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MEMORANDUM

To: NBC Vendors
From: U.S. Department of the Interior – National Business Center
Acquisition Services Directorate (AQD)
Date: May 22, 2012
Subject: Transition to the System for Award Management (SAM) – Phase 1 Delayed

The System for Award Management (SAM) is combining nine systems the federal community and those who want to do business with the government use regularly. These nine systems include:

1. **CCR/FedReg** – Central Contractor Registration/Federal Agency Registration
2. **ORCA** – Online Representations and Certifications Application
3. **EPLS** – Excluded Parties List System
4. **eSRS/FSRS** – Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System/FFATA Subaward Reporting System
5. **FedBizOps** – Federal Business Opportunities
6. **WDOL** – Wage Determinations Online
7. **CFDA** – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
8. **FPDS-NG** – Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation
9. **PPIRS/CPARS/FAPIIS** – Past Performance Information Retrieval System/Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System/Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System

The General Services Administration (GSA) is moving the implementation date of the System for Award Management (SAM) Phase 1 from May 29, 2012 to the end of July 2012. The additional sixty days will allow federal agencies to continue preparing their staff, give agencies and commercial system providers even more time to test their data transfer connections, and will ensure SAM contains the critical, documented capabilities users need from the system.

This first phase of SAM will include the capabilities of Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/Federal Agency Registration (FedReg), Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS). In preparation for the launch, GSA conducted extensive testing internally and in coordination with federal agencies using the data from these systems in their own contracting, grants, finance, and other departments. The testing was very valuable and will focus the efforts of the next sixty days.

SAM will reduce the burden on those seeking to do business with the government. Vendors will be able to log into one system to manage their entity information in one record, with one expiration date, through one streamlined business process. Everyone will have fewer passwords to remember and see the benefits of data reuse as information is entered into SAM once and reused throughout the system.

If a current registrant's CCR record was set to expire between May 15, 2012 and July 15, 2012, their expiration date will be extended by 90 days. Registrants will receive an e-mail notification from CCR when their expiration date is extended. Registrants will receive standard e-mail reminders once SAM goes live to update their record based on this new expiration date. Those e-mail notifications will come from SAM.

Please visit SAM.gov for more information. For your convenience, links to the quick start guides are provided [Quick Start Guide for Contract Registrations](#) and [Quick Start Guide for Grants Registrations](#).

