



LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

INVITATION TO BID #2026-010

INSTALLATION OF SAFETY ITEMS ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW NO LATER THAN

July 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM, EDT

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS VIA E-MAIL OR FAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ATTENTION: RYAN MCDUFFIE, PURCHASING AGENT
99 COURT HOUSE HILL, SUITE D
DAHLONEGA, GA 30533**

**THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THIS ITB ON OR BEFORE THE STATED
DATE AND TIME WILL BE SOLELY AND STRICTLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFEROR.**

ISSUE DATE: July 1, 2026

INVITATION TO BID

LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS REQUESTING SEALED BIDS FOR THE APPLICATION OF 24" THERMOPLASTIC STOP BARS, HIGH BUILD CENTERLINE AND EDGE LINE STRIPING, INSTALLATION OF SOLAR FLASHING STOP SIGNS, THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING AND 2 FOOT ROAD WIDENING.

A BID BOND IN THE AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN 5% OF THE TOTAL BID AMOUNT IS REQUIRED ON THIS PROJECT. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, 99 COURTHOUSE HILL, SUITE D, DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA 30533 UNTIL 2:00 PM, EDT ON JULY 30, 2026. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED NOR RETURNED. BIDS WILL BE FORMALLY ACCEPTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BY STAFF PERSONNEL.

THE BID DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE LUMPKIN COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, 99 COURTHOUSE HILL, SUITE D, DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA AND AT WWW.LUMPKINCOUNTY.GOV.

BIDS MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SET FOR CLOSING, EXCEPT AS ALLOWED BY OCGA. LUMPKIN COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY TECHNICALITIES.

1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 **Purpose of Procurement**

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners is requesting sealed bids for the application of 24” thermoplastic stop bars, high build paint, flashing beacon stop signs, thermoplastic striping 2-foot road widening.

1.2 **Schedule of Events**

This Invitation to Bid shall be governed by the following schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 1, 2026	Release of Invitation to Bid
July 16, 2026 2:00 PM	Mandatory pre-bid meeting held at Lumpkin County Administration Building Conference Room, 99 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, GA 30533
July 21, 2026 12:00 PM	Deadline for written questions to be submitted to Purchasing Agent
July 22, 2026 5:00 PM	Answers to written questions posted to website: www.lumpkincounty.gov
July 30, 2026 2:00PM	Bids Due and Bid Opening. Bids will be accepted until time of opening. No bids will be accepted after the due date and time.

1.3 **Restrictions on Communications**

From the issue date of this Invitation to Bid until a contractor is selected and the award is announced, Contractors are not allowed to communicate **for any reason** with any County staff or elected officials except: 1) through the Purchasing Agent named herein, 2) at the pre-bid meeting, if applicable or 3) as provided by existing work agreement(s). The County reserves the right to reject the submittal of any bidder violating this provision.

1.4 **Pre-Bid Meeting**

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held July 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM. The location of the meeting will be the Lumpkin County Administration Building Downstairs Conference Room, 99 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

1.5 **Questions & Addenda**

All questions concerning this **bid must be submitted in writing** (email is preferred but mail may be used) to the Purchasing Agent on July 21, 2026, no later than 12:00 PM, EDT.

The Inquiries must be directed to:

Ryan McDuffie, Purchasing Agent
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533
ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov

No response to inquiries other than written will be binding upon the County. Lumpkin County reserves the right to issue written addenda to any inquiries that alter the scope of the Invitation to Bid. Addenda shall be posted to the county website, www.lumpkincounty.gov on July 22, 2026, no later than 5:00 PM. A signed copy of any addenda shall accompany submitted bids. Bidders are advised to check the website for addenda before submitting their bids.

1.6 Contract Term

The contract between the County and the Contractor shall become effective upon signing and shall be completed no later than 120 calendar days from the day the Notice to Proceed is issued. Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate contract at any time if successful bidder fails to meet requirements stated in this bid.

The contract shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under this contract.

1.7 Bonds

Bid Bonds	5% of total bid amount
Performance and Payment Bonds	100% of total contract price (required of awarded vendor only)

Information regarding bonds to be furnished is stated in the General Terms section of this Bid document, Item 3.8 "Bid/Proposal Bonds, Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds".

1.8 Submission of Bids

One (1) original and one (1) copy of the complete signed submittal must be received July 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM, EDT. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope stating on the outside, the vendor's name, address and to: ITB 2026-010 Installation of Safety Items on Various County Roads.

**Ryan McDuffie, Purchasing Agent
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D
Dahlonega GA 30533**

Bid responses submitted by fax or electronic mail (email) will **NOT** be accepted.

Bidders are advised to allow adequate time for shipping. **Many express mail and delivery services do not guarantee overnight delivery by noon to Lumpkin County.** Any bid received after 2:00 pm on July 30, 2026, will not be opened.

1.9 Withdrawal of Bid Due to Errors

Bidders shall have up to forty-eight (48) hours to notify the Lumpkin County Purchasing Department, in writing, of an obvious clerical error made in the calculation of bid in order to withdraw a bid after bid opening. Bids may be withdrawn from consideration if the price was substantially lower than the other bids due solely to a mistake. The bidder shall provide evidence that the bid was submitted in good faith, and that the mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake. The bidder's original work papers shall be the sole acceptable evidence of error or mistake. If a bid is withdrawn under this provision, the lowest remaining responsive bid shall be deemed low bid.

No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall for compensation, supply any material or labor, perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person, or firm to whom the contract is awarded.

Bid withdrawal is not automatically granted and will be allowed solely at Lumpkin County's discretion.

1.10 Award

Any purchase order / contract awarded pursuant to this Invitation to Bid shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid response meets the requirements and specifications set forth in this Invitation to

Bid. A “responsive bidder” is a bidder who has submitted a bid response, which conforms in all material respects to the bid. A “responsible bidder” is a bidder who has the capacity in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.

2.0 **SCOPE OF WORK & SPECIFICATIONS**

The scope and procedure for this project shall consist of applying 24” thermoplastic stop bars, high build center line and edge line striping, install solar flashing stop signs, thermoplastic centerline and edge line striping and 2-foot road widening on various county roads.as outlined on the Project Report contained in the Bid Documents for this project. All work shall be done in accordance with the 2021 State of Georgia Standard Specifications and by the Special Provision contained in the Bid Documents for this project.

