

Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

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SUBJECT: System for Award Management Modernized Environment

BACKGROUND: The System for Award Management (SAM) is an Official website of the U.S. Government, comprised of a suite of systems that are a part of the federal awards lifecycle, managed by the General Services Administration (GSA). SAM (available at <https://sam.gov>) is where users register to do business with the federal government, find exclusion records, list contract opportunities, capture contractor performance, view contract data, search assistance listings, report subcontracts, and perform service contract reporting and BioPreferred reporting. SAM has been modernized to consolidate legacy procurement systems within the Integrated Award Environment (IAE); with additional legacy systems scheduled to transition in the future. The IAE portfolio of capabilities is used by federal agencies as the authoritative source of federal award data and enables various procurement, financial assistance, and vendor payment functions. In May 2021, the legacy SAM functionalities were merged with the Beta.SAM environment, at which time the two merged systems became known only as SAM. The new consolidated SAM provides a modern portal for entities to register, update, renew, and check the status of their registration in the rebranded SAM.

POLICY: The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subparts 4.11 and 4.12 identify SAM as the authoritative source for entity information and annual representations and certifications requirements; the requirements in FAR Subpart 9.4 provide guidance related to excluded parties. Other IAE systems also required by FAR: Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) (FAR 4.6), Contract Opportunities (FAR 5.1), Wage Determinations (FAR 22.4), CPARS (FAR 42.15), FAPIIS, (FAR 9.1040, eSRS (FAR 19.704), FSRS (FAR 4.14). The following legacy systems are planned to be merged into SAM.gov in the future: FPDS data entry functions, Electronic Sub-Contractor Reporting System (eSRS), Federal Sub-Award Reporting System (FSRS), Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), and Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE: SAM.gov is a public website and uses Login.gov for single sign on (SSO) to access multiple IAE applications. It has an integrated search engine that allows cross-functional searches. Data from SAM.gov is available through extracts or Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), see: <https://open.gsa.gov/api/>. Federal users must log in to search or view Entity registrations. Depending upon the SAM classification of data, roles must be assigned to view FOUO (includes taxpayer identification number) and Sensitive data (electronic funds transfer information). Users must have an account tied to their government email address and be logged in to view anything other than public data.

DATA STANDARDS: Data is available within the Data Bank domain in SAM.gov; the integrated search engine currently provides results across all domains listed in the background section. SAM is planned to ingest the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) Hierarchy API, standardizing use of the PIEE DoD Government Hierarchy in the FPDS and Federal Hierarchies present in SAM.

IMPACT: SAM standardizes the user access, system interfaces, and data retrieval processes for each of the capabilities; resulting in a more predictable and efficient way for agencies and industry to interact with and use the capabilities, as well as reducing the costs of the IAE itself for the federal government. Additionally, the integration of the data across the SAM capabilities provides opportunities for greater visibility into the federal procurement environment.

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