

## **UEI and SAM Registration Guidance**

### **What is an UEI Number?**

The Unique Entity Identifier, or the UEI, is the official name of the “new, non-proprietary identifier” that will replace the DUNS number. The UEI will be requested in, and assigned by, the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). Businesses and organizations who receive funding from the US government will have to use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created in SAM.gov. The UEI number helps the USG to identify companies.

### **Why am I being requested to obtain a UEI number?**

U.S. law – in particular the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub.L. 109-282), as amended by section 6202 of the Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008 (Pub.L. 110-252) - make it a requirement for all entities doing business with the U.S. Government to be registered, currently through the System for Award Management, a single, free, publicly- searchable website that includes information on each federal award. As part of this reporting requirement, prime contractors such as Chemonics must report information on qualifying subawards as outlined in FAR 52.204-10 and 2CFR Part 170. Chemonics is required to report subcontracts with an award valued at greater than or equal to \$30,000 under a prime contract and subawards under prime grants or prime cooperative agreements obligating funds of \$25,000 or more, whether U.S. or locally based. Because the U.S. Government uses UEI numbers to uniquely identify businesses and organizations, Chemonics is required to enter subaward data with a corresponding UEI number.

### **Is there a charge for obtaining a UEI number?**

No. Obtaining a UEI number is absolutely free for all entities doing business with the Federal government. This includes current and prospective contractors, grantees, and loan recipients.

### **How do I obtain a UEI number?**

UEI numbers can be obtained online at SAM.gov.

### **What information will I need to obtain a UEI number?**

To request a UEI number, you will need to provide the following information:

- Legal name and structure
- Tradestyle, Doing Business As (DBA), or other name by which your organization is commonly recognized
- Physical address, city, state and Zip Code
- Mailing address (if separate)
- Telephone number
- Contact name
- Number of employees at your location
- Description of operations and associated code (SIC code found at <https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>)
- Annual sales and revenue information
- Headquarters name and address (if there is a reporting relationship to a parent corporate entity)

### **How long does it take to obtain a UEI number?**

The UEI number is issued immediately upon completion of the request process.

### **Are there exemptions to the UEI number requirement?**

There may be exemptions under specific prime contracts, based on an organization's previous fiscal year income when selected for a subcontract award, or Chemonics may agree that registration is impractical in certain situations. Organizations may discuss these options with the Chemonics representative.

### **What is CCR/SAM?**

Central Contractor Registration (CCR)—which collected, validated, stored and disseminated data in support of agency acquisition and award missions—was consolidated with other federal systems into the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM is an official, free, U.S. government-operated website. There is NO charge to register or maintain your entity registration record in SAM.

### **When should I register in SAM?**

While registration in SAM is not required for organizations receiving a grant under contract, subcontract or cooperative agreement from Chemonics, Chemonics requests that partners register in SAM if the organization meets the following criteria requiring executive compensation reporting in accordance with the FFATA regulations referenced above. SAM.gov registration allows an organization to directly report information and manage their organizational data instead of providing it to Chemonics. Reporting on executive compensation for the five highest paid executives is required for a qualifying subaward if in your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI number belongs):

- (1) received 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements; **and**
- (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements; **and**,
- (3) The public **does not** have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI number it provided belongs) through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

If your organization meets the criteria to report executive compensation, the following sections of this document outline the benefits of and process for registration in SAM.gov. Registration may be initiated at <https://www.sam.gov>. There is NO fee to register for this site.

### **Why should I register in SAM?**

Chemonics recommends that partners register in SAM to facilitate their management of organizational data and certifications related to any U.S. federal funding, including required executive compensation reporting. Executive compensation reporting for the five highest paid executives is required in connection with the reporting of a qualifying subaward if:

- a. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI number belongs) received (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements; and,
- b. The public have does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI number it provided belongs) through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### **What benefits do I receive from registering in SAM?**

By registering in SAM, you gain the ability to bid on federal government contracts. Your registration does not guarantee your winning a government contract or increasing your level of business. Registration is simply a prerequisite before bidding on a contract. SAM also provides a central storage location for the registrant to supply its information, rather than with each federal agency or prime contractor separately. When information about your business changes, you only need to document the change in one place for every federal government agency to have the most up-to-date information.

### **How do I register in SAM?**

Follow the step-by-step guidance for registering in SAM for assistance awards (under grants/cooperative agreements) at:

[https://www.fsd.gov/sys\\_attachment.do?sys\\_id=d4d157741ba3c5103565ed3ce54bcba0](https://www.fsd.gov/sys_attachment.do?sys_id=d4d157741ba3c5103565ed3ce54bcba0)

Follow the step-by-step guidance for contracts registrations at:

[https://www.fsd.gov/sys\\_attachment.do?sys\\_id=b4c153341ba3c5103565ed3ce54bcbb8](https://www.fsd.gov/sys_attachment.do?sys_id=b4c153341ba3c5103565ed3ce54bcbb8)

*You must have a UEI number in order to begin either registration process.*

If you already have the necessary information on hand (see below), the online registration takes approximately one hour to complete, depending upon the size and complexity of your business or organization.

### **What data is needed to register in SAM?**

SAM registrants are required to submit detailed information on their company in various categories. Additional, non-mandatory information is also requested. Categories of required and requested information include:

\* General Information - Includes, but is not limited to, UEI number, CAGE Code, company name, Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN), location, receipts, employee numbers, and web site address.

\* Corporate Information - Includes, but is not limited to, organization or business type and SBA-defined socioeconomic characteristics.

\* Goods and Services Information - Includes, but is not limited to, NAICS code, SIC code, Product Service (PSC) code, and Federal Supply Classification (FSC) code.

\* Financial Information - Includes, but is not limited to, financial institution, American Banking Association (ABA) routing number, account number, remittance address, lock box number, automated clearing house (ACH) information, and credit card information.

\* Point of Contact (POC) Information - Includes, but is not limited to, the primary and alternate points of contact and the electronic business, past performance, and government points of contact. \* Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Information\* - Includes, but is not limited to, the EDI point of contact and his or her telephone, e-mail, and physical address. (\*Note: EDI Information is optional and may be provided only for businesses interested in conducting transactions through EDI.)