Lumpkin County personnel will be supervising construction of this project and will also be subject to inspections and audits by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

FY 2026 SAP Project Report

Lumpkin County

Road Name	Beginning	Ending	Length (Miles)	Description of Work
Long Branch Ext.	SR 52	Copper mine Road	2.1	Install 5” High Build Striping, Yellow and White
Black Mountain Road	Camp Wahsega Rd.	Walter Ash Road	2.1	Install 5” High Build Striping, Yellow and White
Camp Wahsega Rd.	SR 60 Buss	Apple Ridge Rd.	2.1	Install 5” High Build Striping, Yellow and White
Rock House Road	SR 52	Cavender Creek Road	400’	Install Guardrail
Camp Wahsega Road	SR 60 Buss	Intersection of Hightower Road at Ranger Camp	1475’	Install Guardrail at multiple locations
Pony Lake Road	Old Dahlonga Intersection	Intersection	0	Installation of Solar Flashing Stop Sign
Rock House Road	Cavender Creek Rd. to St. Rte. 52	Intersection	0	Installation of Solar Flashing Stop Signs
Rail Hill Rd	Cavender Creed Rd to Rockhouse Rd	Both Intersections	0	Installation of Solar Flashing Stop Signs
Auraria Road	North end of Auraria	Intersection	0	Installation of Solar Flashing Stop Ahead Sign.
Wash Rider Road	Oak Grove to Wahsega Rd.	Both Intersections	0	Installation of Solar Flashing Stop Signs.
Lumpkin County Parkway	SR 400	SR 400	1.85	Installation of RPM’s

Long Branch Ext.	SR 52	Cavender Creek Road	3.40	Installation of RPM's
Burntstand Road	Auraria Road	SR 400	2.60	Installation of RPM's
Auraria Road	SR 9	Dawson County Line	8.19	Installation of RPM's
Copper Mine Road	SR 52	Long Branch Extension	2.00	Installation of Rumble Strips.

SPECIFICATIONS

Item 150-Traffic Control: This item will be for all signing and other items in order to control traffic during the construction of this project. All items shall be in accordance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices and GDOT Standard Specifications, 2021 edition, and shall be paid on a lump sum basis.

Item 653-1704 Thermoplastic Solid Traffic Stripe 24": All applied stop bars shall be in accordance with GDOT 2021 standard specifications, 2021 edition, and will be paid for on a linear foot basis.

Item No- 652-2501- Solid Traffic Stripe 5" White (High Build): Shall meet the specifications outlined in the GDOT Standard Specifications, 2021 edition, and shall be paid for by the line mile per stripe.

Item No- 652-2502- Solid Traffic Stripe 5" Yellow (High Build): Shall meet the specifications outlined in the GDOT Standard Specifications, 2021 edition, and shall be paid for by the line mile per stripe.

Item No- 652-3501- Skip Traffic Stripe 5" White (High Build): Shall meet the specifications outlined in the GDOT Standard Specifications, 2021 edition, and shall be paid for by the gross linear miles.

Item No- 652-3502- Skip Traffic Stripe 5" Yellow (High Build): Shall meet the specifications outlined in the GDOT Standard Specifications, 2021 edition, and shall be paid for by the gross linear mile.

654-Raised Pavement Markers: Markers shall be Type 1 reflective type marker for 2-way traffic and shall meet the GDOT standard specifications, 2021 edition, will be paid for on a per each basis.

641-Guard Rail Type W: Type W guardrail shall meet the requirements from the GDOT standard specifications, 2021 edition, and shall be installed according to the GDOT construction standard number 4380 and shall be paid for on a per linear foot of rail installed.

641-Gaurdrail Anchor Type 1: The type 1 guard rail anchor shall meet the requirements of the GDOT standard specifications and shall be installed according to the GDOT construction standard number 4383 and will be paid for on a per each basis.

641-Gaurdrail Anchor Type 12: The type 12 anchor shall meet the requirements of the GDOT standard specifications and shall be installed according to the GDOT construction standard 4384 and will be paid on a per each basis.

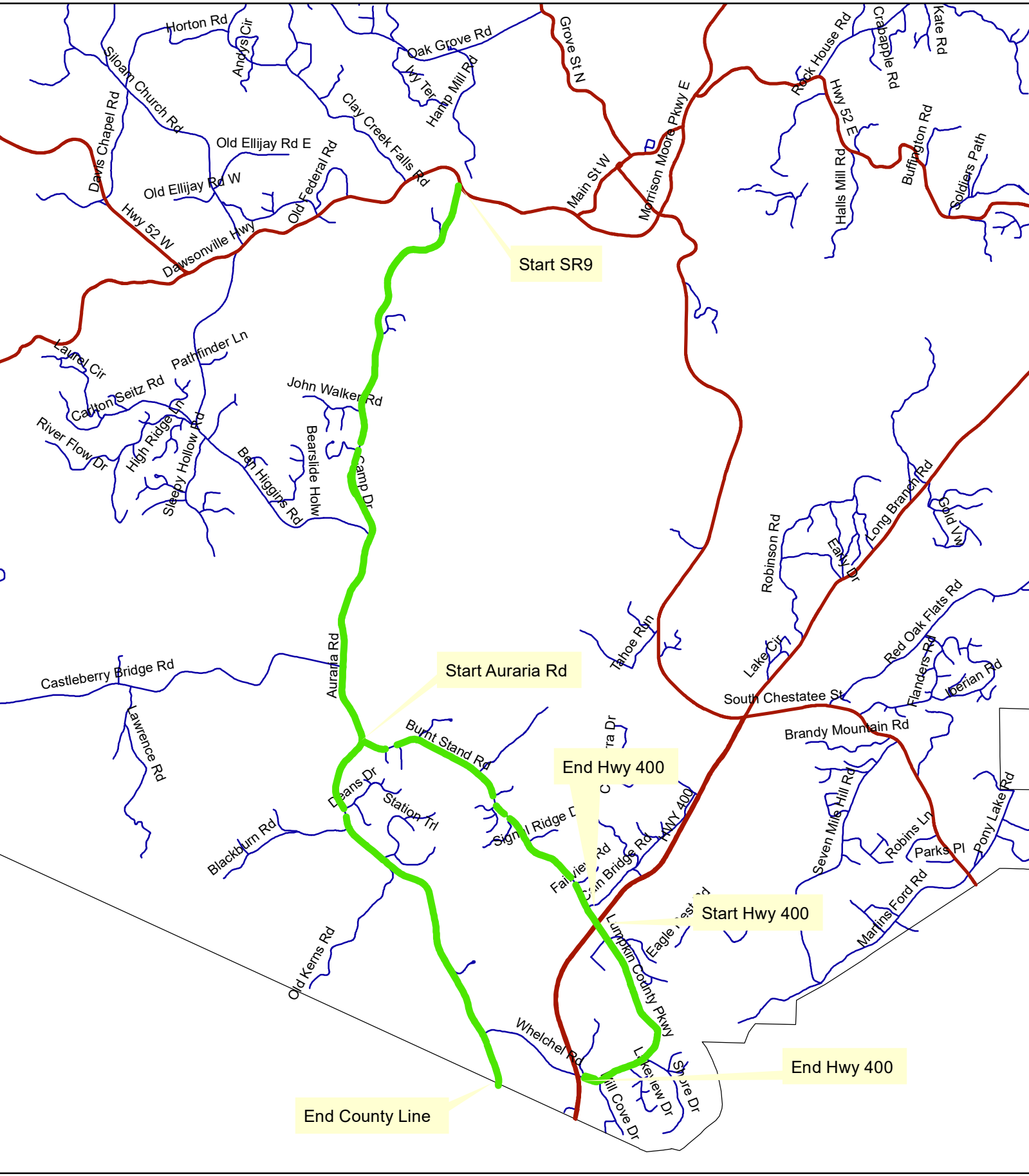
641-Guardrail Post 9': Post shall meet the requirements of the GDOT standard specifications and shall be installed as outlined in the Construction Standard 4381 in the GDOT specifications and will be paid for on a per each basis.

