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SUBJECT:

Federal Register Notice

A Federal Register notice of interest was published on Friday, June 6, 2008 (73 FR 32417) by the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Financial Management. The Notice makes available for comment proposed guidance to agencies to establish requirements necessary for the implementation of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282, hereafter referred to as "the Transparency Act").

An agency, under the proposed guidance, would require applicants other than individuals, with some specific exceptions, to have Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers and maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. In addition, under the proposed guidance, agencies are to include an award term that would require recipients and subrecipients that are subject to the policy to have DUNS numbers, maintain current CCR registrations, and report subaward data that the implementation of the Transparency Act requires.

For more information, please see the attached file containing the Federal Register Notice. The Federal Register Notice also may be retrieved by entering pertinent data and performing an advance search through the Federal Register at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/advanced.html.

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