

SAM.gov

A SAM.gov registration is required to apply for and receive payment for U.S. federal government grants or other financial assistance.

Registering includes both entity validation and entity registration.

ENTITY VALIDATION

- Confirms an entity's existence, location, and uniqueness.
- SAM.gov verifies that there is no existing registration for the entity.

You must validate your entity before registering!

- Once validated, you will receive a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

ENTITY REGISTRATION

- Allows entities to apply for U.S. federal government financial assistance.
- **Must renew registration every 365 days to remain active.**
 - It's recommended to start the renewal process 45-60 days before the expiration date.

REGISTERING VS. UEI ONLY

Registering your Entity

- Allows your entity to receive a contract or assistance directly from the federal government.
- Required for bidding on federal contracts or seeking federal assistance as a prime contractor/awardee.
- While your UEI does not expire, registrations must be updated and renewed each year to remain in the "active registration" status.
 - "Inactive" status will be assigned to those that do not update or renew their registration.
- **NOTE: No awards or payments can be processed while your entity has an "inactive" status.**

Getting a Unique Entity ID only

- For entities seeking sub-awards.
- Cannot bid directly on federal contracts or seek federal assistance as a prime contractor/awardee.



UNIQUE ENTITY ID

A 12-character alphanumeric identifier used in SAM.gov and other federal government systems to identify a unique entity.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED?

SAM.gov registrations require the following information:

- Entity's legal business name
- Physical address
- National identifier (if based outside the U.S.)
- Entity start year
- Tax identification number (TIN)
- Banking information
- CAGE or NCAGE code
- Entity points of contact



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

- Registration Process: Typically takes around 45 minutes
- Registration to become Active: 10-15 business days

To validate, register, or retrieve a UEI for your entity, visit: <https://sam.gov/entity-registration>.