653-Thermoplastic Traffic Symbols: This item is for rumble strips placed on Copper Mine Road with 3 strips going on each end of the road. These will be placed according to the GDOT standard specifications, 2021 edition and will be paid on a per each basis.

Item no 999-5100-Solar Flashing beacon Stop Sign and Stop Ahead: Signs shall be installed according to the current issue of the manual of traffic control devices and shall be paid for on a per each basis which will include the complete assembly installed and working.

Section 108.8 Failure or Delay in Completing Work on Time.

Liquidation Damages on this project will be charged at a rate of \$200.00 Per day if not completed by the completion date.



Auraria
Burntstand
Lumpkin County Parkway

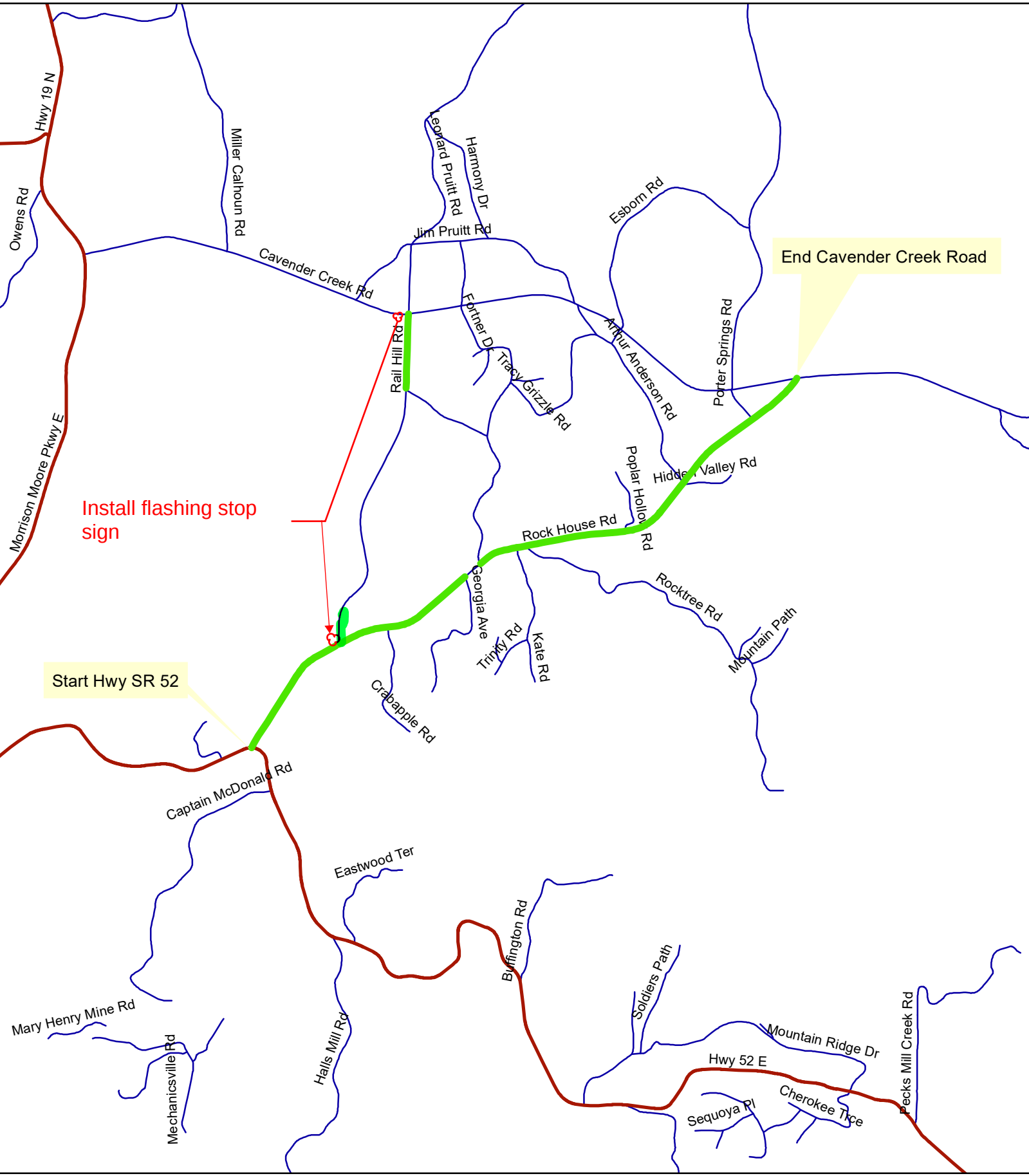
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1 inch = 5,208 feet

