

Notice to Current and Potential Federal Government Grant and Contract Recipients

System for Award Management (SAM) Registration Information

Announcement

Entities with an EIN other than a personal social security number who are current and potential Federal Government grant and contract recipients **MUST** obtain a DUNS (D&B) number and register in the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM is the official U.S. Government registration system for grants and contract recipients.

Registration is Free

Obtaining a DUNS number, registering in SAM and renewing yearly are absolutely FREE. There is absolutely no cost associated with registering on SAM or obtaining a DUNS number.

Recently, grant recipients and contractors around the state of Wisconsin have been approached and in some cases paid significant fees for assistance in registering their business or organization in SAM. There are private, third party businesses that pay search engines to have their businesses listed at the top of the search list and appear to be representing the Federal Government. These organizations appear in the list before the actual www.sam.gov website.

While it is ultimately a businesses' choice to pay a third party to do this for you, please note the federal government does not charge for registering in this system. In our state, the Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI) has been designated by the Federal Government as a point of assistance in the registration process.

Helpful Registration Hints

- Does the website end in '.gov' or '.mil'? Official government websites will end in '.gov' or '.mil' rather than '.com' or '.org'.



- Generally speaking, there is no fee to do business with the federal government (there are a few exceptions to this rule). If you are unsure if someone is actually representing a government agency or function, contact WPI.
- Registration and obtaining a DUNS number or SAM is FREE.

About the Wisconsin Procurement Institute

The WPI is a non-profit organization established in 1987 to assist Wisconsin businesses in creating, developing and growing their Federal, State and Local Government sales, revenues, profits and jobs. Additional information is available by going to www.wispro.org or contacting WPI at 414-270-3600