

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**With Respect to the Offer to Purchase for Cash Any and All of the Outstanding
5.125% Senior Notes due 2024
(CUSIP Number 225310AN1)**

Dated December 5, 2023

The Offer (as defined below) will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on December 14, 2023, unless extended (such time and date, as the same may be extended, the “Expiration Time”) or earlier terminated. Holders of Notes (as defined below) who desire to participate in the Offer must validly tender their Notes, or deliver a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery, at or before the Expiration Time. Notes tendered may be withdrawn at any time at or before the Expiration Time, but not thereafter (except in certain limited circumstances described in “The Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders” in the Offer to Purchase (as defined below)). The Offer is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, as set forth in the Offer to Purchase.

The Tender Agent for the Offer is:

Global Bondholder Services Corporation

65 Broadway, Suite 404
New York, New York 10006
Banks and Brokers Call Collect: (212) 430-3774
All Others Call Toll-Free: (855) 654-2015
Email: contact@gbsc-usa.com

*By Regular, Registered or Certified Mail
Hand or Overnight Delivery:*
Global Bondholder Services Corporation
65 Broadway, Suite 404
New York, New York 10006
Attention: Corporate Actions

*By Facsimile Transmission
(for Eligible Institutions Only):*
(212) 430-3775/3779
Attention: Corporate Actions

To confirm receipt of facsimile by telephone:
(212) 430-3774

DELIVERY OF THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO AN ADDRESS, OR TRANSMISSION OF INSTRUCTIONS VIA FACSIMILE TO A NUMBER, OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ABOVE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE VALID DELIVERY TO THE TENDER AGENT. YOU SHOULD READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

This Letter of Transmittal (as it may be amended or supplemented, this “Letter of Transmittal”) may be used to tender Notes pursuant to the offer (the “Offer”) by Credit Acceptance Corporation, a Michigan corporation (“we,” “us,” “our” or the “Company”), to purchase for cash any and all of the outstanding 5.125% Senior Notes due 2024 issued by the Company (the “Notes”) pursuant to the Offer to Purchase dated December 5, 2023 (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the “Offer to Purchase”). The Offer to Purchase, this Letter of Transmittal and the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery (as defined below) constitute the “Offer Documents.” As of December 5, 2023, there was \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding.

It is not necessary for Holders tendering Notes using the Automated Tender Offer Program (“ATOP”) of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) to deliver this Letter of Transmittal in relation to the tender and delivery.

If you desire to tender your Notes and (1) you cannot comply with the procedure for book-entry transfer or (2) you cannot deliver the other required documents to the Tender Agent by the Expiration Time, you must tender your Notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in the Offer to Purchase, which require, among other things, that you either deliver a properly completed and duly executed Notice of Guaranteed Delivery (the “Notice of Guaranteed Delivery”), substantially in the form provided by the Company and attached as Appendix A to the Offer to Purchase, by the

Expiration Time, or comply with the ATOP procedures described in the Offer to Purchase. See “The Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Guaranteed Delivery” in the Offer to Purchase.

The Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be transmitted in accordance with the usual procedures of DTC and the Tender Agent; provided, however, that, if the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery is sent through DTC by electronic means, it must state that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the Holder on whose behalf the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery is given that the Holder has received and agrees to become bound by the form of the notice to the Tender Agent.

Foreign Holders that want to tender using the guaranteed delivery process should contact their brokers, the Company or the Tender Agent.

All capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Offer to Purchase.

YOU SHOULD READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN AND THE OFFER TO PURCHASE CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

The Offer is made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and in this Letter of Transmittal. This Letter of Transmittal and the Offer to Purchase contain important information. You should read this Letter of Transmittal and the Offer to Purchase in their entirety, and carefully review the information set forth herein and therein, before you make any decision with respect to the Offer. By the execution of this Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Offer to Purchase, this Letter of Transmittal and the instructions hereto.

HOLDERS WHO WISH TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE TENDER OFFER CONSIDERATION MUST VALIDLY TENDER THEIR NOTES, OR DELIVER A PROPERLY COMPLETED AND DULY EXECUTED NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY, AT OR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION TIME AND MUST NOT VALIDLY WITHDRAW THEIR NOTES BEFORE THE EXPIRATION TIME.

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THE DELIVERY OF NOTES TENDERED BY GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON DECEMBER 18, 2023, WHICH IS TWO BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION TIME; PROVIDED THAT ACCRUED INTEREST WILL CEASE TO ACCRUE ON THE PAYMENT DATE FOR ALL NOTES ACCEPTED IN THE OFFER, INCLUDING THOSE TENDERED BY THE GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ADDITIONAL INTEREST ON THE TENDER OFFER CONSIDERATION BE PAID BY THE COMPANY AFTER THE PAYMENT DATE BY REASON OF ANY DELAY IN THE GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES.

