

Notice to Recipients that Subgrant NEA Funds Federal Government-Wide Unique Entity Identifier Transition on April 4, 2022

In 2016, the federal government revised both the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR) to remove any proprietary references to D&B and the D-U-N-S® number as the unique entity identifier. As a result of the updates to the regulations, the U.S. government is moving to a new unique entity identifier for federal awards management, including, but not limited to, contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements.

The transition from UEI (DUNS) to UEI (SAM) is a federal, government-wide initiative. **The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directed federal agencies/systems to complete their transition to the UEI (SAM) no later than April 4, 2022.** Agencies across the federal government are implementing plans and changes now and up until April 4, 2022.

Federal systems will stop accepting the DUNS for reporting on all awards and subawards on April 4, 2022, regardless of the fiscal year in which they were awarded.

Subrecipients who use the DUNS Number for reporting will need to get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) at SAM.gov no later than April 3, 2022. They can get this number now or at any time until then, and do not need to complete an entity registration in SAM.gov to do so.

REPORTING

- Prior to April 4, 2022, you must report subawards with the DUNS number.
- On and after April 4, 2022, you must report the SAM UEI for all subawards—***even for subawards issued prior to April 4, 2022.***

NEW SUBAWARDS

- Subawards issued prior to April 4, 2022, must be issued with the DUNS as Unique Entity Identifier. ***It is strongly recommended that the subrecipient provide you with both the DUNS and the SAM UEI for subsequent reporting purposes.***
- Subawards issued after April 4, 2022, must be issued with the SAM UEI as Unique Entity Identifier.

All subawards made under an NEA award—i.e., subawards made with NEA funds or Cost Share/Matching funds for the award (if applicable) — are subject to the federal requirements regarding required registrations at 2 CFR 25.300. The transition to SAM UEI has no impact on this requirement whatsoever.

SAA/RAOs only: For subawards that are made with funds other than the NEA funds + Cost Share/Match for a Partnership award, it is a best practice to assign a unique entity identifier to the award. ***It is strongly recommended you require all subrecipients to provide a SAM UEI.***

For more information on the UEI transition, please visit GSA's **DUNS to Unique Entity ID (SAM) Transition resource page** at <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>.

For more information on the NEA's reporting requirements, visit <https://www.arts.gov/grants/manage-your-award>.