



SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

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Purpose
The purpose of the Federal Service Desk (FSD.gov) is to provide help to the visitors to the systems (websites) that FSD supports so that they can get the information and assistance they need from those systems.

Supported Systems
If you use the following systems, contact FSD for help when you need it:
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS)
Federal Business Opportunities (FBO or FedBizOpps)
FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS)
System for Award Management (SAM)

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday 8 am to 8 pm ET
U.S. Calls: 866-606-8220
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Most users phone the Federal Service Desk, sometimes triggering longer wait times. You may receive quicker service by first searching for your answer or by contacting us via the "Ask a Question" web form located above.

System for Award Management Down
A security vulnerability recently has been identified that enabled some SAM users to potentially view non-public data of other SAM users. Immediately after the vulnerability was identified, GSA implemented a software patch to close this exposure. For information, call FedInfo at 1-800-FED-INFO. The help desk will be live starting Monday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m.

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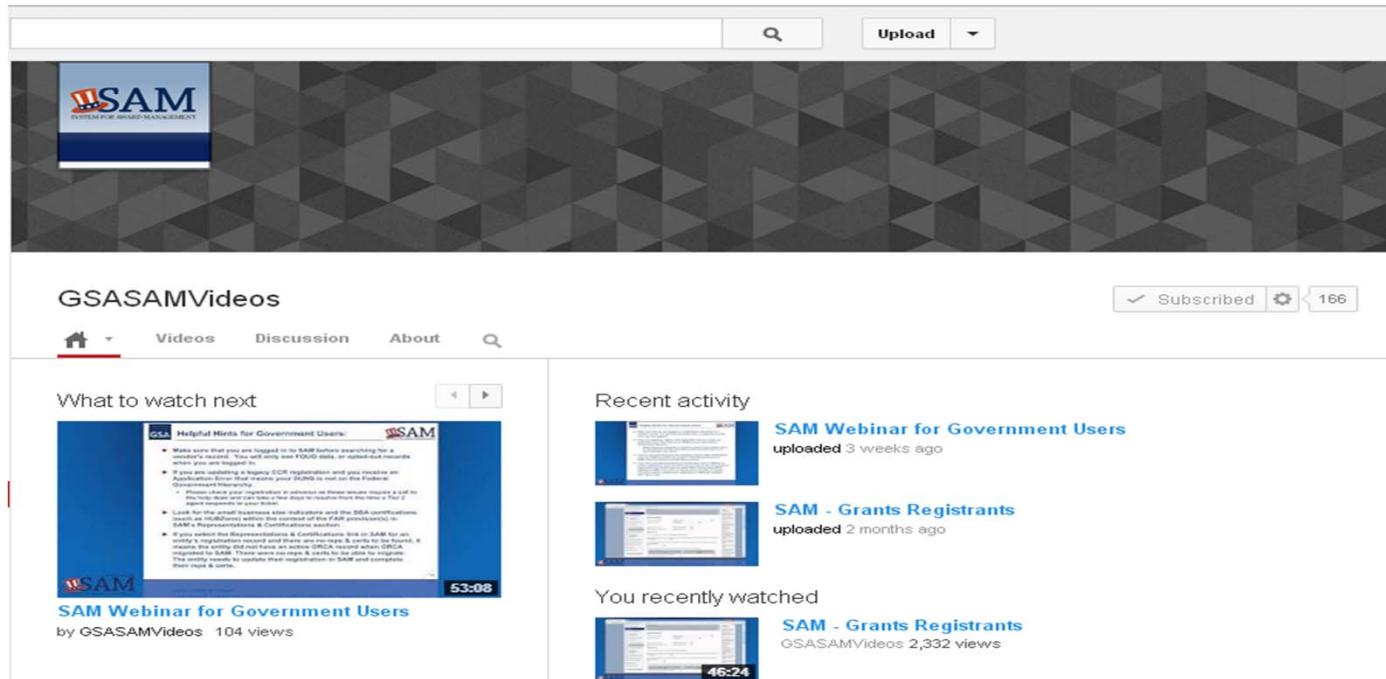
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Grantee Webinar



In this course, you will learn how to create a SAM.gov account, migrate permissions from CCR and update an existing registration.

This course is geared to those who are interested in becoming eligible to receive federal grants from the government and who previously registered their organization in Central Contractor Registration (CCR). The course will cover essential activities for getting started and using the System for Award Management (SAM).



Quick Start Guide



Quick Start Guide For New Grantee Registration

Helpful Information

What is an Entity?

In SAM, your company / business / organization is referred to as an "Entity." You register your entity to do business with the U.S. Federal government by completing the registration process in SAM.

SAM is the official **free, government-operated website** – there is NO charge to register or maintain your entity registration record in SAM.