This Letter of Transmittal is to be used by Holders if tenders of Notes are to be made by book-entry transfer to the Tender Agent’s account at DTC pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Offer to Purchase in “The Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Tender of Notes Held Through DTC” but instructions are NOT being transmitted through ATOP.

This Letter of Transmittal, if used, must be delivered to the Tender Agent. Delivery of this Letter of Transmittal and other documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the Tender Agent.

The Offer will be eligible for ATOP. **In lieu of completing and delivering this Letter of Transmittal, Holders who are tendering by book-entry transfer to the Tender Agent’s account at DTC can transmit their acceptance of the Offer electronically through ATOP (and thereby tender Notes).** Upon receipt of a Holder’s acceptance through ATOP, DTC will edit and verify the acceptance and send an Agent’s Message to the Tender Agent for its acceptance.

Requests for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase or this Letter of Transmittal and requests for assistance relating to the procedures for tendering Notes may be directed to Global Bondholder Services Corporation (“GBSC”), the information agent for the Offer (the “Information Agent”), at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover page of this Letter of Transmittal. Requests for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase or this Letter of Transmittal also may be directed to your broker, dealer, commercial bank or trust company. Your broker, dealer, commercial bank or trust company also can help you complete this Letter of Transmittal. Requests for assistance relating to the terms and conditions of the Offer may be directed to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, the dealer manager for the Offer (the “Dealer Manager”), at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover page of this Letter of Transmittal.

Any Notes tendered may be validly withdrawn at or before the Expiration Time by following the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase. Tenders of Notes may not be withdrawn after the Expiration Time except in certain limited circumstances described in “The Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders” in the Offer to Purchase.

THE OFFER DOCUMENTS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO BUY OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL NOTES IN ANY JURISDICTION IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS UNLAWFUL. IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE THE SECURITIES, BLUE SKY OR OTHER LAWS REQUIRE THE OFFER TO BE MADE BY A LICENSED BROKER OR DEALER, THE OFFER SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF US BY THE DEALER MANAGER OR ONE OR MORE REGISTERED BROKERS OR DEALERS LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF SUCH JURISDICTION. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THE OFFER TO PURCHASE OR THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL NOR ANY PURCHASE OF NOTES SHALL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE OFFER TO PURCHASE OR THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL IS CORRECT AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE THEREOF OR HEREOF, RESPECTIVELY, OR, IF INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, THE DATE SUCH INFORMATION WAS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE “SEC”), OR THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE OFFER TO PURCHASE OR THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL OR IN OUR OR OUR AFFILIATES’ AFFAIRS SINCE THE DATE THEREOF OR HEREOF, RESPECTIVELY, OR, IN THE CASE OF INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, THE DATE SUCH INFORMATION WAS FILED WITH THE SEC.

The undersigned has validly completed, executed and delivered this Letter of Transmittal to indicate the action the undersigned desires to take with respect to the Offer.

List below the Notes to which this Letter of Transmittal relates. If the space provided below is inadequate, list the principal amounts on a separately executed schedule and affix the schedule to this Letter of Transmittal. Tenders of Notes pursuant to the Offer will be accepted only in principal amounts equal to \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. If you tender less than all of your Notes, you must continue to hold Notes in the minimum authorized denomination of \$2,000 principal amount. Alternative, conditional or contingent tenders will not be considered valid.

5.125% Senior Notes due 2024

(CUSIP Number 225310AN1)

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES TENDERED		
Name(s) and Address(es) of Registered Holder(s) or Name of DTC Participant and Participant's DTC Account Number in which Notes are Held (Please fill in, if blank)	Aggregate Principal Amount Represented	Principal Amount Tendered*
Total Principal Amount of Notes		
* Unless otherwise indicated in the column labeled "Principal Amount Tendered" and subject to the terms and conditions of the Offer to Purchase, a Holder will be considered to have tendered with respect to the entire aggregate principal amount represented by the Notes indicated in the column labeled "Aggregate Principal Amount Represented." See Instruction 4.		

