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SUBJECT: Deploying Contracting Opportunities in Beta.SAM; Retirement of FedBizOpps

The General Services Administration (GSA) plans to implement the Contracting Opportunities domain in the Beta.SAM environment (<https://beta.sam.gov>) on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 to support the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 5 as the governmentwide point of entry. The FedBizOpps application will be retired at the same time. GSA's discrete transition timeline is attached (Attachment 1). Please note that FedBizOpps will be shut down to new posted opportunities or edits on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. EDT. Contracting offices will not be able to post new notices or edit existing notices for contracting opportunities until Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. EDT. Please ensure your contracting offices are prepared for this downtime as it relates to FAR part 5 stated timelines for publicizing notices.

In preparation for this transition, your workforce is encouraged to establish user accounts in Beta.SAM and then either migrate their roles from the legacy FedBizOpps application or request roles in Beta.SAM to allow them to use the Contracting Opportunities capabilities. Your services and agencies have already identified users to act as Contracting Opportunities Administrators in Beta.SAM at the service / agency level. These users, in addition to being able to approve or reject user role requests, are able to proactively assign roles to other users, including other Administrators at each local office. The list of training materials for users addressing setting up accounts, requesting / managing roles, and using the Contracting Opportunities capabilities is also attached (Attachment 2). The electronic version of Attachment 2 includes web links to the specific training materials. Additionally, we have made a number of

GSA and Department of Defense (DoD)-created informational documents available on the DoD Procurement Toolbox at <https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/site-pages/betasam>.

Components that wish to have an agency system interface with Beta.SAM to send or retrieve opportunity notices need to identify System Account Administrators and request a system account. Components need to be prepared to provide a copy of their Authority to Operate to GSA for review. Specifications for Application Program Interfaces to connect to Beta.SAM are available at <https://open.gsa.gov>. System interfaces can be tested at the Beta.SAM alpha test site (<https://alpha.sam.gov>).

GSA has also posted a Contractor Quick Start guide for using the new capabilities at <http://faextracts.s3.amazonaws.com/Documentation/Federal%20Hierarchy/QSG%20Opportunities%20Part%20of%20-%20Contractors.pdf>. This guide includes links to training materials and videos for our industry partners regarding searching and following notices posted by the government. Additionally, after the transition is complete on November 12, 2019, the website for the retired FedBizOpps application (<https://www.fbo.gov>) will redirect users to the new capabilities at Beta.SAM. Should contractors have issues using Beta.SAM for the new contracting opportunities functionality, they should contact the Federal Service Desk at [www.fsd.gov](http://www.fsd.gov).

Thank you for your continued support of deployment of modernized capabilities on Beta.SAM. Any questions regarding the transition of the contracting opportunities capabilities from FedBizOpps to Beta.SAM may be directed to Ms. Lisa Romney, (703) 697-4396, [janice.l.romney.civ@mail.mil](mailto:janice.l.romney.civ@mail.mil).



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Attachments:  
As stated

Activity	Site	Date
<p><b>FBO.gov data freeze</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No data entry for users or notice information</li> <li>- FBO.gov remains authoritative site for search and view of existing contract opportunity data</li> </ul>	FBO.gov	<p><b>Thursday - 11/7</b> Starts at 8 PM</p>
<p><b>FBO.gov data transfer/ beta.SAM.gov ingests full FBO.gov data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBO.gov compiles and sends full data set to beta.SAM.gov (including all attachments)</li> <li>- Data checks (missing data &amp; data syncs)</li> </ul>	FBO.gov/ beta.SAM.gov	<p><b>Friday - 11/8</b> 2 AM until 10 AM on <b>Saturday - 11/9</b></p>
<p><b>beta.SAM.gov downtime</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impacts all Federal Assistance, Federal Hierarchy, and Wage Determinations services</li> <li>- Full code promotion/testing (toggling/smoke)</li> </ul>	beta.SAM.gov	<p><b>Saturday - 11/9</b> 8 AM - 8 PM</p>
<p><b>beta.SAM.gov internal shakedown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Federal Assistance, Federal Hierarchy, and Wage Determinations services available</li> <li>- FBO.gov still authoritative source for search and view of existing contract opportunities</li> </ul>	beta.SAM.gov	<p><b>Sunday - 11/10</b> 8 AM</p>
<p><b>FBO.gov is officially decommissioned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBO.gov redirected to splash page</li> </ul>	FBO.gov	<p><b>Tuesday - 11/12</b> 8 AM</p>
<p><b>Contract Opportunities GO LIVE! on beta.SAM.gov</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- beta.SAM.gov authoritative site for data entry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contract writing systems utilize beta.SAM.gov SOAP or APIs for data submittal</li> </ul> </li> <li>- beta.SAM.gov authoritative site for Contract Opportunities search &amp; view</li> </ul>	beta.SAM.gov	<p><b>Tuesday - 11/12</b> 8 AM</p>

# Resources For User Transition

<b>Fact Sheet</b>	<a href="#">FBO.gov Transition Fact Sheet</a>
<b>Transition Guides</b>	<a href="#">For Federal Users</a> <a href="#">For Federal Administrators</a>
<b>Quick Start Guides</b>	<a href="#">Login For Federal Users</a> <a href="#">For Administrators</a> <a href="#">For Contractors</a> <a href="#">For System Accounts</a> <a href="#">Federal User Guide Vol 1 (Preparing (Roles, etc))</a> <a href="#">Federal User Guide Vol 2 (Creating and Posting Opportunities)</a> <a href="#">Federal User Guide Vol 3 (Managing opportunities and IVL)</a>
<b>FAQs</b>	<a href="#">System Account FAQs</a> <a href="#">Federal Hierarchy FAQs</a>
<b>Help Videos</b>	<a href="#">What is Beta.Sam?</a> <a href="#">Who Needs an Account</a> <a href="#">Login.gov</a> <a href="#">Search</a> <a href="#">Role Management</a> <a href="#">Federal User Contract Opportunity</a> <a href="#">Contract Opportunity for Contractors</a>
<b>Help at anytime</b>	<a href="#">Learning Center on beta.SAM</a> -- More Video Walkthroughs, FAQ's and Glossaries