... [View All](#)

Steps for Registering

1. Type www.sam.gov in your Internet browser address bar.
2. Create a SAM Individual User Account (be sure to validate your e-mail address), then Login.
3. Select "Register New Entity" under "Register/Update Entity" on your "My SAM" page.
4. Select your type of Entity. Definitions are in the Glossary to the right.
5. If you are registering in SAM.gov so you can apply for a Federal financial assistance opportunity on Grants.gov, and are not interested in pursuing Federal contracts, you will have a much shorter registration path. To chose this "grants only" path:
 - Select "No" to "Do you wish to bid on contracts?"
 - Select "Yes" to "Do you want to be eligible for grants and other



Buyer Beware



The **System for Award Management (SAM)** and the **Federal Service Desk (FSD)** are **Federal Government owned and operated** free web sites.

www.sam.gov

www.fsd.gov

1-866-606-8220

Federal Delinquent Flag



A screenshot of the SAM search results page. On the left, there is a 'FILTER RESULTS' sidebar with sections for 'By Record Status' (Active is checked, Inactive is unchecked) and 'By Functional Area' (Entity Management is checked). The main search results area shows a search for 'john*' with the following details for an entity:

| Entity | Status: Active |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| DUNS: [redacted] | CAGE Code: [redacted] |
| Has Active Exclusion?: No | DoDAAAC: [redacted] |
| Address: 1 JOHN ST | State/Province: CONNECTICUT |
| City: CLINTON | Country: UNITED STATES |
| ZIP Code: 06413-1753 | |
| Delinquent Federal Debt? No | |

A red arrow points to the 'Delinquent Federal Debt? No' field in the expanded search summary.

You can determine if an entity registered in SAM has **delinquent** federal debt by expanding the entity's search return box on the Search Results screen (clicking on the + sign next to the Status). At the bottom of this expanded search summary, you will see the phrase **Delinquent Federal Debt?** with either a **Yes** or **No** value. That is the **Delinquent Federal Debt** indicator. If the entity has an affirmative response, you will also see a 'Yes' for **Delinquent Federal Debt** in the Core Data area of their registration record in SAM.

Federal Delinquent Flag



I am a registrant in SAM. I have been working with the Treasury Department and was told my **delinquent** federal debt was resolved. Why does SAM still show that I have **delinquent** federal debt?

The values for **Delinquent** Federal Debt (DFD) are only updated once a week through an automated process between SAM and Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS). SAM accepts the FMS values as the authoritative source. If it has been more than a week since you received confirmation from FMS that your **delinquent** federal debt was resolved, contact FMS at 1-800-304-3107 to make sure it is reflected in the system they use to provide the updated values to SAM.

Federal Delinquent Flag



I am a contracting officer. I see that a registrant in SAM has
“Delinquent Federal Debt.”

What does that prevent me from doing?

The “**Delinquent Federal Debt**” field was implemented because of the large amount of Federal debt that remained uncollected because of purchase card transactions. The final rule (FAR Case 2006-026 Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card Restrictions for Treasury Offset Program Debts) as published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2009 provides the specific details.

In short, you are prohibited from using the governmentwide purchase card to pay for goods/services above the micro-purchase threshold if the entity has **delinquent** federal debt. It does not mean you cannot award to or pay the entity. FAR 32.1108(b)(2)(iii) says “Contracting officers shall not use the presence of the **delinquent** debt indicator to exclude a contractor from receipt of the contract, order, or exercised option.”

Prime awardees in FSRS are unable to submit reports on Sub-awardees that have a missing or invalid Zip+4 associated with the Sub-awardees physical address.

FSRS was designed to calculate a Congressional District based on the Sub-awardee's 5 digit zip code and +4 extension. If the Congressional District cannot be determined, FSRS will prohibit the Prime from successfully reporting.

Because FSRS ultimately feeds the sub-award information to USASpending.gov, the data will never be publicly displayed per the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA).

Analysis:

Sub-awardees must register with Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) to obtain a DUNS number in order to receive a sub-award. This requirement applies to both acquisitions and grants. As part of D&B's verification process of the Sub-awardee's physical address on record, D&B obtains the Sub-awardee's zip+4 from the United States Postal Service (USPS) database. There are many instances where USPS does not recognize the physical address D&B has on record and consequently, D&B does not have the capability to add a +4 against the zip code. There are three known scenarios where obtaining a +4 is not possible for the Sub-awardee.

- ❑ The Sub-awardee has a physical address that does not receive mail, therefore USPS deems the address as "undeliverable." For undeliverable addresses, no zip+4 is provided. Hospitals & Schools typically fall into this category.
- ❑ In some sparsely populated areas, a +4 simply does not exist.
- ❑ If the entity is a "shelter" and the address is presented as RESTRICTED ADDRESS by D&B, a +4 would not be provided to FSRS.



Federal Award Identification Number



New Requirements for Financial Assistance Awards: For Purposes of Reporting to USAspending.gov, Each Federal Agency Must Assign a Federal Award Identification Number, Unique Within the Federal Agency, to Each Award for Financial Assistance (October 2013)

Beginning in October 2013, each Federal agency must assign a Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN), unique within the Federal agency, to each financial assistance award. A FAIN that is unique by Federal agency makes it easier for recipients to correctly report sub-awards. In addition, the public can use the FAIN and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number together to find one accurate result when searching online. Once an agency assigns a FAIN and reports it to USAspending.gov, the Federal agency may not- with limited exceptions modify the FAIN during the life of the award.



Federal Award Identification Number



Further, once a Federal agency assigns a FAIN, that Federal agency must ensure that the FAIN is clearly identified in all Federal award documents. As a term and condition of the award, Federal agencies must require that all recipients document the assigned FAIN on each subaward under the Federal award.

Federal procurement awards continue to be subject to the requirements for uniform procurement instrument identification numbers in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 4.1600.



Questions



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