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CHECK HERE IF TENDERED NOTES ARE BEING DELIVERED PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE TENDER AGENT. IF SO, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name(s) of Tendering Holder(s): _____

Date of Execution of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery: _____

Name of Eligible Institution that Guaranteed Delivery: _____

NOTE: SIGNATURES MUST BE PROVIDED BELOW

PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

PAYMENT DATE

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, we expect to accept for purchase three business days following the Expiration Time all of the Notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn at or prior to the Expiration Time (the date of such acceptance, the “Acceptance Date”). With respect to Notes accepted for purchase on the Acceptance Date, if any, the Holders thereof will receive payment of the Tender Offer Consideration for such accepted Notes on the Payment Date, which date will be the date on or promptly after the Acceptance Date on which we deposit with DTC the aggregate Tender Offer Consideration for Notes accepted for purchase on the Acceptance Date, together with an amount equal to accrued and unpaid interest thereon, being referred to as the “Payment Date.” With respect to Notes accepted for purchase pursuant to guaranteed delivery procedures, if any, Holders thereof will receive payment of the Tender Offer Consideration on the Payment Date, which is expected to be one business day after the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery Date (as defined in the Offer to Purchase under “The Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Guaranteed Delivery”), together with accrued and unpaid interest from the last interest payment date to, but not including, the Payment Date. Interest will cease to accrue on the Payment Date for all Notes accepted in the Offer. Notes will be accepted for purchase in base denominations of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. If you tender less than all of your Notes, you must continue to hold Notes in the minimum authorized denomination of \$2,000 principal amount. All references to “\$” are to U.S. dollars.

NOTE: SIGNATURES MUST BE PROVIDED BELOW;

PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By execution hereof, the undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Offer to Purchase, this Letter of Transmittal and the instructions hereto and the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, which together constitute the Company's offer to purchase for cash from each Holder any and all of the outstanding Notes.

The Offer is made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and in this Letter of Transmittal. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, the undersigned hereby tenders to the Company the principal amount of Notes indicated above.

Subject to, and effective upon, the acceptance for purchase of, and payment of, the principal amount of Notes tendered with this Letter of Transmittal, in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, the undersigned hereby (1) represents, warrants and agrees that: the undersigned has received and read a copy of the Offer Documents, understands and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Offer and has full power and authority to tender the undersigned's Notes; (2) irrevocably sells, assigns and transfers to, or upon the order of, the Company all right, title and interest in and to all the Notes tendered hereby and represents and warrants that when such tendered Notes are accepted for purchase by the Company, the Company will acquire good title thereto, free and clear of all liens, restrictions, charges and encumbrances and not subject to any adverse claim or right; (3) waives any and all other rights with respect to the Notes (including, without limitation, the undersigned's waiver of any existing or past defaults and their consequences in respect of the Notes and the Indenture); (4) releases and discharges the Company from any and all claims the undersigned may have now, or may have in the future, arising out of, or related to, the Notes, including, without limitation, any claims that the undersigned is entitled to receive additional principal or interest payments with respect to the Notes or to participate in any redemption or defeasance of the Notes; (5) upon the Company's request or the request of the Tender Agent, as applicable, agrees to execute and deliver any additional documents necessary or desirable to complete the sale, assignment and transfer of the Notes tendered hereby; and (6) irrevocably constitutes and appoints the Tender Agent as the true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact of the undersigned with respect to any such tendered Notes, with full power of substitution and re-substitution (such power of attorney being deemed to be an irrevocable power coupled with an interest) to (a) transfer ownership of such Notes on the account books maintained by DTC, together, with all accompanying evidences of transfer and authenticity, to the Company, (b) present such Notes for transfer on the relevant security register and (c) receive all benefits or otherwise exercise all rights of beneficial ownership of such Notes (except that the Tender Agent will have no right to, or control over, funds from the Company, except as agent for the undersigned, for the Tender Offer Consideration, as applicable, and accrued interest, for any tendered Notes that are purchased by the Company), all in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, as described in the Offer Documents.

The undersigned understands and acknowledges that the Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on December 14, 2023, unless extended or earlier terminated.

Any Notes tendered may be validly withdrawn at or before the Expiration Time by following the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase. Tenders of Notes may not be withdrawn after the Expiration Time except in certain limited circumstances described in "The Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders" in the Offer to Purchase.

The undersigned understands that for a withdrawal of a tender of Notes to be effective, a written or facsimile transmission of a notice of withdrawal or a Request Message must be received by the Tender Agent at its address set forth on the back cover of this Letter of Transmittal at or before the Expiration Time (except that receipt by the Tender Agent need not be at or before the Expiration Time in the case of a withdrawal after the 60th business day after commencement of the Offer under the circumstances described in "The Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders" in the Offer to Purchase).

