

RAIN-2019-G01

SAM.gov Registration Includes Representations and Certifications

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Purpose: This Recipient/Applicant Information Notice (RAIN) informs recipients and applicants of federal financial assistance to changes to the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration regarding centralized representations and certifications.

Summary: EPA has adopted a policy to continue utilizing Standard Form 424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs through February 2020.

Background: The General Services Administration, Office of the Integrated Award Environment published a [Notice of Request](#) for comments regarding revisions to an OMB Information Collection in the Federal Register on October 15, 2018. The revisions discussed will enable non-Federal entities to complete governmentwide representations and certifications for Federal financial assistance at the time of registration/re-registration in the System for Award Management (SAM).

The Office of Management and Budget in Memo 18-24, [Strategies to Reduce Grant Recipient Reporting Burden](#), directed federal agencies to implement necessary business process and or workforce changes with the implementation of centralized representations and certifications. The use of Standard Form 424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs will be phased out.

Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance will continue to register/re-register in SAM.gov. SAM.gov will implement the representations and certifications change on a rolling basis as to not overall burden all registrants at one time. SAM will send email notifications to Financial Assistance ONLY registrants the first of which will include those entities with expiring Sam.gov registrations within 90 days of February 1, 2019. SAM will continue to send notifications monthly for a year for entities expiring within 60 to 90 days.

Applicants of both Federal Financial Assistance and Contracts will complete the FAR Representations and Certifications and will be prompted to complete the Financial Assistance Response within the Representation and Certifications section in the SAM.gov registration/re-registration process.

Entities with a Purpose of Registration of Federal Assistance Only will now see a Reps and Certs section within SAM.gov and will be required to select Yes/No on the Financial Assistance Response page. Entities selecting Yes on the Financial Assistance Response page will be required to certify to the accuracy of their entity registration.

Action:

Applicants to EPA financial assistance programs must continue to provide a completed SF-424B as this is a required form of initial applications as described in [RAIN-2018-G07-R](#), *Full Application Submission with Initial Proposal Submission Requirement*.

As the Representations and Certifications is implemented in beta.SAM.gov through this transition year EPA will continue to require the SF-424B for all initial applications until February 1, 2020.

On February 1, 2020, it is anticipated that EPA will discontinue the use of SF-424B and only accept completed representations and certifications within SAM.gov to satisfy the requirements of [RAIN-2018-G07-R](#), *Full Application Submission with Initial Proposal Submission Requirement*.

Please note: Recipients and applicants do not need to take any special action as a result of this RAIN. This is for informational purposes only.

Additional Resources:

SAM.gov updated FAQs, quick start guide, user guides and [blog post](#)