

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Services Less Than \$25,000

MIP SERVER UPGRADE AND SQL OFFSITE BACKUP
RECOVERY SERVICES FOR PBC - PS1903



This Contract is made and is dated October 21,
2011 by and between:

PBC: Public Building Commission of Chicago
50 West Washington
Chicago, Illinois 60602 ("PBC") and

Consultant: Computer Onsite
161 W. Harrison
Chicago, IL 60605
Attn: Ahmad Almajthoub

For the Services of: Description of Services attached
hereto as Exhibit A.

At the Total Not to Exceed Fee of: \$11,340.00

Project: PBC MIP SERVER UPGRADE AND SQL
DATABASE OFFSITE BACKUP RECOVERY SERVICE

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO

By: 

Erin Lavin Cabonargi

Title: Executive Director

Date: 10/28/11

Consultant: COMPUTER ONSITE

By: 

Title: owner

Date: 10-24-2011

1. Performance Standard. The Consultant represents and agrees that the Services performed under this Contract will proceed with efficiency, promptness and diligence and will be executed in a competent and thorough manner, in accordance with reasonable professional standards in the field. Consultant shall promptly provide notice to the PBC if it identifies any problem or issue that may affect the performance of its Services or the Project. The Consultant further represents that it will assign at all times during the performance of the Services the number of experienced, appropriately trained employees necessary for the Consultant to perform the Services in the manner required by the Contract.

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2. Failure to Meet Performance Standards. If the Consultant fails to comply with its obligations under the standards of this Contract, the Consultant must perform again, at its own expense, all Services required to be re-performed as a direct or indirect result of that failure.

3. Compliance with Laws. In performing under this Contract, all applicable federal, state and local governmental laws, regulations, orders, and other rules of duly constituted authority will be followed and complied with in all respects by the Consultant.

4. Time Is Of The Essence. Time is of the essence for this Contract.

5. Invoices. Once each month, the Consultant will submit an invoice to the PBC for Services performed during the preceding month. Each invoice must include the Contract and be supported with such reasonable details and data as the PBC may require.

6. Compensation of Consultant. The Commission shall pay the Consultant a Not to Exceed Fee, which are approved prior to being incurred, as set forth in Exhibit B. PBC will process payments within thirty (30) days of receiving an acceptable invoice from the Consultant. The PBC's payment for the Services shall not constitute acceptance of the Services or a waiver by the PBC of any term or condition of this Contract.

7. No Waivers. Any failure by the PBC to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of the provision or prejudice the right of the PBC to enforce the provision at any subsequent time.

8. Indemnity. The Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the PBC, the City of Chicago and its commissioners, officers, agents, officials, and employees harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, losses, costs and expenses (including but not limited to attorneys fees) for personal injury and property damage, arising out of or in connection with the Services provided by Consultant, or any person employed by Consultant, to the maximum extent permitted by law. The Consultant's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold the PBC and the City of Chicago harmless shall survive the expiration, termination or cancellation of this Contract and shall include the payment of any and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the PBC and the City of Chicago in defending any such claim.

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notice to the Consultant.

9. Taxes. PBC is exempt from the payment of (1) Retailers' Occupation Tax, (2) the Service Occupation Tax (state and local), (3) Use taxes; and (4) federal excise taxes. The PBC will deduct any such taxes the Consultant includes in this Contract. The PBC's Illinois Department of Revenue tax exemption number is E9978-1506-05.

10. Insurance. The Consultant shall procure and maintain at all times, at Consultant's expense, workers compensation, comprehensive general liability, professional liability and automobile liability insurance, in amounts specified by the PBC, as set forth in Exhibit C, and which name the PBC as an additional insured on a primary, non-contributory basis.

11. Independent Contractor. In performing the Services under this Contract, Consultant shall at all times be an independent contractor, and does not and must not act or represent itself as an agent or employee of the PBC.

12. Changes to the Services. The PBC may from time to time request changes to the Services or the terms of this Contract. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of compensation and revisions to the duration of the Services, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the PBC and Consultant, shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Contract. The PBC shall not be liable for any changes absent such written amendment.

13. Ownership of Documents. All documents, data, studies and reports prepared by the Consultant or any party engaged by the Consultant, pertaining to the Project and/or the Services shall be the property of the PBC including copyrights.