Any notice of withdrawal must:

- (1) specify the name of the Holder of the Notes to be withdrawn;
- (2) contain the description of the Notes to be withdrawn, the number of the account at DTC from which such Notes were tendered and the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the Notes withdrawn and the principal amount of such Notes; and

- (3) be signed (other than a notice transmitted through DTC's ATOP system) by the registered Holder of the Notes in the same manner as the original signature on this Letter of Transmittal (including any required signature guarantees) or be accompanied by documents of transfer sufficient to have the Trustee register the transfer of the Notes into the name of the person withdrawing such Notes.

The undersigned understands that the tender of Notes by a Holder, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal, and the subsequent acceptance of that tender by the Company, will constitute a binding agreement governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York between that Holder and the Company in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal.

For purposes of the Offer, the Company will be considered to have accepted for purchase validly tendered Notes, or defectively tendered Notes as to which the Company has waived the defects, if, as and when the Company gives oral notice promptly confirmed in writing or written notice of acceptance to the Tender Agent. Payment for Notes accepted for purchase in the Offer will be made by the Company by deposit with the Tender Agent, or, upon its instructions, with DTC, which will act as agent for the undersigned for the purpose of receiving the Tender Offer Consideration, as the case may be, and any accrued and unpaid interest payable, and transmitting such monies to the undersigned.

All authority conferred or agreed to be conferred by this Letter of Transmittal shall not be affected by, and will survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned, and every obligation of the undersigned under this Letter of Transmittal will be binding upon the undersigned's heirs, personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, trustees in bankruptcy and other legal representatives. The undersigned understands that the delivery and surrender of the Notes is not effective, and the risk of loss of the Notes does not pass to the Tender Agent, until timely receipt by the Tender Agent of (1) confirmation of a book-entry transfer of the Notes into the Tender Agent's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Offer to Purchase under "The Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes," (2) a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal, a manually signed facsimile of that document, or a properly transmitted Agent's Message (as defined in the Offer to Purchase under "The Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Book-Entry Delivery Procedures") and (3) all necessary signature guarantees and any other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal.

All questions as to the form of all documents and the validity (including time of receipt) and acceptance of all tenders of Notes will be determined by the Company, in its sole discretion, and the Company's determination will be final and binding absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction. Alternative, conditional or contingent tenders will not be considered valid. The Company reserves the absolute right to reject any or all tenders of Notes determined by the Company not to be in proper form or, in the case of the Notes, if the acceptance or payment for such Notes may, in the Company's opinion, be unlawful. The Company also reserves the absolute right to waive any defect, irregularity or condition of tenders as to particular Notes. The Company's interpretations of the terms and conditions of the Offer (including the instructions in this Letter of Transmittal) will be final and binding absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any defect or irregularity in connection with tenders of Notes must be cured within such time as the Company determines, unless waived by the Company. Tenders of Notes will not be considered to have been made until all defects and irregularities have been waived by the Company or cured. None of the Company, the Dealer Manager, the Information Agent, the Tender Agent, the Trustee or any other person will be under any duty to give notice of any defect or irregularity in tenders of Notes, or will incur any liability to Holders for failure to give any such notice.

The Company also reserves the right, subject to applicable law, in its sole discretion, (1) to terminate or withdraw the Offer at any time, (2) to extend the Expiration Time, (3) to amend the Offer in any respect or (4) otherwise to delay acceptance for purchase of Notes tendered under the Offer or the payment for Notes accepted for purchase, subject to Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, which requires the Company to pay the consideration offered or return the Notes deposited by or on behalf of the Holders pursuant to the Offer promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the Offer.

If the Company makes a material change in the terms of the Offer or the information concerning the Offer or waives a material condition of the Offer, the Company will, to the extent required by law, disseminate additional Offer materials and extend the Offer. In addition, the Company may extend the Offer for any other reason. Any extension, amendment or termination will be followed as promptly as practicable by a public announcement of the extension, amendment or termination in the manner described in the Offer to Purchase.

The undersigned understands that the Company's obligation to accept for purchase, and to pay for, Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Offer is subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase.

Unless otherwise indicated herein under “Special Payment Instructions,” the undersigned hereby requests that the Tender Agent mail the check for the Tender Offer Consideration to the address(es) of the Holder(s) appearing under “Description of Notes Tendered.” Similarly, unless otherwise indicated herein under “Special Delivery Instructions,” the undersigned hereby requests that any Notes representing principal amounts not tendered or not accepted for purchase (and accompanying documents, as appropriate) be delivered to the person(s) so indicated. In the case of a book-entry delivery of Notes, the undersigned hereby requests that the Tender Agent credit the account maintained at DTC with any Notes not tendered or not accepted for purchase. The undersigned recognizes that the Company has no obligation pursuant to the “Special Payment Instructions” box or “Special Delivery Instructions” box to transfer any Notes from the name of the Holder(s) thereof if the Company does not accept for purchase any of the principal amount of such Notes so tendered.

