

DUNS Guide for NEIWPCC Contractors

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) was developed in 1962 by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B), a company that specializes in collecting credit information about businesses. A DUNS number is a unique 9-digit identifier assigned to a particular business.

The federal government uses DUNS numbers to track disbursements of grant money and requires that all applicants for federal grants have a DUNS number. NEIWPCC requires its contractors, who are entering into agreement for federally sourced funds, to have and supply DUNS numbers also.

Finding and Existing DUNS Number:

If a company or organization's DUNS status or number is unknown, it can be searched on D&B's website by following this link: [DUNS lookup](#)

Applying for a New DUNS Number:

Any organization or business capable of entering into financial transactions can acquire a DUNS number. An individual who is self-employed and not incorporated cannot receive a DUNS number and is exempt from the requirement.

An authorized representative of a company or organization can register for a free DUNS number on D&B's website by following this link: [DUNS registration](#)

Free online registration may take up to 30 days to process. A DUNS number may be acquired more quickly by calling D&B at (866) 705-5711.

Application for a DUNS number will typically require giving the following information:

- Company or organization's legal name
- Physical address and P.O. Box address (if any)
- Telephone number and web URL
- Authorized representative's name and title
- General purpose/mission of company or organization
- Number of employees

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