Unique Entity ID (SAM) Transition

Overview:

As of April 4, 2022, the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) used across the federal government changed from DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID. Entities that intend to receive federal funding after April 4, 2022, must use the System for Award Management (SAM).

If your entity is registered with SAM.gov, this new UEI has already been assigned and can be accessed in SAM.gov. If your entity does not have a UEI from SAM.gov, you will need to request a UEI at SAM.gov. Obtaining a UEI is free. You may receive emails offering to assist with the registration process for a fee but those are not from SAM.gov.

Some entities only have a UEI and some entities have a UEI that is registered with SAM.gov.

- Check out What does it mean to get only a UEI and not register? to determine what is required of the business entity.
- The Different Registration Statuses is another resource to check out.

Requesting a UEI with SAM.gov

Unique Entity Identifiers, assigned through SAM.gov, are required for each entity that is a Subrecipient with the University of Kentucky on a federally funded project. A full SAM registration is not required, only the UEI validation. You will need the following information to request a UEI with SAM.gov:

- Legal business name (refer to the IRS documentation);
- Physical address (including ZIP + 4) a post office box may not be used as your physical address;
- Date of incorporation
- State of incorporation (U.S. entities only)
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) (Non-U.S. entities only)
- Share link SAM.gov website with subrecipient: https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration

To check your entity’s registration status, visit the SAM.gov Status Tracker. A login with a SAM.gov account is required to view entity registration status.

The UEI number will be emailed to the subrecipient once the registration is completed. Please share this number with OPSA Subawards when available via email ospasubaward@uky.edu.