TENDER OF NOTES

This Letter of Transmittal must be signed by the registered holder(s) of Notes if tendered by book-entry transfer by a participant in DTC or by person(s) authorized to become registered holder(s) by endorsements or by bond powers transmitted with this Letter of Transmittal. Endorsements on Notes and signatures on bond powers by registered holders not executing this Letter of Transmittal must be guaranteed by a Medallion Signature Guarantor. See Instruction 1 below. If signature is by a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney-in-fact, officer or other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such person must set forth his or her full title below under "Capacity" and submit evidence satisfactory to us of such person's authority to so act. See Instruction 5 below.

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**CHECK HERE IF TENDERED NOTES ARE BEING DELIVERED BY BOOK-ENTRY TRANSFER
MADE TO THE ACCOUNT MAINTAINED BY THE TENDER AGENT WITH DTC AND COMPLETE
THE FOLLOWING:**

Name of tendering institution: _____

DTC account number: _____

Transaction code number: _____

x _____

x _____

Signature(s) of Holder(s) or Authorized Signatory

Dated: _____, 2023

Name(s): _____

(Please Print)

Capacity: _____

Address: _____

(including Zip Code)

Area Code and Telephone No.: _____

Taxpayer Identification or Social Security No.: _____

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (“IRS”) FORM W-9 OR
APPLICABLE IRS FORM W-8 AND, IF REQUIRED, THE SIGNATURE GUARANTEE (See Instruction 1)
Certain Signatures Must Be Guaranteed by a Medallion Signature Guarantor**

(Name of Medallion Signature Guarantor Guaranteeing Signatures)

(Address (including Zip Code) and Telephone Number (including Area Code) of Medallion Signature Guarantor)

(Authorized Signature)

(Print Name)

(Title)

Dated: _____, 2023

SPECIAL PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

(See Instructions 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

To be completed ONLY if checks constituting payments for Notes purchased pursuant to the Offer are to be issued to the order of someone other than the person(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) within this Letter of Transmittal or are to be issued to an address different from that shown in the applicable box entitled "Description of Notes Tendered" within this Letter of Transmittal, or if Notes tendered by book-entry transfer that are not accepted for purchase are to be credited to an account maintained at DTC other than the one designated above.

Issue:

☐ Check

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____
(Please Print)

Zip Code: _____

Tax Identification or Social Security Number
(See enclosed IRS Form W-9 or applicable IRS Form W-8)

☐ Credit unpurchased Notes by book-entry transfer to
DTC account set forth below:

(DTC Account Number)

Name of Account Party:

SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

(See Instructions 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

To be completed ONLY if checks constituting payment for Notes purchased pursuant to the Offer are to be sent to someone other than the person(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) within this Letter of Transmittal or to an address different from that shown in the applicable box entitled "Description of Notes Tendered" within this Letter of Transmittal.

Issue:

☐ Check

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____
(Please Print)

Zip Code: _____

Tax Identification or Social Security Number
(See enclosed IRS Form W-9 or applicable IRS Form W-8)

INSTRUCTIONS

(Forming Part of the Terms and Conditions of the Offer)

1. Signature Guarantees; Signatures on this Letter of Transmittal

Signatures on this Letter of Transmittal must be guaranteed by a recognized participant in good standing in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program or the Stock Exchange Medallion Program (each a "Medallion Signature Guarantor"), unless the Notes tendered hereby are tendered (a) by the registered Holder of those Notes (or by a DTC participant whose name appears on a security position listing as the owner of those Notes) that has not completed either of the boxes entitled "Special Payment Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on this Letter of Transmittal or (b) for the account of a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States or an "eligible guarantor institution" within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (each, an "Eligible Institution").

2. Delivery of Letter of Transmittal and Notes; Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

This Letter of Transmittal is to be completed by Holders if tenders of Notes are to be made by book-entry transfer to the Tender Agent's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Offer to Purchase under "The Offer" but instructions are NOT being transmitted through ATOP.

