Overview of Changes

The federal government is changing the unique identifier used for entities from the D-U-N-S® Number to the Unique Entity ID (SAM), generated by SAM.gov. Today, the two numbers appear side-by-side in the following systems:

- SAM.gov
- FPDS
- eSRS
- FSRS
- CPARS
- FAPIIS

On April 4, 2022, the D-U-N-S® Number will be removed from all of these systems and the Unique Entity ID (SAM) will be the authoritative identifier.

What Is a Unique Entity Identifier?

A unique entity identifier (UEI) is a number or other identifier used to uniquely identify a specific entity. The UEI is used within SAM.gov and other government award and financial systems as a primary key to identify a unique entity. The transition to the Unique Entity ID (SAM) is a federal government-wide initiative.

What Do I Need to Do?

Federal Contractors and Assistance Recipients Registered in SAM.gov: You do not need to take any action. Your Unique Entity ID (SAM) has been assigned and is visible in your registration at SAM.gov.

Subcontractors and Subrecipients Who Use the D-U-N-S® Number for Reporting: You need to get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) at SAM.gov by April 4, 2022. You can do this any time after October 18, 2021.

Searching by Unique Entity ID (SAM): You can search by the new identifier now on SAM.gov.

Helpful Links

- How to view the Unique Entity ID (SAM) for your entity
- How to view the Unique Entity ID (SAM) for another entity
- Guide for Getting a UEI