14. Confidentiality. All of the reports, information, or data prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this Contract are confidential, and the Consultant agrees that such reports, information or data shall not be made available to any party without the prior written approval of the PBC. In addition, the Consultant shall not, without the prior written consent of the PBC, prepare or distribute any news releases, articles, brochures, advertisements or other materials concerning this Contract, the Project or the Services.

15. Termination. The PBC reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time by providing written

16. Notices. All notices and other communications required under this Contract must be given in writing by either personal delivery, United States mail, or registered mail, addressed to the respective parties at the addresses indicated above.

17. Remedies. The remedies reserved in this Contract are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided in law or equity.

18. Governing Law. The laws of the State of Illinois shall govern this Contract.

19. Choice Of Forum. Any suit regarding this Contract or breach of any of the terms hereof shall be brought only in courts located in Chicago, Illinois; and the parties consent to the jurisdiction of the courts located in Chicago, Illinois.

20. Non-assignment. The Consultant shall not delegate or assign any rights or claims under this Contract, or for breach thereof, without prior written consent of the PBC, and any such attempted delegation or assignment shall be void.

21. Headings. Headings used in this Contract are for convenience and reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract.

22. Partial Invalidity. If any provision of this Contract is or becomes void or unenforceable for any reason, the other provisions will remain valid and enforceable.

23. Amendments. Oral statements and understandings are not valid or binding, and this Contract may not be changed or amended except by a written amendment signed by both parties.

24. Binding Effect. This Contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assignees

25. Entire Agreement. This Contract, and its accompanying exhibits, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous oral or written representations or communications with respect to the subject matter hereof, all of which communications are merged herein.

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EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Consultant services include but not limited to the following services:

Item	Quantity	Rate	Total
MIP Upgrade:			
Offsite-Server Preparation	1	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Onsite-Server Install	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Microsoft SQL Server 2008	1	\$715.00	\$715.00
Microsoft Windows 2003	1	\$575.00	<u>\$575.00</u>
Total			\$9,990.00
SQL Offsite Backup Recovery:			
Setup Fee	1 (one-time)	\$150.00	\$150.00
SQL Offsite Backup Recovery	12 Months	\$100.00	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total			\$1,350.00
Total Not to Exceed Fee for MIP Upgrade and SQL Offsite Backup Recovery			<u>\$11,340.00</u>

EXHIBIT B
COMPENSATION OF THE CONSULTANT

MIP SERVER UPGRADE AND SQL OFFSITE BACKUP RECOVERY SERVICES FOR PBC-PS1903

B.1 **CONSULTANT'S FEE**

- B.1.1 The PBC shall pay the Consultant for the satisfactory performance of the Services a **Not to Exceed Fee ("Fee")** of **\$11,340.00** for all work included in Exhibit A. The Fee will, in the absence of a change in scope of the Project by the PBC or the issuance of PBC-originated amendment constitutes the Consultant's full fee for Services.
- B.1.2 Consultant's Fee will include profit, overhead, general conditions, materials, equipment, computers, vehicles, office labor, field labor, insurance, deliverables, and any other costs incurred in preparation and submittal of deliverables.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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The Consultant must provide and maintain at Consultant's own expense, until expiration or termination of the Agreement and during the time period following expiration if Consultant is required to return and perform any additional work, the minimum insurance coverage and requirements specified below, insuring all operations related to the Agreement.

C.1. INSURANCE TO BE PROVIDED

C.1.1. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability

Workers' Compensation Insurance, as prescribed by applicable law covering all employees who are to provide a service under the Agreement and Employers Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$500,000 each accident, illness or disease

C.1.2. Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability Insurance or equivalent with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability. Coverage must include all premises and operations, products/completed operations, defense and contractual liability. The Public Building Commission of Chicago and the City of Chicago must be named as additional insured on a primary, non-contributory basis for any liability arising directly or indirectly from the work.

C.1.3. Automobile Liability

When any motor vehicles (owned, non-owned and hired) are used in connection with work to be performed, the Consultant must provide Automobile Liability Insurance, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The Public Building Commission of Chicago and the City of Chicago must be named as additional insured on a primary, non-contributory basis.

C.1.4 Professional Liability/Technology Errors & Omissions

When any Consultant performs work in connection with the Agreement, Professional Liability Insurance/Technology Errors & Omissions will be maintained with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 covering acts, errors, or omissions. When policies are renewed or replaced, the policy retroactive date must coincide with, or precede the, start of work on the Agreement. A claims-made policy, which is not renewed or replaced, must have an extended reporting period of two (2) years.

