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# Procure-to-Pay Capability Summary

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**SUBJECT:** System for Award Management

**BACKGROUND:** The System for Award Management (SAM) is comprised of a suite of systems that are a part of the federal lifecycle process. This production website is managed by the General Services Administration, and has been modernized to consolidate legacy procurement-related systems within the federal Integrated Award Environment (IAE). The IAE portfolio of capabilities are used by federal agencies as the authoritative source of federal award data and as centralized processes for various procurement, financial assistance, and vendor payment functions. The legacy SAM system, implemented in 2012, incorporated the capabilities of the legacy systems Central Contractor Registration, Online Representations and Certifications, Federal Agency Registration, and the Excluded Parties List System. The modernized SAM.gov now contains capabilities of the Catalog of Federal and Domestic Assistance (CFDA) and Wage Determinations Online (WDOL), Contract Opportunities (formerly Federal Business Opportunities), Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) data retrieval functions, and Responsibility and Qualification Records (formerly Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)). It is also planned to include FPDS data entry, Electronic Sub-Contractor Reporting System (eSRS), Federal Sub-Award Reporting System (FSRS), and Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) capabilities in the future. SAM.gov will group these capabilities into “domains”: 1) Assistance Listings, 2) Contract Opportunities, 3) Contract Data, 4) Entity Information, 5) Wage Determinations, 6) Entity Reporting, 7) Federal Hierarchy, and 8) Exclusions.

**POLICY:** The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) 4.11 requires prospective federal contractors to register in SAM. Other IAE systems also required by FAR: FPDS (FAR 4.6), FBO (FAR 5.1), Wage Determinations (FAR 22.4), CPARS (FAR 42.15), FAPIIS, (FAR 9.1040, eSRS (FAR 19.704), FSRS (FAR 4.14).

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE:** SAM.gov is a public website. It uses a single sign on using Login.gov. Roles from legacy systems will migrate as systems are incorporated into the site. It has an integrated search engine that will allow cross-functional searches. Data from SAM.gov is available through extracts and Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), see: <https://open.gsa.gov/api/>.

**DATA STANDARDS:** Legacy systems data is available at SAM.gov; the integrated search engine currently provides results across all domains listed in the background section.

**IMPACT:** As each module of SAM.gov is deployed and the legacy system is retired, SAM standardizes the user access, entity hierarchies (both government and industry), 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 will provide opportunities for greater visibility into the federal procurement environment.

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