Date: 6/26/2026

Legend

- LumpkinCoBoundary
- County Roads



Rockhouse
Railhill

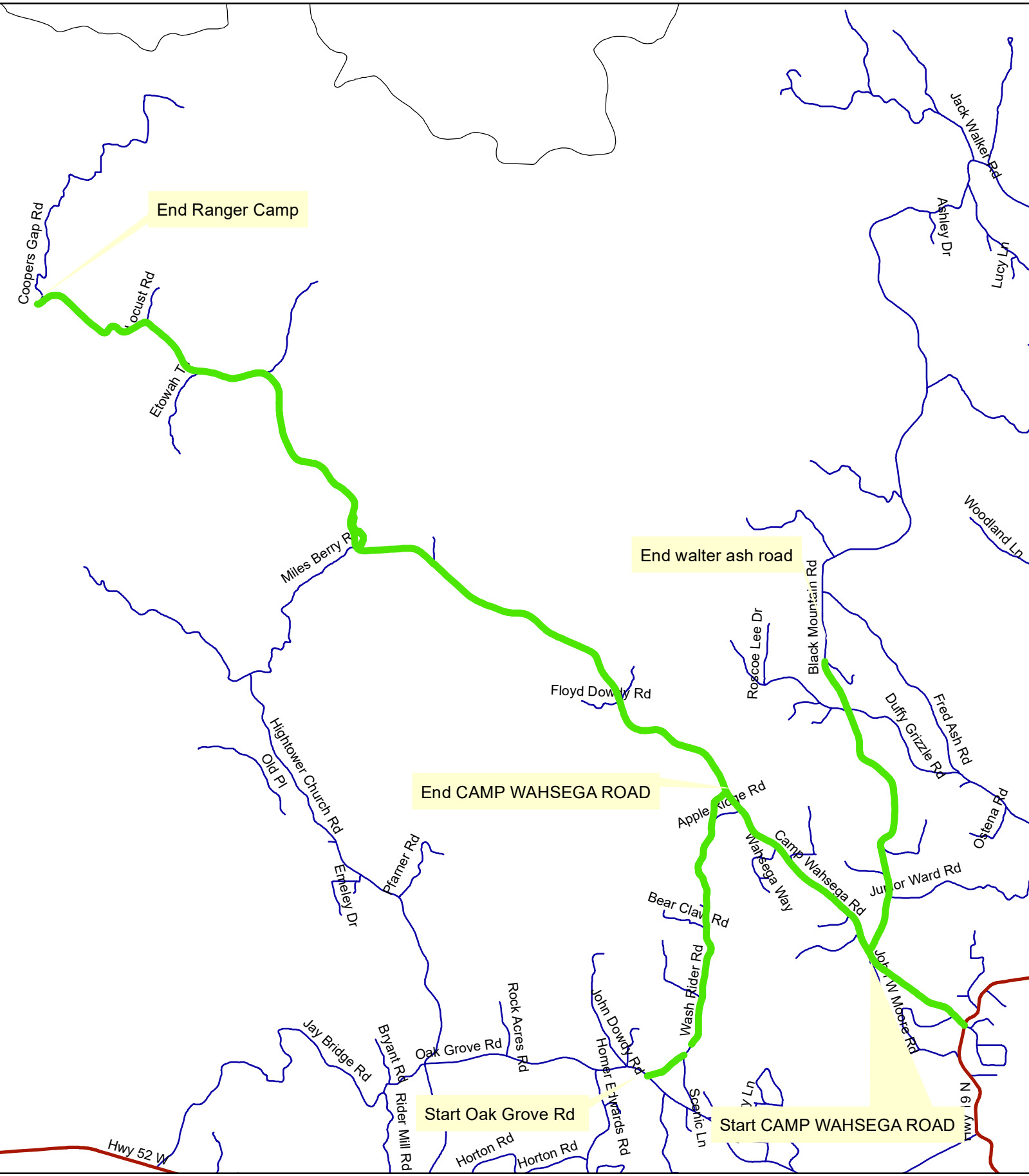
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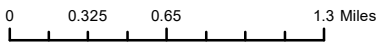
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-  County Roads



