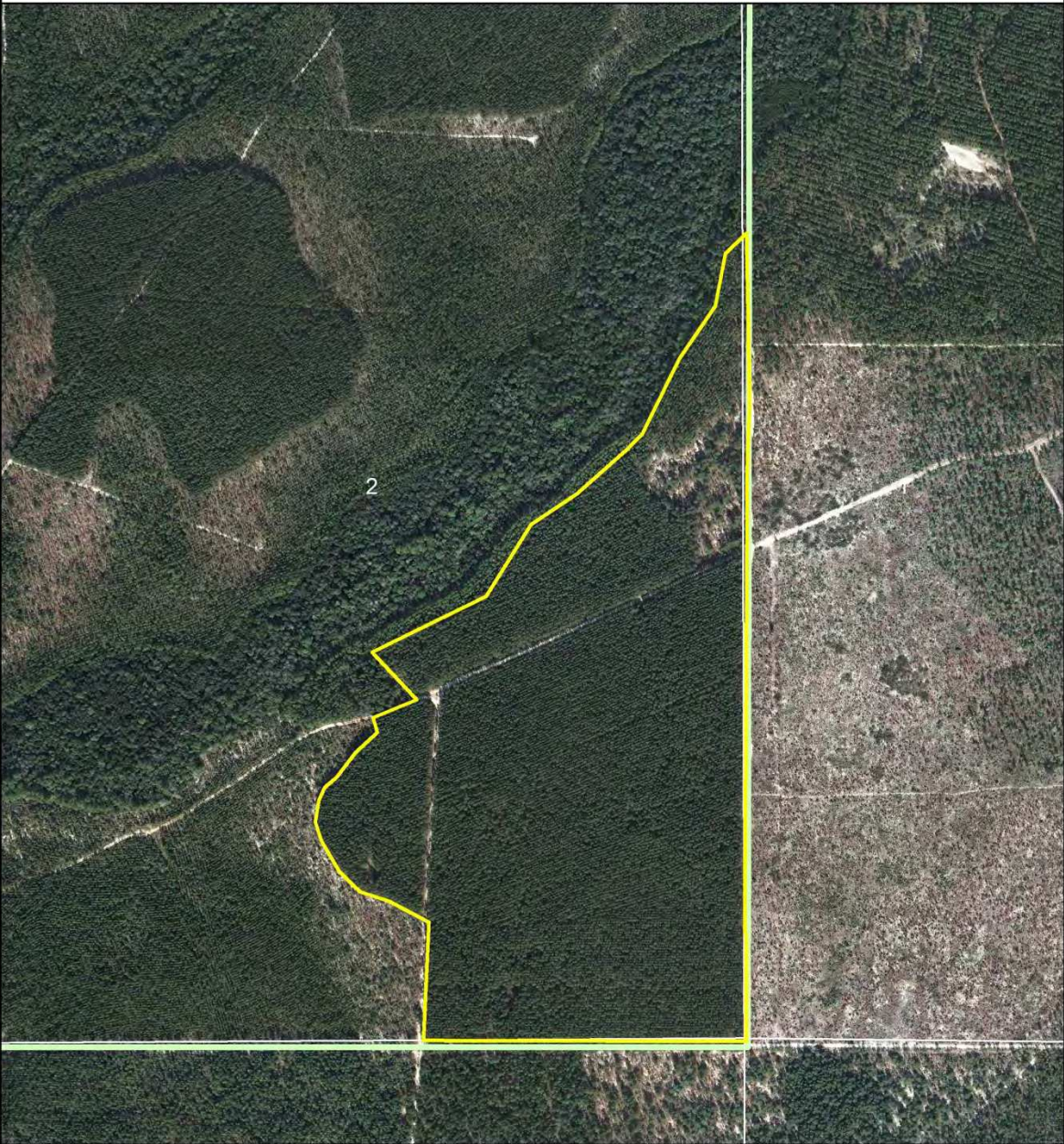
-  Lafayette Creek NE Stand
-  District Ownership



Stand 7
Lafayette Creek NE
Walton County
Section 2, T1S, R18W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
55 Acres

0 150 300 600 900 1,200
Feet



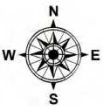
Exhibit Map 8



-  Lafayette Creek SE Stand
-  District Ownership

Stand 8
Lafayette Creek SE
Walton County
Section 2, T1S, R18W
Aerial Herbicide Treatment Site Prep
64 Acres

0 150 300 600 900 1,200
Feet



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VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Vendor Information (Please type or print clearly)

Date: _____ FEID or SS Number _____

E-mail Address (if applicable): _____

Vendor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(It is the vendor's responsibility to promptly notify the District of any change of address.)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Remittance
Address: _____
(If different from mailing address)

Contact Person: _____ Title _____

Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____ Toll-Free Number: _____

Check **one** that best describes your company:

Non-Minority
Business Classification

A ___ Non-Minority
B ___ Small Business-State*
C ___ Small Business-Federal
E ___ Governmental Agency
G ___ P.R.I.D.E.

Certified Minority
Business Enterprise

H ___ African American
I ___ Hispanic
J ___ Asian/Hawaiian
K ___ Native American
M ___ American Woman

Non-Certified
Minority Business
Enterprise

N ___ African American
O ___ Hispanic
P ___ Asian/Hawaiian
Q ___ Native American
R ___ American Woman

Non-Profit Organization

S ___ 51% or more Minority Board of Directors
T ___ 51% or more Minority Officers
U ___ 51% or more Minority community Served
V ___ Other Non-Profit

*Defined as 100 employees or less and \$3 million or less net worth and domiciled in Florida.

To apply for Florida Minority Business Certification, call (850) 487-0915 to request an application.

This form should be signed below by an officer of the company:

Signature

Date

Name and Title (Printed or Typed)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

| Social security number | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |

| Employer identification number | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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 ▶ | Date ▶ |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------|

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

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

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

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

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

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

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

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. 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.