



The Acquisition and Property Division's (APD) Acquisition Programs and Oversight Branch (APOB) *Spotlight* focuses on initiatives, tools, and resources that provide information, assistance, and support to enhance Research, Education, and Economics (REE) employees' ability to cooperatively endeavor to support REE's mission.

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## **APOB SPOTLIGHT**

All prime contractors are required to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) to conduct business with the Federal Government. CAGE codes for entities located 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.dlis.dla.mil/Forms/Form\\_AC135.asp](http://www.dlis.dla.mil/Forms/Form_AC135.asp). The banking information is mandatory for U.S. registrants in SAM but is optional for foreign registrants.

Acquisition Tracking System (ATS): "N/A" has been added to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) menu and should be used when a COR is not applicable.

### **Resources**

[www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)

### **New/Updated Issuances**

**APD Alert 2012-11** Retention of SF-330, Architect Engineer Qualifications

**APD Alert 2012-12** Waiver of Bid Guarantees on 8(a) Contracts

**APD Alert 2012-13** Payments for Stored Materials Under Construction Contracts

**APD Alert 2012-14** Use of Indefinite Quantity Contracts (IQC) for Architect-Engineer (A-E) Services for Design of Major Construction Contracts

**APD Alert 2012-16** Guidelines for Separately Priced Line Items in Construction Projects

**APD Alert 2012-17** Sustainable Acquisition

**APD Alert 2011-02** Electronics Procurement

**P-Card Alert 2012-02** Green Purchasing Pilot Program (GPPP)