Camp Wahsega Road
Washrider
Black Mountain

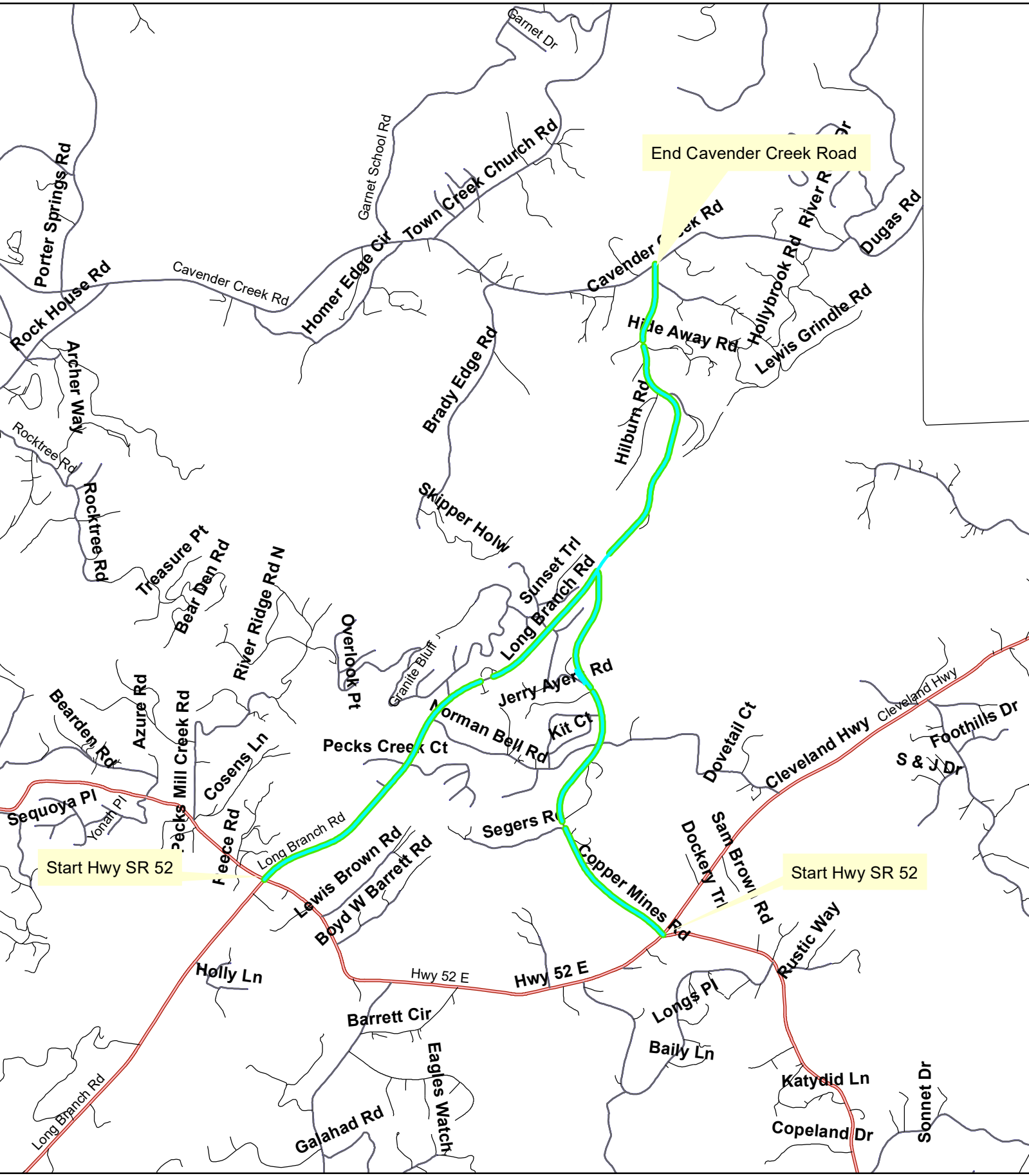


1 inch = 4,188 feet

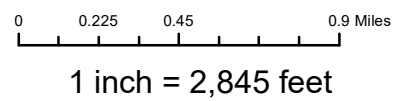
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Legend

- LumpkinCoBoundary
- County Roads

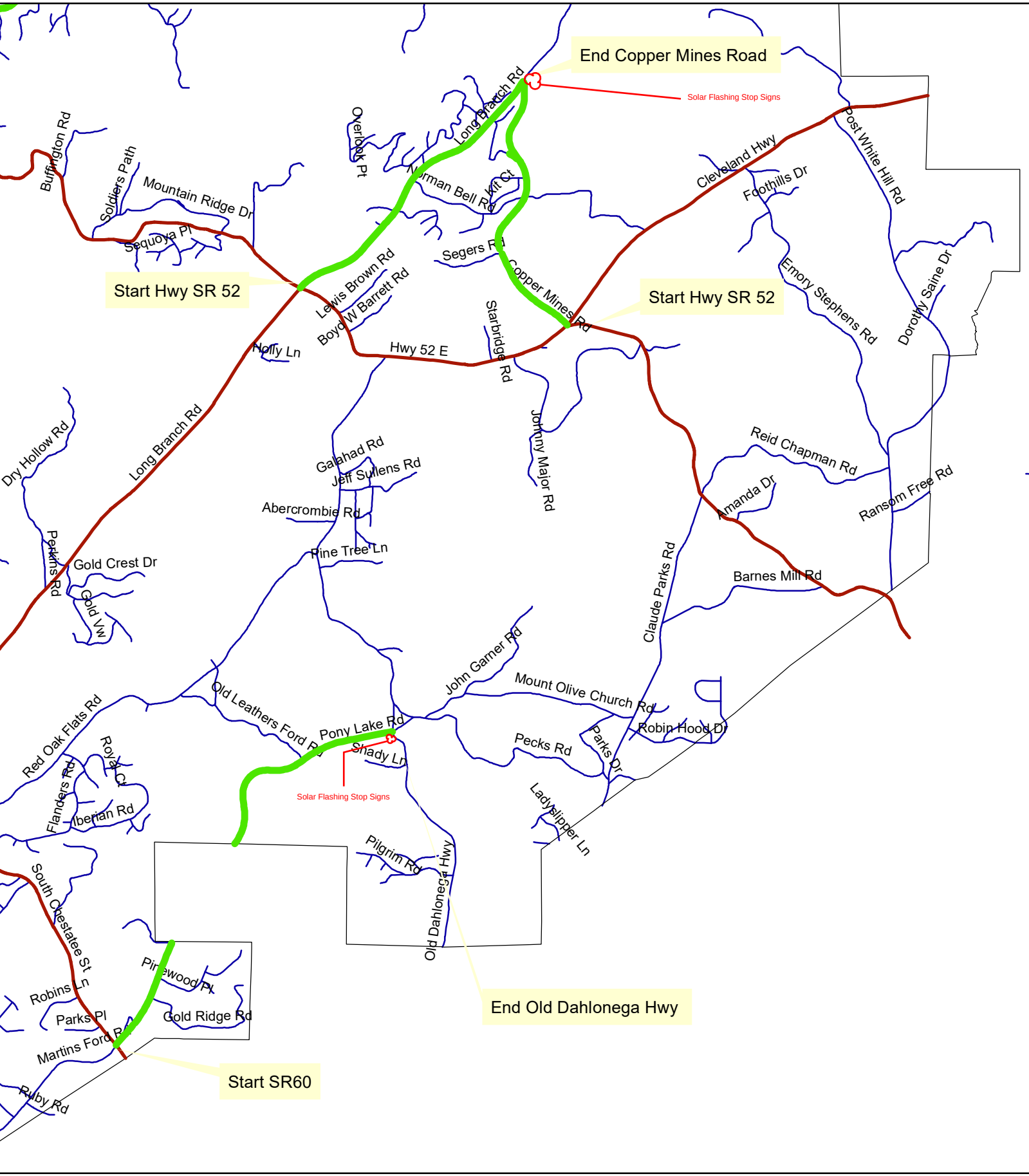


Longbranch Ext. Coppermines



Date: 6/25/2026

- Legend**
- Road
 - COUNTY
 - STATE HIGHWAY
 - LumpkinCoBoundary
 - County Roads



Long Branch Extention
Copper Mine Road
Pony Lake Road

0 0.325 0.65 1.3 Miles

1 inch = 4,243 feet

Date: 5/7/2026

Legend

-  LumpkinCoBoundary
-  County Roads

3.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 Bid Amendments

The cost for developing the bid is the sole responsibility of the Bidder. The County will not provide reimbursement for such costs.

3.2 Conflict of Interest

If a Bidder has any existing client relationship that involves Lumpkin County, the Bidder must disclose each relationship.

3.3 Contractor Selection

Lumpkin County reserves the exclusive right to determine which Bidder should be awarded the Contract. The County also reserves the right to reject any or all bids at its discretion with or without cause.

3.4 Negotiations with Apparent Winner

Prior to award, the apparent winning Bidder will be required to enter into discussions with the County to resolve any contractual differences. These discussions are to be finalized within one (1) week of notification unless extending the time period is advantageous to the County. Failure to resolve differences will lead to rejection of the Contractor's bid.

