

APD ALERT



SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

I. General Information

The General Services Administration has begun the transition of the federal-wide procurement-related systems in the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) portfolio from individual capabilities into an integrated new system called System for Award Management (SAM). The four phases of the transition to SAM include the following systems with the estimated implementation timeframe:

Phase 1 - Implementation May 29, 2012:

- Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/Federal Agency Registration (FedReg)
- Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA)
- Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)

Phase 2 - Implementation 2013/2014:

- Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS)/FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS)
- Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOps)
- Wage Determinations Online (WDOL)
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

Phase 3 - Implementation to be determined:

- Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG)

Phase 4 – Implementation to be determined:

- Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS)/Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS)/Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)

II. Features

SAM will include features that allow search functions, saving search queries, viewing reports, requesting roles, and requesting data access. See Attachment 1, “Quick Start Guide for Federal Users,” or visit www.sam.gov for additional information.

III. Central Contractor Registration (CCR)

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) has been migrated to SAM. All prime contractors are required to be registered in SAM to do business with the Federal Government. No award shall be made without SAM registration. If currently registered in CCR, data will automatically be migrated to SAM. If CCR registration is set to expire between May 15, 2012, and July 15, 2012, the expiration date will be extended by 90 days. See Attachment 2, “CCR is Going Away – What to Expect.”

CAGE codes for entities outside the United States and its territories are called NCAGE codes. Assignment of NCAGE codes are governed internationally as part of the NATO Codification System (NCS). NCAGE codes are required for all foreign entities or the registration will be considered incomplete. Information on how to obtain NCAGE codes may be found at http://www.dla.mil/Forms/Form_AC135.asp. The banking information is mandatory for U.S. registrants in SAM but it is optional for foreign registrants.

NOTE: SAM requires companies to certify as Minority-Owned in order to certify as a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB). This is incongruent with 13 CFR 124 which outlines the definition of social and economic disadvantaged business. Until SAM is corrected, contracting officers should view a company’s full representations and certifications in order to ascertain its socio-economic status. Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) input should reflect what is in the representations and certifications.

IV. Legacy Interfaces

Legacy interfaces with CCR, FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS will be available for nine months after the May 29, 2012, implementation date. After February 2013 users will need to request access to SAM in order to gain entry into these systems.

V. Action Required of the Acquisition Workforce

Registration

1. Go to <http://www.sam.gov> and register for either an Individual or System Account (See explanation of account types below).
2. Complete the attached forms online. (Note: Prior to May 29, 2012, forms must be completed and e-mailed to samint@sam.gov).

- a. SAM Data Access Request Form (Attachment 3)
- b. Access Agreement – choose either:
 - i. Individual User Data Access Agreement – Choose this form if you register for an Individual Account (Attachment 4)
 - ii. System User Data Access Agreement – Choose this form if you register for a System Account (Attachment 5)

Explanation of Account Types

Individual Accounts

- You register for an individual account with one e-mail address.
- If you register for data access with the same e-mail address that you use to register for other permissions, you will be able to retrieve data and perform your other functions using the same SAM user ID and password.

System Accounts

- You can include multiple e-mail addresses on the account, so the data can be accessed by multiple people.
- System accounts cannot have roles and privileges in the SAM application. It is just for system data access at the sensitivity level you have been granted.

Questions regarding this Alert can be directed to APOB on 301-504-1725, or via e-mail at APOB@ars.usda.gov.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Quick Start Guide for Federal Users

Attachment 2 – CCR is Going Away – What to Expect

Attachment 3 - SAM Data Access Request Form

Attachment 4 - SAM Individual User Data Access Agreement

Attachment 5 - SAM System User Data Access Agreement

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