C.2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Consultant must furnish the Public Building Commission Procurement Department, Richard J. Daley Center, Room 200, Chicago, IL 60602, original Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, to be in force on the date of this Agreement, and Renewal Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, if any insurance coverage has an expiration or renewal date occurring during the term of this Agreement. The Consultant must submit evidence of insurance to the Commission before award of Agreement. The receipt of any certificate does not constitute agreement by the Commission that the insurance requirements in the Agreement have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the certificate are in compliance with all Agreement requirements. The failure of the Commission to obtain certificates or other insurance evidence from Consultant is not a waiver by the Commission of any requirements for the Consultant to obtain and maintain the specified coverage. The Consultant will advise all insurers of the Agreement provisions regarding insurance. Non-conforming insurance does not relieve Consultant of the obligation to provide insurance as specified in this Agreement. Non-fulfillment of the insurance conditions may constitute a breach of the Agreement, and the Commission retains the right to stop work until proper evidence of insurance is provided, or the Agreement may be terminated.

The Commission reserves the right to obtain copies of insurance policies and records from the Consultant and/or its subcontractors at any time upon written request.

The insurance must provide for 30 days prior written notice to be given to the Public Building Commission of Chicago if any policies are canceled, substantially changed, or non-renewed.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions on referenced insurance must be borne by Consultant.

The Consultant hereby waives and agrees to require their insurers to waive their rights of subrogation against the Public Building Commission of Chicago and the City of Chicago, its' their respective Board members, employees, elected and appointed officials, and representatives.

The insurance coverage and limits furnished by Consultant in no way limit the Consultant's liabilities and responsibilities specified within the Agreement or by law.

Any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the Public Building Commission of Chicago or the City of Chicago do not contribute with insurance provided by the Consultant under the Agreement.

The required insurance to be carried is not limited by any limitations expressed in the indemnification language in this Agreement or any limitation placed on the indemnity in the Agreement given as a matter of law.

If Consultant is a joint venture or limited liability company, the insurance policies must name the joint venture or limited liability company as a named insured.

The Consultant must require all its subcontractors to provide the insurance required in this Agreement, or Consultant may provide the coverage for its subcontractors. All subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements of Consultant unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

If Consultant or its subcontractors desire additional coverage, the party desiring the additional coverage is responsible for the acquisition and cost.

The Commission's Risk Management Department maintains the rights to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.

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ACORD™ CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
10/21/2011

PRODUCER

William H Apostolakis
2990 Dundee Rd P.O. Box 433
Northbrook, IL 60065



THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

NAIC #

INSURER A: State Farm Fire and Casualty Company 25143	25143
INSURER B:	
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	
INSURER E:	

INSURED

Computer Onsite
161 W Harrison St Unit 903
Chicago, IL 60605

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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A	GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC	93-CL-R845-0	10/21/2011	10/21/2012	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000.00 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000.00 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000.00 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000.00 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000.00								
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS	572-5712-B20-13C	08/20/2011	02/20/2012	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ 100,000.00 BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ 300,000.00 PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ 50,000.00								
	GARAGE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$ OTHER THAN EA ACC \$ AUTO ONLY: AGG \$								
	EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE DEDUCTIBLE \$ RETENTION \$				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$ \$								
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below	93-CL-R856-3	10/21/2011	10/21/2012	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>WC STATUTORY LIMITS</td> <td>OTH-ER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.L. EACH ACCIDENT</td> <td>\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE</td> <td>\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT</td> <td>\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	WC STATUTORY LIMITS	OTH-ER	E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$ 500,000.00	E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	\$ 500,000.00	E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ 500,000.00
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A	OTHER Technology Errors & Omissions	93-CL-R762-4	10/21/2011	10/21/2012	1,000,000								

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

PS1903-The Public Building Commission of Chicago

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Public Building Commission of Chicago
Richard J. Daley Center Room 200
Chicago, IL 60602

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10-25-11

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

William H Apostolaki, Agents

IMPORTANT

If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

DISCLAIMER

The Certificate of Insurance on the reverse side of this form does not constitute a contract between the issuing insurer(s), authorized representative or producer, and the certificate holder, nor does it affirmatively or negatively amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policies listed thereon.