The County reserves the right to negotiate modifications and costs with the successful Bidder provided that no such modifications affect the evaluation criteria set forth herein.

This bid is on a unit price basis and the County reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities estimated for this project at the same unit price as bid. No consideration will be made for changing the unit price either up or down because of this.

The Contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and Notice to Proceed from the County.

3.5 Taxes

Lumpkin County is exempt from taxes; however, the Contractor shall pay all taxes required of him by law. Lumpkin County cannot exempt others from tax.

3.6 Bid/Proposal Bonds, Payment Bonds, Performance Bonds (if required)

A five percent (5%) Bid Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Performance and Payment Bond shall be furnished to Lumpkin County if stated as required in Paragraph 1.7 in the "Introduction" section of this document. Failure to submit appropriate bonding will result in automatic rejection of bid. Bonding company must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Georgia Insurance Commission, listed in the Department of Treasury's publication of companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable surety on Federal bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies, and have an A.M. Best rating.

3.7 Compliance with Laws

The Contractor will comply with all State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

3.8 Cancellation for Cause

Lumpkin County reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event that the Contractor discontinues or abandons operations; is adjudged bankrupt, or is reorganized under any bankruptcy law; or fails to keep in force any required insurance policies or bonds.

Failure of the successful contractor to comply with any section or part of the contract will be considered grounds for immediate termination of the contract by the County without penalty to Lumpkin County. Lumpkin County shall pay for services rendered up to the point of termination.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the contract between the County and the successful contractor, the County may, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, terminate the contract for convenience and without cause, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the successful contractor.

If the termination clause is used by the County, the successful contractor will be paid by the County for all scheduled work completed satisfactorily by the successful contractor up to the termination date set forth in the written termination notice.

3.9 Condition of Materials

It is understood and agreed that materials delivered shall be new, of latest design, and in first quality condition and must meet all Georgia Department of Transportation specifications.

3.10 Rejection of Submissions/Cancellation of Bids

Lumpkin County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity or informality in a bid, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items, when to do so would be to the advantage of Lumpkin County. It is also within the rights of Lumpkin County to reject bids that do not contain all elements and information requested in this document. Lumpkin County reserves the right to cancel this Invitation to Bid at any time. Lumpkin County will not be liable for any cost/losses incurred by the Contractors throughout this process.

3.11 Non-discrimination

Lumpkin County does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

3.12 Payment

Contractor shall itemize all invoices in full. The original of the invoice shall be mailed to:

**Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Accounts Payable
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

Each invoice must include the following information:

1. Date of Invoice
2. Service Performed
3. Billing Period
4. Terms
5. All billable items must be itemized
6. Appropriate Unit of Measure

Contractor must furnish documentation identifying that this work has been completed in accordance with specifications, quantities, and price as set forth in the contract.

Approved invoices (less retainage, if applicable) will be paid within 30 days of approval.

Invoices missing any of the information listed above will not be accepted for payment but will be returned to the Contractor for correction.

3.13 Insurance

The Contractor shall be responsible for his work and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and properties of any and all description used in connection with this project.

The Contractor assumes all risks of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property of persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work.

The Contractor shall, during the continuance of all work under the Contract, provide the following:

1. Maintain statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 to protect the Contractor from any liability or damages for any injuries (including death and disability) to any of its employees, volunteers, or sub-contractors, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue of any statute or law in force within the State of Georgia, or which may be herein after enacted.
2. The Contractor agrees to maintain Comprehensive General Liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence to protect the Contractor, its sub-contractors, and the interest of the County, against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the Contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage Liability endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards, where required.
3. The Contractor agrees to maintain Automobile Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles.
4. The Contractor further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Lumpkin County, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability incurred whatsoever as a result of the work performed pursuant to the terms of this Bid.
5. The Contractor shall notify the County, in writing, sixty (60) days prior to any change in insurance coverage, including cancellation, non-renewal, etc. The Contractor shall furnish a new certificate prior to any change or cancellation date. The failure of the Contractor to deliver a new and valid certificate shall result in suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished. Additionally, contract work may be suspended until the new certificate is furnished to the County.
6. Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the Contract term. Should the Contractor fail to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within five (5) days of written notice at any time during the Contract term, the Owner shall have the absolute right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to the Contractor. Further, the Contractor shall be responsible for the cost of procuring the uncompleted portion of the Contract at the time of termination.

7. Contractual and other Liability insurance provided under this Contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection, or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the County from supervising and/or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Contractor shall assume all on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons under its direct employment and of the sub-Contractors and any persons employed by the sub-Contractor.
8. The Contractor and all sub-Contractors shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and amendments, as it may apply to this Contract.
9. If the Contractor does not meet the insurance requirements of the specifications, alternate insurance coverage satisfactory to the County may be considered. The Contractor shall be responsible for the costs of any and all alternate insurance coverage so obtained.

A "Certificate of Insurance" showing Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners as the Certificate Holder must be provided prior and incorporated as part of the contract award.

3.14 Project Coordination

The Contractor shall employ and assign only qualified and competent personnel to perform any service or task involved in this project. The Contractor shall designate one such person as a Project Manager, and the Project manager shall be deemed to be the Contractor's authorized representative, who shall be authorized to receive and accept any and all communications from the County. The County shall name a Project Manager who shall be authorized to generate, receive and accept communication as an authorized representative of the County.

The Contractor hereby agrees to replace any personnel or sub-contractor, at no cost or penalty to the County, if the County reasonably determines that the performance of any sub-contractor or personnel is unsatisfactory.

3.15 Accuracy of Work

The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work performed and shall promptly correct its errors and omissions without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the County will not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for subsequent correction of errors, the clarification of any ambiguities, or the costs associated with any additional work caused by negligent acts, errors, or omissions by the Contractor or latent defects in the products sold by the Contractor.

At any time during the execution of this project or during any phase of work performed by others based on data secured by the Contractor under this Agreement, the Contractor shall confer with the County for the purpose of interpreting the information supplied by the Contractor and to correct any errors or omissions. The above consultations, clarifications, and/or corrections shall be made without added compensation to the Contractor. The Contractor shall give immediate attention to these changes so there will be minimum delay to others. The Contractor shall be responsible for errors and omissions and save harmless the County and its agents as provided in this Agreement.

