

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY THE U.S. MARSHAL

Please type or print legibly, insuring readability of all copies. **DO NOT DETACH ANY COPIES.**

Submit one complete set of this form (USM-285) and one copy of each writ for each individual, company, corporation, etc., to be served or property to be seized or condemned. The applicable fees for such service(s) (T28, USC Sec. 1921 establishes the fees for service of process by the U.S. Marshal) may be required prior to said service.

For service of any process upon an officer or agent of the United States Government, submit a copy of the writ and set of Form USM-285 for each officer or agent upon whom service is desired. Submit three (3) additional copies of the writs for service upon the Government of the United States. The U.S. Marshal will serve one (1) upon the U.S. Attorney and will forward two (2) to the Attorney General of the United States. (When the applicable box is checked, completion of the final signature block by the U.S. Marshal or his Deputy always certifies service on the U.S. Attorney and the Attorney General, regardless of whether other defendants on the writ served.) Failure to provide any of the copies will delay service of writ.

Complete all entries above the double line. Mark all applicable check boxes and use the “Special Instructions” to advise of any information that will assist the U.S. Marshal in expediting service.

If more than one writ and USM-285 is submitted on a single case, the U.S. Marshal will receipt for all of them on the first USM-285. You will receive for your records the last (No.5) “Acknowledgment of Receipt” copy for all the USM-285 forms you submit. When the writ is served, you will receive the No. 3 Notice of Service copy. This copy will be identical to the return to the Clerk of Court.

Upon completion of all services (is the Marshals fees were not requested or tendered in advance or if additional fees are indicated), you will receive a “Billing Statement” (copy 4 of USM-285) from the United States Marshal.

(Note: Copy 4 should be returned, by you, to the U.S. Marshal, together with your payment of the amount owed.)

Additional supplies of the USM-285 may be obtained from the Clerk of Courts of the U.S. District Court or the U.S. Marshal, without cost.