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1. Read the accompanying Proxy Statement and Proxy/Voting Instruction Card.
2. Go to website [www.ibm.com/investor/vote](http://www.ibm.com/investor/vote)
3. Follow the simple instructions provided at the log-in site.
4. Your vote will be immediately confirmed and posted.

Vote by Telephone

1. Read the accompanying Proxy Statement and Proxy/Voting Instruction Card.
2. Call the toll-free number, 877-779-8683. Stockholders residing outside the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico should call 201-536-8073.
3. The phone script will provide simple instructions.
4. Your vote will be immediately confirmed and posted.

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- or -

Go to [www.econsent.com/ibm](http://www.econsent.com/ibm) and follow the instructions.

(Your IBM account number is required to consent.)

Prior to the next IBM Stockholder Meeting, you will receive an e-mail providing information on where to locate the IBM Annual Report and Proxy Statement online.

If you vote through the Internet or by telephone, please do not return your proxy card.

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Proxy vote

Vote your IBM proxy online

Thank you for choosing to participate in the program to vote your proxy through the Internet.

Please read this page and click on the proceed button below to fill out and submit your proxy.

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To vote online you must use the control number that appears in the gray shaded box on your proxy card.

Your online vote authorizes the named proxies in the same manner as if you marked, signed, dated and returned the proxy card. If you choose to vote your shares online, there is no need for you to mail back your proxy card.

When you click on [proceed](#) you will leave the IBM web site and enter the secure EquiServe proxy voting site.

> Proceed

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Welcome to the EquiServe online voting wizard!

Just follow a few simple steps to complete the secure online voting process:

Authentication: Login using your authorization information

Delivery Preference: Setup future delivery of your annual  
meeting materials

Voting: Cast your vote and receive your  
confirmation online

Finish: Vote another card or exit the voting site

If you have more than one proxy card or voter instruction card or ballot, please vote  
them one card at a time. To get started now, login below and click [Continue](#) .

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Step 1: Authentication

Enter the series of numbers printed in the gray shaded box

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on your proxy card, voting instruction sheet or ballot

Enter the last 4 digits of the U.S. social security   
number (SSN) or the U.S. taxpayer  
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Welcome

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Name Line

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City, State Zip Line

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Delivery Preference

Select how you would like to receive your future annual meeting materials:

Postal mail -or-

Electronically

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E-mail address (e.g., name@xyz.com)

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International Business Machines Corporation 2004 Annual Meeting of

Stockholders

PROXY SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

APRIL 27, 2004

Samuel J. Palmisano, Edward M. Lineen, and Daniel E. O'Donnell, or any of them individually and each of them with the power of substitution, are hereby appointed Proxies of the undersigned to vote all common stock of International Business Machines Corporation owned on the record date by the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 or any adjournment thereof.

THE PROXIES WILL VOTE USING THE DIRECTIONS PROVIDED BELOW. IF NO DIRECTION IS PROVIDED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE PROXIES ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON ALL OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING, OR ANY ADJOURNMENT THEREOF,

UTILIZING THEIR OWN DISCRETION AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF 2004 ANNUAL MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT.

This Proxy will also be used to provide voting instructions to the Trustee for any shares of common stock of International Business Machines Corporation held in the IBM Stock Fund investment alternative under the IBM Savings Plan on the record date, as set forth in the Notice of 2004 Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement.

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Check this box to cast your vote in accordance with the recommendations of IBM's Directors:

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote FOR all Nominees for Director.

1. Election of Directors

FOR ALL NOMINEES, except as noted below  WITHHOLD AS TO ALL NOMINEES

C. Black  K.I. Chenault  C. Ghosn  N.O. Keohane

C. F. Knight  L.A. Noto  S. J. Palmisano

J. B. Slaughter  J. E. Spero  S. Taurel

C. M. Vest  L. H. Zambrano

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote FOR Proposal 2.

2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Accountants (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP)

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote FOR Proposal 3.

3. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Accountants for Business Consulting Services Unit (Ernst & Young LLP)

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote FOR Proposal 4.

4. Approval of Long-Term Incentive Performance Terms for Certain Executives

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 5.

5. Stockholder Proposal on Cumulative Voting

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN





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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 6.

6. Stockholder Proposal on Pension and Retirement Medical

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 7.

7. Stockholder Proposal on Executive Compensation

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 8.

8. Stockholder Proposal on Expensing Stock Options

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 9.

9. Stockholder Proposal on Disclosure of Executive Compensation

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 10.

10. Stockholder Proposal on China Business Principles

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 11.

11. Stockholder Proposal on Political Contributions

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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IBM's Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 12.

12. Stockholder Proposal on A Review of Executive Compensation Policies

FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

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If applicable, click the option box:  Will attend Annual Meeting Use admission ticket

Attached to your proxy card

To cast your vote please click [Submit](#) .

[Submit](#)



(Note: Your vote will not be counted until you click [Submit](#) .)

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City, State Zip Line

Control Number:

Confirmation Number:

Date:

Thank you for using EquiServe's Vote-By-Net facility.

