

The System for Award Management (SAM)

WHAT IS SAM (www.sam.gov)?

The **System for Award Management (SAM)** is a **Federal Government owned and operated** free website that is used to search for entity registration or exclusion records using the entity's Business Name, Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number, or CAGE Code.

The search result is a procurement requirement to ensure an entity, vendor, or contractor **is not** debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or prohibited from receiving federal funding.

Federal Acquisitions Regulations (FAR) require all prospective entities, vendors, or contractors to be registered in SAM prior to the award of a contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement. At best, the contractor is required to be registered in SAM within 30 days after contract award, or at least three days prior to submission of the first invoice, whichever occurs first. For more information, see [**FAR Subpart 4.11 – "System for Award Management."**](#)

This requirement is incorporated in ASTHO general terms and conditions as part of federal flowed-down provisions:

17. Flow-down Provisions

The Contractor agrees to assume, as to ASTHO, the same obligations and responsibilities that ASTHO assumes toward the Concerned Funding Agency under those Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), if any, and applicable Concerned Funding Agency acquisition regulations, if any, that are mandated by their own terms or other law or regulation to flow-down to subcontractors or subgrantees, and therefore the Agreement incorporates by reference, and the Contractor is subject to, all such mandatory flow-down clauses. Such clauses, however, shall not be construed as bestowing any rights or privileges on the Contractor beyond what is allowed by or provided for in the Agreement, or as limiting any rights or privileges of ASTHO otherwise allowed by or provided for in the Agreement. The Contractor also agrees to flow-down these same provisions to any lower-tier subcontractors.

This Agreement incorporates one or more FAR clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full context. The incorporation of the FAR clauses applies only to the grant funding identified in this Agreement.

SAM IS FREE TO REGISTER for any entity.

It is also free to get help with your registration. Entities, vendors, or contractors should contact the Federal Service Desk (FSD) at 866-606-8220 or <https://www.fsd.gov> for assistance.

