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SUBJECT: Transition of the Data Universal Numbering System Number to the Unique Entity Identifier in the System for Awards Management

As previously announced by the Office of Management and Budget, the federal government will transition from the use of the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to identify federal contractors and award recipients on April 4, 2022. At this time the DUNS number will no longer be used in federal-level procurement or financial assistance pre- and post-award processes. The UEI will become the new authoritative identifier at the federal level (including in federal systems such as the System for Award Management (SAM), the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS), and USASpending). The UEI will be assigned by the General Services Administration (GSA) within SAM; and GSA has already assigned UEIs to entities with existing registrations and/or debarments/suspensions in SAM. This transition allows the government to streamline the entity identification and validation process, making it easier and less burdensome for entities to do business with the federal government. Note, the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code will still be required on entity registrations for purpose of "All Awards" in SAM, and will maintain the same one-to-one relationship with the UEI (at the Electronic Funds Transfer Indicator level) as it does with the DUNS number today for use within the Department's Procure-to-Pay (P2P) processes.

My office has been working with your component representatives under the P2P Process Advocates Working Group and Procurement Business Operations Requirements Group governance structure for the past few years to assist in component planning for this implementation in your pre- and post-award processes; as well as with any system interfaces with SAM or FPDS. This includes preparing systems for the introduction of the new UEI data element (12 alpha-numeric characters). Contract writing systems should have already implemented the latest versions of SAM entity management extracts and Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that contain the UEIs on existing entity registrations. The

Procurement Data Standard (PDS), Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE), and Standard Procurement System (SPS) have been updated for the UEI as well.

While the UEI becomes the authoritative identifier on April 4, 2022, Department of Defense (DoD) contract writing system owners can begin transitioning to use of the UEI now for required reporting to FPDS. We encourage you to transition as soon as practicable to ensure your systems have time to address any implementation issues with GSA before GSA retires the use of the DUNS number. Presently, the UEI can be accessed across all the Integrated Award Systems (IAE) systems and services in all places where a DUNS number has been available; the UEI is now available in the SAM API and extracts in parallel with the DUNS number through April, 3, 2022; the DUNS number will no longer appear in any IAE interface or SAM display screens after this date.

To assist system owners with using the SAM APIs that now include the UEI, visit <https://open.gsa.gov>; FPDS specifications are found at <https://fpds.gov> under the “Worksite” tab. Additionally, training resources on the DUNS number to UEI transition are available on the DoD Procurement Toolbox at <https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/site-pages/unique-entity-id> and on the Federal Service Desk at <https://www.fsd.gov> (search the “Knowledge Base” section).

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