3.16 Ownership

Reports, plans, data, statistics, specifications, and other supporting records compiled or prepared in the performance of the Services required by this Contract, shall be the absolute property of the County and shall not be used by the Contractor for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the County. Such original documents shall be turned over to the County upon completion of the contract except that Contractor shall have the right to retain copies of the same.

3.17 News Releases by Contractor

As a matter of policy, the County does not endorse the products or services of a Contractor. News releases concerning any resultant contract from this solicitation shall not be made by a Contractor without the prior written approval of the County. All proposed news releases shall be routed to the Lumpkin County Purchasing Director for review and approval.

3.18 Severability/Cancellation

It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this Contract is held illegal or in conflict with any law of the State, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular part, term, or provisions held to be invalid.

The COUNTY and the Contractor agree to resolve through negotiation or mediation prior to filing any cause of action. The venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be Lumpkin County, Georgia.

3.19 Drug Free Workplace

By submission of a Bid, the Contractor certifies that the provisions of Code Sections 5024-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug-free Workplace Act", have been complied with in full. The Contractor further certifies that:

1. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Contractor's employees during performance of the contract; and
2. Each Contractor who hires a sub-Contractor to work in a drug-free work place shall secure from that sub-Contractor the following written certification:
3. As part of the subcontracting agreement with (Contractor's name), (Sub Contractor's name) certifies to the Contractor that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the sub-Contractor's employees during the performance of this Contract pursuant to Paragraph (7) of Sub-section (b) of Code Section 50-24-3".
4. The Contractor further certifies that he will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

3.20 Assignment of Contractual Rights

It is agreed that the Contractor will not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of a contract that may result from this bid or his right, title, or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without written consent of the County.

3.21 Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor will indemnify, defend, and hold Lumpkin County harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including, but not limited to, fees and charges of attorneys and court and arbitration costs, arising out of or resulting from the negligent acts, negligent omissions, willful misconduct, or reckless misconduct of the Contractor or anyone for whom the Contractor is responsible.

3.22 Non-Collusive Bidding

By submitting a response to this Invitation to Bid, the Bidder represents and warrants that such bid is genuine and not a sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named and that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other vendor to put in a sham bid, or any other person or company to refrain from submitting and that the Bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to that vendor any advantage over any other vendor.

3.23 Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance

To comply with the State of Georgia's Security and Immigration Compliance Act, all contractors must comply with regulations by completing the provided affidavits relative to the Compliance Act. All applicable affidavits have been included with this Invitation to Bid and must be signed and provided with the Bid submission.

3.24 Appropriation of Funds

The initial contract and any continuation contract(s) shall terminate immediately and absolutely at any such time as there are no appropriated and otherwise unencumbered funds available to satisfy the County's obligations under said contract(s).

3.25 Documents Deemed Part of Contract

The entire Invitation to Bid, addenda (if any) and entire Bid submitted by the Bidder shall be deemed part of the contract.

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

This project shall consist of applying 24" thermoplastic stop bars, high build center line and edge line striping, install solar flashing stop signs, thermoplastic centerline and edge line striping and 2 foot widening on of various county roads.

Date of Bid. July 30, 2026

I certify that this Bid is submitted without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a Bid for the same goods/services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of State and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all terms and conditions stated of this bid document and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.

I acknowledge that this Project will be constructed in English units.

I certify that I have carefully examined the Plans for this Project and the Standard Specifications, 2013 Edition, and the Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions included in and made a part of this Bid, and have also personally examined the site of the work. On the basis of the said Scope of Work and Specifications, I propose to furnish all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus and other means of construction, and do all the work and furnish all the materials in the manner specified.

I understand the quantities mentioned are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease and hereby propose to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work or extra work on the basis provided for in the Specifications.

I also hereby agree that Lumpkin County would suffer damages in a sum equal to at least the amount of the enclosed Bid Guaranty, in the event my Bid should be accepted and a Contract tendered me there under and I should refuse to execute same and furnish bond as herein required, in consideration of which I hereby agree that, in the event of such failure on my part to execute said Contract and furnish bond within fifteen (15) days after the date of the letter transmitting the Contract to me, the amount of said Bid Guaranty shall be and is hereby, forfeited to Lumpkin County, as liquidated damages as the result of such failure on my part.

I further agree to execute a Contract prepared by Lumpkin County as soon as the work is awarded to me, and to begin and complete the work within the time limit provided. I also propose to furnish the Bonds as required by the Bid Documents and laws of the State of Georgia. Such bond(s) shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work on my part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted, as well as to fully comply with all the laws of the State of Georgia and Lumpkin County.

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

BIDDER INFORMATION (TYPE OR PRINT)

NAME OF COMPANY

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

FAX #

TAX ID NUMBER

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS (WHERE TO SEND PAYMENT)

NAME OF COMPANY

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

OR

NAME & TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

NAME

TITLE

SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SIGNED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, IN THE YEAR _____.
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF _____, STATE OF _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE AND SEAL: _____

MY COMMISSIONER EXPIRES: _____

**PROPOSALS OR BIDS NOT SIGNED SHALL BE DECLARED AS
"NON-RESPONSIVE" AND MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.**

LUMPKIN COUNTY				
CONTRACT ID: ITB 2026-010				
LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS/CENTS	TOTAL DOLLARS/CENTS
0005	150-3110 TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM		
0010	653-1704 THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAFFIC STRIPE 24"	100 LIN. FOOT		
0015	652-2501 SOLID TRAFFIC STRIPE, 5" WHITE	12.6 LIN. MILE		
0020	652-2502 SOLID TRAFFIC STRIPE, 5" YELLOW	12.6 LIN. MILE		
0025	652-3501 SKIP TRAFFIC STRIPE, 5" WHITE	0.5 GLM		
0030	652-3502 SKIP TRAFFIC STRIPE, 5" YELLOW	0.5 GLM		
0035	654-RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS, REFLECTIVE MARKERS	3420 EACH		
0040	641- GUARDRAIL TYPE W	1875 LIN. FOOT		
0045	641-GUARDRAIL ANCHOR TYPE 1	4 EACH		
0050	641- GUARDRAIL ANCHOR TYPE 12	4 EACH		
0055	653-THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT SYMBOLS (RUMBLE STRIPS)	6 EACH		
0060	BEACON STOP SIGN AND STOP AHEAD SIGN	7 EACH		
0065	641- GUARDRAIL POST 9'	20 EACH		
			TOTAL BID	



VENDOR'S CHECKLIST AND BID SUBMITTAL PACKET

Company Name: _____

Please indicate you have completed the following documentation; and submit them in the following order

- ☐ Information Form
- ☐ Execution of Proposal Form
- ☐ Price Proposal Form
- ☐ Bid Bond
- ☐ Bidder's Certification
- ☐ Non-Collusion Form
- ☐ Drug-Free Workplace Form
- ☐ Addenda Acknowledgment Form
- ☐ E-verify
- ☐ Completed W9

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH BID



INFORMATION FORM

1. Legal Business Name _____
2. Street Address _____
3. City, State & Zip _____
4. Type of Business: State of Registration: _____
(Association, Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.)
5. Name & Title of Authorized Signer: _____
6. Primary Contact _____
7. Phone Fax _____
8. E-mail _____
9. Company Website _____
10. Has your company ever been debarred from doing business with any federal, state or local agency?
Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please state the agency name, dates and reason for debarment.