All physically delivered Notes, or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer into the Tender Agent's account at DTC of all Notes delivered electronically, as well as a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal (or a copy thereof) or Agent's Message, and any other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, must be received by the Tender Agent at its address set forth herein at or before the Expiration Time, unless the guaranteed delivery procedures as described below are properly followed. **Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the Tender Agent.**

The Offer will be eligible for ATOP. In lieu of completing and delivering this Letter of Transmittal, Holders of Notes who are tendering by book-entry transfer to the Tender Agent's account at DTC can transmit their acceptance of the Offer electronically through ATOP (and thereby tender Notes). Upon receipt of such Holder's acceptance through ATOP, DTC will edit and verify the acceptance and send an Agent's Message to the Tender Agent for its acceptance. Delivery of tendered Notes held through DTC must be made to the Tender Agent pursuant to the book-entry delivery procedures set forth in the Offer to Purchase. **Holders desiring to tender Notes through ATOP should note that such Holders must allow sufficient time for completion of the ATOP procedures during the normal business hours of DTC.**

The method of delivery of Notes and this Letter of Transmittal, any required signature guarantees and all other required documents, including delivery through DTC and any acceptance of an Agent's Message transmitted through ATOP, is at the election and risk of the person tendering Notes and this Letter of Transmittal or transmitting an Agent's Message, and delivery will be considered made only when actually received by the Tender Agent. If delivery is by mail, the Company suggests that the Holder use properly insured, registered mail with return receipt requested. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed for all documents to reach the Tender Agent.

Alternative, conditional or contingent tenders will not be considered valid. All tendering Holders, by execution of this Letter of Transmittal (or manually signed facsimile), waive any right to receive any notice of the acceptance of their Notes for purchase.

Guaranteed Delivery. If a Holder wishes to tender Notes and (1) such Holder cannot comply with the procedure for book-entry transfer by the Expiration Time, or (2) such Holder cannot deliver the other required documents to the Tender Agent by the Expiration Time, the Holder must tender his or her Notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedure described in the Offer to Purchase. To comply with the guaranteed delivery procedure, the Holder must: (1) properly complete and duly execute a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery substantially in the form provided by the Company, including a guarantee by an Eligible Institution in the form set forth in the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery; (2) arrange for the Tender Agent to receive the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery by the Expiration Time; (3) comply with ATOP's procedure applicable to guaranteed delivery by the Expiration Time; and (4) ensure that the Tender Agent receives the Book-Entry Confirmation of electronic delivery of Notes, as the case may be, together with a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal with any required signature guarantees or an Agent's Message, and all other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, no later than December 18, 2023, all as provided in the Offer to Purchase.

The Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be delivered by facsimile transmission or mail or hand to the Tender Agent and must include a guarantee by an eligible guarantor institution in the form set forth in such notice. For Notes to be properly tendered under the guaranteed delivery procedure, the Tender Agent must receive the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery before the Expiration Time.

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THE DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTES TENDERED BY GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES WILL BE MADE NO LATER THAN THE 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON DECEMBER 18, 2023, WHICH IS TWO BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION TIME; PROVIDED, THAT ACCRUED INTEREST WILL CEASE TO ACCRUE ON THE PAYMENT DATE FOR ALL NOTES ACCEPTED IN THE OFFER, INCLUDING THOSE TENDERED BY THE GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ADDITIONAL INTEREST ON THE PURCHASE PRICE BE PAID BY THE COMPANY AFTER THE PAYMENT DATE BY REASON OF ANY DELAY IN THE GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES.

THE METHOD OF DELIVERY OF THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL, THE NOTES, THE NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE TENDER AGENT,

INCLUDING DELIVERY THROUGH DTC, IS AT THE ELECTION AND RISK OF THE HOLDER TENDERING NOTES. IF SUCH DELIVERY IS MADE BY MAIL, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE HOLDER USE PROPERLY INSURED, REGISTERED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND THAT SUFFICIENT TIME BE ALLOWED TO ASSURE TIMELY DELIVERY.

3. Withdrawal of Notes

Any Notes tendered may be validly withdrawn at, or at any time before, the Expiration Time by following the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase. Tenders of Notes may not be withdrawn after the Expiration Time (except in certain limited circumstances described in “The Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders” in the Offer to Purchase).

For a withdrawal of a tender of Notes to be effective, a written or facsimile transmission of a notice of withdrawal or a Request Message must be received by the Tender Agent at its address set forth on the back cover of this Letter of Transmittal at or before the Expiration Time (except that receipt by the Tender Agent need not be at or before the Expiration Time in the case of a withdrawal after the 60th business day after commencement of the Offer under the circumstances described in “The Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders” in the Offer to Purchase).

Any notice of withdrawal must:

- (1) specify the name of the Holder of the Notes to be withdrawn;
- (2) contain the description of the Notes to be withdrawn, the number of the account at DTC from which such Notes were tendered and the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the Notes withdrawn and the principal amount of such Notes; and
- (3) be signed (other than a notice transmitted through DTC’s ATOP system) by the registered Holder of the Notes in the same manner as the original signature on this Letter of Transmittal (including any required signature guarantees) or be accompanied by documents of transfer sufficient to have the Trustee register the transfer of the Notes into the name of the person withdrawing such Notes.