Step 3: Summary of your vote

Your vote was recorded by EquiServe as follows:

1. Election of Directors

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2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Accountants

(PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP)

[stockholder's vote inserted here]

3. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Accountants

for Business Consulting Services Unit (Ernst & Young LLP)

[stockholder's vote inserted here]

4. Approval of Long-Term Incentive Performance Terms for Certain Executives

[stockholder's vote inserted here]

5. Stockholder Proposal on Cumulative Voting

[stockholder's vote inserted here]

6. Stockholder Proposal on Pension and Retirement Medical

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[stockholder s vote inserted here]

7. Stockholder Proposal on Executive Compensation

[stockholder s vote inserted here]

8. Stockholder Proposal on Expensing Stock Options

[stockholder s vote inserted here]

9. Stockholder Proposal on Disclosure of Executive Compensation

[stockholder s vote inserted here]

10. Stockholder Proposal on China Business Principles

[stockholder s vote inserted here]

11. Stockholder Proposal on Political Contributions

[stockholder s vote inserted here]

12. Stockholder Proposal on A Review of Executive Compensation Policies

[stockholder s vote inserted here]



Will attend Annual Meeting Use admission ticket attached to your proxy card

[stockholder's selection (yes or no) inserted here]

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Delivery Preference

[stockholder's selection (electronically or postal mail) inserted here]

E-mail address: [stockholder's E-mail address inserted here]

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Please keep a copy for your records. To change your vote click [Back](#).

You can now [vote another ballot](#) or go to [IBM's Homepage](#) or click [Finish](#) to exit to EquiServe Homepage.

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**2004 Telephone Voting Script**

**Toll Free: 1-877-PRX-VOTE or 1-877-779-8683**

1. Welcome to the electronic voting system. Please have your proxy card or voting instruction sheet or ballot available before voting.
  
2. Enter the series of numbers printed in the gray shaded box on your card, followed by the pound sign.
  
3. Enter the last four digits of the U.S. social security number or the U.S. taxpayer identification number for this account followed by the pound sign.
  
4. The company that you are voting is IBM Corporation.
  
5. Your vote is subject to the same terms and authorizations as indicated on the proxy card. It also authorizes the named proxies to vote according to the instructions at the meeting of the stockholders.
  
6. To vote all proposals in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of directors, press 1. If you wish to vote on one proposal at a time, press 2.  
  
If 1, go to 19.  
  
If 2, go to 7.
  
7. Item # 1. To vote for all nominees press 1. To withhold from all nominees press 2. To withhold from individual nominees press 3.

If 1, go to 8.

If 2, go to 8.

If 3, go to **Director Exception**.

<b><u>Director Exception</u></b>
Enter the 2-digit number next to the nominee from whom you would like to withhold your vote, followed by the pound key. Or, if you have completed voting on directors, press the pound key again.
If pound key entered, go to 8.
If valid nominee number, go to <u>Next Nominee</u> .
<b><u>Next Nominee</u></b>
To withhold your vote from another nominee enter the 2-digit number next to the nominee followed by the pound key. Or if you have completed voting on directors press the pound key again.
If pound key entered, go to 8.
If valid nominee number, go to <u>Next Nominee</u> .

<b><u>Invalid Nominee Number</u></b>
You have entered an invalid nominee number.
{Go to <u>Next Nominee.</u> }

8. Item # 2. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 9.

If 2, go to 9.

If 3, go to 9.

9. Item # 3. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 10.

If 2, go to 10.

If 3, go to 10.

10. Item # 4. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 11.

If 2, go to 11.

If 3, go to 11.

11. Item # 5. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 12.

If 2, go to 12.

If 3, go to 12.

If 3, go to Director Exception.

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12. Item # 6. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 13.

If 2, go to 13.

If 3, go to 13.

13. Item # 7. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 14.

If 2, go to 14.

If 3, go to 14.

14. Item # 8. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 15.

If 2, go to 15.

If 3, go to 15.

15. Item # 9. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 16.

If 2, go to 16.

If 3, go to 16.

16. Item # 10. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 17.

If 2, go to 17.

If 3, go to 17.

17. Item # 11. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 18.

If 2, go to 18.

If 3, go to Director Exception.



If 3, go to 18.

18. Item # 12. To vote for, press 1; against, press 2; to abstain, press 3.

If 1, go to 19.

If 2, go to 19.

If 3, go to 19.

19. If you would like to attend the annual meeting, press 1. If not, press 2.

If 1, go to 20.

If 2, go to 20.

20. You have cast your vote as follows:

{Playback back the appropriate vote for this proxy card.}
<b>Default Playback</b>
You have voted in the manner recommended by the board of directors.
<b>Director Proposal Playback</b>
For all nominees
<b>Or</b>
For all nominees except for the following nominee numbers
<b>Or</b>
Withhold For all nominees
<b>For/Against/Abstain Proposal Playback</b>
Item # {For   Against   Abstain}



21. Your vote has been successfully recorded. It is not necessary for you to mail in your card. If you wish to vote another card or change your vote, press 1. Otherwise, please hang up. Thank you for voting.

<b>No Key Pressed</b>
Go to the same item (repeat three times); otherwise, go to <u>Error</u> .
<b>Invalid Number</b>
Go to the same item (repeat three times); otherwise, go to <u>Error</u> .
<b>Error</b>
We are unable to process your request at this time. Thank you for calling.
{Call ends.}