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH BID



EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FORM

DATE: _____

The potential Contractor certifies the following by placing an "X" in all blank spaces:

_____ That this proposal was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.

_____ That the potential Contractor has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.

_____ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.

_____ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this Invitation to Bid with no exceptions.

Therefore, in compliance with the foregoing **Invitation for Bids**, and subject to all terms and conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this proposal is accepted within sixty (60) days from the date of the opening, to furnish the services for the prices quoted within the timeframe required.

Business Name

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name & Title

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR BID



PRICE PROPOSAL FORM

Company Name: _____

*Total Estimated Bid: _____

*(based on unit pricing of estimated quantities)

I certify the above bid as all-inclusive and final per document specifications.

Authorized Signature Title

Print Name Title

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR BID



CERTIFICATION AND NON-COLLUSION FORM

I _____ certify that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a proposal for the same services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of state and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards.

I certify that this proposal has been prepared independently and the price submitted will not be disclosed to another person.

I certify that there has been no contact or communication by the proposer or the proposer's associates with any County staff, or elected officials since the date this ITB #2026-010 Installation of Safety Items on Various County Roads was issued except: 1) through the Purchasing Department 2) at the Pre-Bid Conference (if applicable) or 3) as provided by existing work agreement(s). **The County reserves the right to reject the bid submitted by any proposer violating this provision.**

I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this proposal.

COMPANY NAME: _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title

(Print or Type)

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DRUG- FREE WORKPLACE FORM

I hereby certify that I am a principle and duly authorized representative of: _____

Whose address is: _____

And it is also that:

1. The provisions of Section § 50.24.1 through § 50.24.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to the "Drug Free Workplace Act" and have been complied with in full, and
2. A drug free workplace will be provided for the CONTRACTOR'S employees during the performance of the contract; and,
3. Each subcontractor hired by the CONTRACTOR shall be required to ensure that the subcontractor's employees are provided a drug free workplace. The CONTRACTOR shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with

certifies to the CONTRACTOR that a drug free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section § 50.24.3"; and,

4. It is certified that the undersigned will not engage in unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

Signature

Date

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ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The vendor has examined and carefully studied the Invitation for Bid and the following Addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Addendum No. _____

Authorized Representative (Signature)

Date

Authorized Representative/Title
(Print or Type)

Vendors must acknowledge any issued addenda. Proposals which fail to acknowledge the vendor's receipt of any addendum will result in the rejection of the offer if the addendum contained information which substantively changes the Owner's requirements.

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Georgia Security & Immigration Compliance (GSIC) Act Affidavit

As per the Georgia Senate Bill 529 and Senate Bill 447, the Georgia Department of Labor has promulgated new rules for the implementation of Section 2. O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 and Chapter

300-10-01-.02 state that no Georgia Public Employer shall enter into a contract for *the physical performance of services within the State of Georgia* unless the Contractor registers and participates in a federal work authorization program to verify the work eligibility information of all of its new employees.

The Employment Eligibility Verification “E-Verify” site operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is the electronic federal work authorization program to be utilized for these purposes.

The website is <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>

By executing the attached Contractor Affidavit, Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A.

§13-10-91 stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is contracting with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners has registered and is participating in this federal work authorization program in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in this Statute.

Contractor further agrees that should it employ or contract with any Sub-Contractor(s) for the physical performance of services pursuant to the contract with the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, Contractor will secure from the Sub-Contractor(s) verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 on a Sub-Contractor Affidavit and shall provide a copy of each such verification to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners at the time the Sub- Contractor(s) is retained to perform such services.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND RETURN IT TO:

Ryan McDuffie
Lumpkin County Purchasing Agent
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite D
Dahlonega, GA 30533
Email: ryan.mcduffie@lumpkincounty.gov

**IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM
(GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT**

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the Contractor identified above has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*, in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract with the County, Contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 on the attached Subcontractor Affidavit. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the County at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV / E-Verify Company Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent
(Contractor Name)

Date

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS
THE DAY OF 20____

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

*any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-

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**IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY FORM
(GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT)**

SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the Subcontractor which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with the Contractor identified above on behalf of the County identified above has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program*, in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

EEV / E-Verify Company Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent Date
(Subcontractor Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON
THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____ 20__

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603

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Private Employer Exemption Affidavit Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 36-60-6(d)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned private employer verifies that it is exempt from compliance with O.C.G.A §36-60-6, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation employs fewer than eleven employees and therefore, is not required to register with and/or utilize the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent program in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A § 13-10-90.

Signature of Exempt Private Employer

Printed Name of Exempt Private Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF
_____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR BID

**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.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____ Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead 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 Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions ☐	
	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. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
or	
Employer identification number	

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
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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.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

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-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- 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), and 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.

Caution: If you don't 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; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. 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).

Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding. Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

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

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

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 (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(l)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

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 their 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 their 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, but are not limited to, 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, as described in item 4 under "*By signing the filled-out form*" 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.

See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier.

What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. 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 are no longer 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.

• **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 for 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 you filed with your application.

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

• **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** 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.

• **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. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the owner 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. 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, enter it on line 2.

Line 3a

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

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation.
• Individual or • Sole proprietorship	Individual/sole proprietor.
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	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 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

Note: A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

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 on 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 territory, 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 territory.
- 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 as defined under section 581.
- 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.

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

²However, 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) entered 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 territory, 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, enter "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 ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. 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). 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 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/EIN. 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 Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "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, you will generally 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. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

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 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

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
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 Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (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 on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. 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.)

* **Note:** The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.

** For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

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 return 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 a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 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 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 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 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.

Go to 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 territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also 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, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.