**SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)**

**Background**

The E-Government Act of 2002 ([Pub. L. 107-347](http://api.fdsys.gov/link?collection=plaw&congress=107&lawtype=public&lawnum=347&link-type=html)) was enacted in an effort to improve the management and promotion of electronic Government services and processes. The Act established a framework of measures that require using Internet-based information technology to improve citizen access to Government information and services. GSA has embraced the intent of the Act by consolidating the Government-wide acquisition and award support systems into SAM. SAM is an information system tool that streamlines the Federal acquisition business processes by acting as a single authoritative data source for vendor, contract award, and reporting information, thereby eliminating the need to enter multiple sites and perform duplicative data entry. SAM consolidates hosting to improve the efficiency of doing business with the Government.

SAM, or the System for Award Management, will integrate the eight current federal procurement systems and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance into a single new, streamlined system. The systems which will eventually be combined into SAM are:

* CCR
* FedReg
* ORCA
* EPLS
* CFDA
* eSRS
* FBO
* FPDS-NG

GSA began implementation of Phase 1 of SAM on July 29, 2012. Phase 1 combined the functional capabilities of the CCR, ORCA, and EPLS applications into the SAM database. Upon implementation, the pre-existing applications were retired, and all requirements for entity registration, representations and certifications, and exclusions are now accomplished via SAM. This final rule amends the FAR by updating references and names to conform to the SAM designation. This final rule also makes a number of minor additional conforming changes, such as updates to definitions.

**SAM Registration**

Any company that would like to do business with the federal government or needs to report subcontract information must register on the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM.gov registration is also a requirement for companies that want to obtain a GSA Schedule Contract.

**SAM Registration Process**

There is no fee to register in SAM. On the SAM [website](https://governmentcontractregistration.com/sam-registration.asp?key=sam&source=bing), create a user account, and then click “Register/Updated Entity” to begin the registration process. Registration will take approximately 1-3 hours to enter the required data. Activation of your SAM record generally takes 3 weeks or less.

**Information required for the SAM registration process**.

* Dun & Bradstreet DUNS number.
  + A DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number for each physical location of your business. If you do not have a DUNS number one is available at no cost by requesting one from Dun & Bradstreet at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.
* Employer Identification Number (EIN)
* North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code(s). NAICS codes are used to classify products and service offered by companies.
  + Search here You can search for the appropriate NAICS code by keyword on the Census website [here](https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/):
* Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code. If you do not already have a CAGE Code one will be assigned to you by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) after you complete your SAM registration

**The SAM record is categorized into the following:**

* Core Data:
  + Company Name,
  + DUNS,
  + CAGE code,
  + TIN,
  + General & Financial Information
* Assertions:
  + Type of Goods/Services,
  + Company Size
* Representations and Certifications (Reps & Certs):
  + Small Business Size Status,
  + Acceptance of Common Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clauses and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) clauses
* Points of Contact