EXHIBIT D
DISCLOSURE OF RETAINED PARTIES

A. Definitions and Disclosure Requirements

1. As used herein, "Consultant" means a person or entity who has any contract or lease with the Public Building Commission of Chicago ("Commission").
2. Commission bids, leases, contracts, and/or qualification submittals must be accompanied by a disclosure statement providing certain information about lobbyists whom the Consultant has retained or expects to retain with respect to the contract or lease. In particular, the Consultant must disclose the name of each such person, his or her business address, the name of the relationship, and the amount of fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Consultant is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Consultant's regular payroll.
3. "Lobbyists" means any person (a) who for compensation or on behalf of any person other than himself undertake to influence any legislative or administrative action, or (b) any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action.

B. Certification

Consultant hereby certifies as follows:

1. This Disclosure relates to the following transaction: _____
Description or goods or services to be provided under Contract: _____

2. Name of Consultant: _____

3. **EACH AND EVERY** lobbyist retained or anticipated to be retained by the Consultant with respect to or in connection with the contract or lease is listed below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Retained Parties:

Name	Business Address	Relationship (Attorney, Lobbyist, etc.)	Fees (indicate whether paid or estimated)

Check Here If No Such Persons Have been Retained or Are Anticipated To Be Retained: _____

4. The Consultant understands and agrees as follows:

- a. The information provided herein is a material inducement to the Commission execution of the contract or other action with respect to which this Disclosure of Retained Parties form is being executed, and the Commission may rely on the information provided herein. Furthermore, if the Commission determines that any information provided herein is false, incomplete, or inaccurate, the Commission may terminate the contract or other transaction, terminate the Consultant's participation in the contract or other transactions with the Commission.
- b. If the Consultant is uncertain whether a disclosure is required, the Consultant must either ask the Commission's Representative or his or her manager whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.
- c. This Disclosure of Retained Parties form, some or all of the information provided herein, and any attachments may be made available to the public on the Internet, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, or otherwise. The Consultant waives and releases any possible rights or claims it may have against the Commission in connection with the public release of information contained in the completed Disclosure of Retained Parties form and any attachments.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am authorized to execute this Disclosure of Retained Parties on behalf of the Consultant and that the information disclosed herein is true and complete.

Ahmed Almatroub
Signature

10-24-2011
Date

Ahmed Almatroub
Name (Type or Print)

owner
Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 24th day of Oct. 2011

Daisy L. Jackson
Notary Public

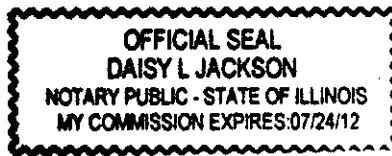


EXHIBIT E
M/WBE REPORT
MBE/WBE Certifications

Is your organization currently certified as a Minority-Owned Business Enterprise ("MBE") or Women-Owned Business Enterprise ("WBE") with any of the following agencies or organizations?

Yes No

If "Yes" check and ATTACH copy of current Letter of Certification:

Certifying Agency:

State of Illinois - Department of Central Management Services _____
Women's Business Development Center _____
Chicago Minority Business Development Council _____
City of Chicago _____
County of Cook _____
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District _____

Category:

MBE _____
WBE _____

If yes, please submit a one current copy of your firm's letter of certification from no more than one of the applicable agencies listed above.

Computer onsite
Company Name

Ahmed Almethous
Print Name

10-24-2011
Date

Ahmed Almethous
Signature

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) Ahmad Almathous	
	Business name, if different from above Computer onsite	
	Check appropriate box: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 161 W. 10th Harrison #903	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code Chicago IL 60605	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 Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number 356 82 8427
or
Employer identification number

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

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

Date ▶ 10-24-2011

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 28% 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.

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" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). Check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification ("D" for disregarded entity, "C" for corporation, "P" for partnership) in the space provided.

For a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line.

For an LLC classified as a partnership or a corporation, enter the LLC's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

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

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

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, 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 chart below 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 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
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

¹See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and Its Instructions.

²However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, 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 www.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 items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

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

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

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

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

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, 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)	The grantor-trustee ¹
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
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

¹List 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.

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

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

⁴List 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. 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.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you think your identity has been used inappropriately for tax purposes.

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 personal 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.consumer.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT(438-4338).

Visit the IRS website at www.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 who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax 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. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.