Communications Services Tax

Exempt Purchases of Communications Services
Used to Provide Internet Access

As a result of the Internet Tax Freedom Act Amendments of 2007, communications services that are purchased, used, or sold by a provider of Internet access to provide Internet access are no longer subject to Florida communications services tax or local communications services tax beginning July 1, 2008.

Selling dealers must document exempt sales of communications services. The following suggested affidavit may be used to purchase tax-exempt communications services that will be used by the purchaser to provide Internet access. The suggested exemption certificate must be provided to the selling dealer at the time of sale.

Suggested Exemption Certificate for Purchases of Communications Services
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I, the undersigned, am an authorized representative of the Purchaser identified below. The Purchaser hereby certifies that the __________________________ communications services (insert description of communications services) purchased on or after __________ (insert date) from ________________________ (insert Selling Dealer’s name and address) are for use in providing Internet access by the Purchaser identified below. The charges by the Selling Dealer identified above for purchases of communications services will be billed to and paid directly by the Purchaser identified below. These purchases of communications services are exempt from Florida communications services tax and local communications services tax, because these communications services are being purchased by a provider of Internet access to provide Internet access.

The Purchaser understands that if it uses the communications services for any non-exempt purpose, the Purchaser must pay tax on the purchase price of the communications services.

The Purchaser also understands that if it fraudulently issues this certificate to evade the payment of Florida communications services tax or local communications services tax, the Purchaser will be liable for payment of tax, penalties, and interest and may be subject to criminal sanctions.
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true.

Purchaser’s name: _________________________________

Purchaser’s address: _______________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

Printed name and title of Purchaser’s authorized representative:
_________________________________________________________________________________

By: ______________________________________________
   (Signature of authorized representative)

Title: ____________________________________________
Date: __________________________________________________________________________

References: 47 USCA 151, Pub. L. 110-108; Chapter 202, Florida Statutes

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