

## **Certification of Beneficial Ownership Form**

*Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Members*

### **I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**This is an optional form provided for your convenience. The required information may be provided in other formats. When completed, this form is provided to the financial institution where the account is opened. DO NOT SEND TO FinCEN.**

#### **Where may I obtain a copy of this form?**

A copy (pdf) may be downloaded from the FinCEN website at [www.fincen.gov](http://www.fincen.gov) under the “Filing Information” tab. The form may be completed on a computer using the free [Adobe Reader](#) software.

#### **What is this form?**

To help the government fight financial crime, Federal regulation requires certain financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information about the beneficial owners of legal entity customers. Legal entities can be abused to disguise involvement in terrorist financing, money laundering, tax evasion, corruption, fraud, and other financial crimes. Requiring the disclosure of key individuals who own or control a legal entity (i.e., the beneficial owners) helps law enforcement investigate and prosecute these crimes.

#### **Who has to complete this form?**

This form must be completed by any person opening a new account on behalf of a **legal entity** with any of the following U.S. financial institutions: (i) a bank or credit union; (ii) a broker or dealer in securities; (iii) a mutual fund; (iv) a futures commission merchant; and (v) an introducing broker in commodities.

For the purposes of this form, a **legal entity** includes a corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that is created by a filing of a public document with a Secretary of State or similar office, a general partnership, and any similar business entity formed in the United States or a foreign country. **Legal entity** does not include sole proprietorships, unincorporated associations, or natural persons opening accounts on their own behalf.

#### **What information do I have to provide?**

When you open a new account on behalf of a legal entity, the financial institution will ask for information about the legal entity’s **beneficial owner(s)**, including their name, address, date of birth and social security number (or passport number or other similar information, in the case of Non-U.S. persons). The financial institution may also ask to see a copy of a driver’s license or other identifying document for each beneficial owner listed on this form.

Beneficial owners are:

- (1) Each individual, if any, who owns, directly or indirectly, 25 percent or more of the equity interests of the legal entity customer (*e.g.*, each natural person that owns 25 percent or more of the shares of a corporation; **and**
- (2) An individual with significant responsibility for managing the legal entity customer (*e.g.*, a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Managing Member, General Partner, President, Vice President, or Treasurer).

The number of individuals that satisfy this definition of “beneficial owner” may vary. Under section (1), depending on the factual circumstances, up to four individuals (but as few as zero) may need to be identified. Regardless of the number of individuals identified under section (1), you must provide the identifying information of one individual under section (2). It is possible that in some circumstances the same individual might be identified under both sections (*e.g.*, the President of Acme, Inc. who also holds a 30% equity interest). Thus, a completed form will contain the identifying information of at least one individual (under section (2)), and up to five individuals (*i.e.*, one individual under section (2) and four 25 percent equity holders under section (1))

***A legal entity may have multiple “beneficial owners,” this form requires you to list only those that own 25% or more (up to five) under each of the two prongs of the definition above. If appropriate, the same individuals may be listed under both prongs.***

# CERTIFICATION OF BENEFICIAL OWNER(S)

**The information contained in this Certification is sought pursuant to Section 1020.230 of Title 31 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations (31 CFR 1020.230).**

**All persons opening an account on behalf of a legal entity must provide the following information:**

1. Last Name and title of Natural Person Opening Account	2. First Name	3. Middle Initial	
4. Name and type of Legal Entity for Which the Account is Being Opened			
4a. Legal Entity Address	4b. City	4c. State	4d. ZIP/Postal Code

## SECTION I

(To add additional individuals, see page 3)

Please provide the following information for an individual(s), if any, who, directly or indirectly, through any contract arrangement, understanding, relationship, or otherwise owns 25% or more of the equity interests of the legal entity listed above. **Check here  if no individual meets this definition and complete Section II.**

5. Last Name	6. First Name	7. M.I.	8. Date of birth <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>
9. Address	10. City	11. State	12. ZIP/Postal Code
13. Country	14. SSN (U.S. Persons)	15. For Non-U.S. persons (SSN, Passport Number or other similar identification number)	
		15a. Country of issuance:	

Note: In lieu of a passport number, Non-U.S. Persons may also provide a Social Security Number, an alien identification card number, or number and country of issuance of any other government-issued document evidencing nationality or residence and bearing a photograph or similar safeguard.

## SECTION II

Please provide the following information for an individual with significant responsibility for managing or directing the entity, including, an executive officer or senior manager (e.g., Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Managing Member, General Partner, President, Vice President, Treasurer); or Any other individual who regularly performs similar functions.

16. Last Name	17. First Name	18. M.I.	19. Date of birth <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>
20. Address	21. City	22. State	23. ZIP/Postal Code
24. Country	25. SSN (U.S. Persons)	26. For Non-U.S. persons (SSN, Passport Number or other similar identification number)	
		26a. Country of issuance:	

Note: In lieu of a passport number, Non-U.S. Persons may also provide a Social Security Number, an alien identification card number, or number and country of issuance of any other government-issued document evidencing nationality or residence and bearing a photograph or similar safeguard.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person opening account), hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided above is complete and correct.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Business CIF \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Entity Identifier (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Business EIN \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Section 1 - Second Beneficial Owner (If required)**

Please provide the following information for an individual(s), if any, who, directly or indirectly, through any contract arrangement, understanding, relationship, or otherwise owns 25% or more of the equity interests of the legal entity listed above.

5. Last Name		6. First Name	7. M.I.	8. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
9. Address		10. City	11. State	12. ZIP/Postal Code
13. Country	14. SSN (U.S. Persons)	15. For Non-U.S. persons (SSN, Passport Number or other similar identification number)		
		15a. Country of issuance:		

Note: In lieu of a passport number, Non-U.S. Persons may also provide a Social Security Number, an alien identification card number, or number and country of issuance of any other government-issued document evidencing nationality or residence and bearing a photograph or similar safeguard.

**Additional Section 1 - Third Beneficial Owner (If required)**

Please provide the following information for an individual(s), if any, who, directly or indirectly, through any contract arrangement, understanding, relationship, or otherwise owns 25% or more of the equity interests of the legal entity listed above.

5. Last Name		6. First Name	7. M.I.	8. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
9. Address		10. City	11. State	12. ZIP/Postal Code
13. Country	14. SSN (U.S. Persons)	15. For Non-U.S. persons (SSN, Passport Number or other similar identification number)		
		15a. Country of issuance:		

**Additional Section 1 - Fourth Beneficial Owner (If required)**

Please provide the following information for an individual(s), if any, who, directly or indirectly, through any contract arrangement, understanding, relationship, or otherwise owns 25% or more of the equity interests of the legal entity listed above.

5. Last Name		6. First Name	7. M.I.	8. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
9. Address		10. City	11. State	12. ZIP/Postal Code
13. Country	14. SSN (U.S. Persons)	15. For Non-U.S. persons (SSN, Passport Number or other similar identification number)		
		15a. Country of issuance:		

Note: In lieu of a passport number, Non-U.S. Persons may also provide a Social Security Number, an alien identification card number, or number and country of issuance of any other government-issued document evidencing nationality or residence and bearing a photograph or similar safeguard.

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