A withdrawal of Notes can be accomplished only in accordance with the procedures provided in the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal.

Notes validly withdrawn may thereafter be re-tendered at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time by following the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase, but if a Holder’s Notes are not properly re-tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time, the Holder will not receive the Tender Offer Consideration with respect to those Notes.

4. Partial Tenders

Tenders of Notes pursuant to the Offer in respect of such Notes will be accepted only in principal amounts equal to \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. If a Holder wishes to tender less than the entire principal amount evidenced by any Notes submitted, the tendering Holder must fill in the principal amount tendered in the last column of the applicable box entitled “Description of Notes Tendered” herein. If the entire principal amount of all Notes is not tendered or not accepted for purchase, the Notes representing such untendered or unaccepted amount will be returned by credit to the applicable account at DTC to the registered Holder, unless otherwise provided herein in the box entitled “Special Delivery Instructions.”

5. Signature on Letter of Transmittal, Instruments of Transfer and Endorsements

If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by a participant in DTC whose name is shown as the owner of the Notes tendered hereby, the signature must correspond with the name shown on the security position listing as the owner of the Notes.

If any of the Notes tendered hereby are registered in the names of two or more Holders, all such Holders must sign this Letter of Transmittal.

If this Letter of Transmittal or any Note or instrument of transfer is signed by a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney-in-fact, agent, officer of a corporation or other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such person should so indicate when signing, and proper evidence satisfactory to us of such person’s authority to act must be submitted.

If the Notes are registered in the name of a person other than the signer of this Letter of Transmittal, then, in order to tender such Notes pursuant to the Offer, the Notes must be endorsed or accompanied by an appropriate written instrument or instruments of transfer signed exactly as the name(s) of the Holder(s) appear on the Notes, with the signature(s) on the Notes or instruments of transfer guaranteed as provided in Instruction 1. If these procedures are followed by a beneficial owner tendering Notes at or before the Expiration Time, as applicable, the Holder(s) of such Notes must sign a valid proxy. If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the Holder, any principal amount of Notes not accepted for purchase is to be credited to the DTC account of such Holder, and checks constituting payment for Notes to be purchased in connection with the Offer are to be issued to the order of the Holder, then the Holder need not provide any other instruments of transfer.

6. Special Payment and Delivery Instructions

If different from the name and address of the registered Holder signing this Letter of Transmittal, tendering Holders should indicate in the applicable box or boxes the name and address to which Notes for principal amounts not tendered or not accepted for purchase or checks for payment of the Tender Offer Consideration to be made in connection with the Offer are to be issued or sent. In the case of issuance in a different name, the taxpayer identification or social security number of the person named must also be indicated. If no instructions are given, any Notes not tendered or not accepted for purchase will be returned to the registered Holder of the Notes tendered. For Holders of Notes tendering by book-entry transfer, Notes not tendered or not accepted for purchase will be returned by crediting the DTC account designated above. See Instruction 7 for a discussion of the potential tax consequences of completing either the Special Payment Instructions box or Special Delivery Instructions box.

7. Transfer Taxes

Except as set forth in this Instruction 7, we will pay or cause to be paid any transfer taxes with respect to the transfer and sale of Notes to us pursuant to the Offer. If, however, payment of the Tender Offer Consideration is to be made to, or if Notes not tendered or accepted for purchase are to be registered in the name of, any person(s) other than the registered owner(s), or if tendered Notes are registered in the name of any person(s) other than the person(s) signing this Letter of Transmittal, the amount of any transfer taxes (whether imposed on the registered Holder(s) or such other person(s)) payable on account of the transfer to such other person(s) will be deducted from the Tender Offer Consideration unless satisfactory evidence of the payment of such taxes or exemption therefrom is submitted to us in a timely manner.

8. Guaranteed Delivery

Notes may be tendered by guaranteed delivery through the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase. See “The Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Guaranteed Delivery” in the Offer to Purchase.

9. Conditions to the Offer; Waiver of Conditions

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Offer, we will not be required to accept for purchase or to pay for Notes validly tendered pursuant to the Offer, and may terminate, amend or extend the Offer or delay or refrain from accepting for purchase, or paying for, the Notes, if any of the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase under “The Offer—Conditions to the Offer” have not been satisfied and have not been waived by us.

10. Requests for Assistance or Additional Copies

Requests for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase, this Letter of Transmittal or Form W-9 and requests for assistance relating to the procedures for tendering Notes may be directed to the Information Agent at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover page of this Letter of Transmittal. You may also direct requests for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase, this Letter of Transmittal or Form W-9 to your broker, dealer, commercial bank or trust company. Your broker, dealer, commercial bank or trust company also can help you complete this form.

Requests for assistance relating to the terms and conditions of the Offer may be directed to the Dealer Manager at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover page of this Letter of Transmittal.

11. Irregularities

All questions as to the form of all documents and the validity (including time of receipt) and acceptance of all tenders of Notes will be determined by us, in our sole discretion, and our determination will be final and binding absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction. Alternative, conditional or contingent tenders will not be considered valid. We reserve the absolute right to reject any or all tenders of Notes determined by us not to be in proper form or if the acceptance or

payment for such Notes may, in our opinion, be unlawful. We also reserve the absolute right to waive any defect, irregularity or condition of tenders as to particular Notes. Our interpretations of the terms and conditions of the Offer (including the Instructions in this Letter of Transmittal) will be final and binding absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any defect or irregularity in connection with tenders of Notes must be cured within such time as we determine, unless waived by us. Tenders of Notes will not be considered to have been made until all defects and irregularities have been waived by us or cured. None of the Company, the Dealer Manager, the Information Agent, the Tender Agent, the Trustee or any other person will be under any duty to give notice of any defect or irregularity in tenders of Notes, or will incur any liability to Holders for failure to give any such notice.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, a Holder who tenders Notes that are accepted for exchange may be subject to backup withholding. To avoid such backup withholding (currently at a rate of 24%), the Holder must provide the Tender Agent with such Holder's correct taxpayer identification number and certify that such Holder is not subject to such backup withholding by completing the IRS Form W-9 provided herewith or, in the case of a person that is not a "U.S. Person" as defined in the instructions to the IRS Form W-9 (a "Non-U.S. Person"), must provide an applicable IRS Form W-8, which may be found at the IRS website (www.irs.gov). In general, if a Holder is an individual, the taxpayer identification number is the Social Security number of such individual. If the Tender Agent is not provided with the correct taxpayer identification number, the Holder may be subject to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service. For further information concerning backup withholding and instructions for completing the IRS Form W-9 or W-8 (including how to obtain a taxpayer identification number if you do not have one and how to complete the IRS Form W-9 if the Notes are held in more than one name), consult IRS Form W-9 or W-8 instructions as applicable.

Exempt Holders (including, among others, all corporations and certain foreign persons) are not subject to these backup withholding and reporting requirements. To satisfy the Tender Agent that a foreign person qualifies as an exempt Holder, such Holder must submit a statement, signed under penalties of perjury, attesting to that person's exempt status, on a properly completed IRS Form W-8. Such statements can be obtained from the Tender Agent or at the IRS website.

Failure to provide a properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9 or W-8 may result in the Tender Agent withholding a portion of the amount of any payments made pursuant to the Offer. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, the U.S. federal income tax liability of a person subject to backup withholding will be reduced by the amount of tax withheld. If withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, a refund may be obtained provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

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

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions) ► _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-				-	
OR									
Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

**Sign
Here**

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

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

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

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. 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, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

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

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

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

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 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 section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give 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.

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

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 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, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

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

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

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you 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

Line 1

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

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

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

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

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

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

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

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

Line 3

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

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
Corporation	Corporation
- Individual - Sole proprietorship, or - Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
- LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, - LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or - LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
Partnership	Partnership
Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

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

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

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

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous 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 reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

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

Line 5

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

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS 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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). 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 *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 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. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and 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 U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

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

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

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

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

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

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

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

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

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

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

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

³ You must show your individual name 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*, earlier.

***Note:** The 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, 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 Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 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 (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

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

Any question regarding procedures for tendering Notes or request for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal should be directed to the Information Agent. Any question regarding the terms of the Offer should be directed to the Dealer Manager.

The Information Agent for the Offer is:

Global Bondholder Services Corporation

65 Broadway, Suite 404
New York, New York 10006
Banks and Brokers Call Collect: (212) 430-3774
All Others Call Toll-Free: (855) 654-2015
Email: contact@gbsc-usa.com

The Tender Agent for the Offer is:

Global Bondholder Services Corporation

*By Regular, Registered or Certified Mail;
Hand or Overnight Delivery:*
Global Bondholder Services Corporation
65 Broadway, Suite 404
New York, New York 10006
Attention: Corporate Actions

By Facsimile Transmission (for Eligible Institutions Only):
(212) 430-3775/3779
Attention: Corporate Actions

To confirm receipt of facsimile by telephone:
(212) 430-3774

The Dealer Manager for the Offer is:

Wells Fargo Securities
550 South Tryon Street, 5th Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
Attention: Liability Management Group
Collect: (704) 410-4756
U.S. Toll-Free: (866) 309-6316