

U.S. EPA, Office of Grants and Debarment
Tip Sheet for Registering with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR)

What is CCR?

- The CCR is a government-wide registry for organizations that seek to do business with the federal government. The CCR collects, validates, stores and disseminates data to support a variety of federal initiatives.
- **Already registered?** An organization may check if it is already registered by logging onto www.ccr.gov, clicking on "Search CCR," and providing the organization's DUNS number.
- **Need to register?** If an organization is not registered, it may register online at www.ccr.gov. CCR has developed a user guide at <http://www.ccr.gov/doc/CCRUsersGuide.pdf> and a handbook at <http://www.ccr.gov/Handbook.aspx> to assist with the process. These publications include details on the information that will need to be gathered to complete the CCR registration process.

How long should CCR Registration take?

- If an organization already has an Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), it should allow a minimum of 48 hours to complete the entire CCR registration.
- If an organization does not have an EIN or TIN, it should allow two weeks for obtaining information from IRS when requesting the EIN or TIN via phone or Internet. The delay is due to security information that is mailed to the organization.

When an organization registers with the CCR, it must provide:

- **DUNS number.** The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number is a unique nine-character identification number provided by D&B. Organizations may call D&B at 1-866-705-5711 or access the website <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> if they do not have a DUNS Number. The process to request a DUNS Number via phone takes about 10 minutes and is free of charge. Internet requests are fulfilled within 24 hours. Once a DUNS Number has been issued, it will be available for use in CCR within 24 hours.
- **U.S. Federal TIN.** The Tax Identification Number (TIN) is the nine-digit number which is either an Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Social Security Number (SSN) assigned by the Social Security Administration (SSA). If an organization does not have a TIN/EIN, contact the IRS at 1-866-255-0654.
- **CCR Point of Contact (CCR POC).** This individual is responsible for maintaining the accuracy and timeliness of the information in the CCR registry for the organization.
- **Electronic Business Point of Contact (EB POC).** This individual will have sole authority to designate the staff member(s) who may represent the organization to federal business systems. The same individual may serve as both the CCR POC and as the EB POC.
- **Marketing Partner ID (MPIN).** During registration, organizations will be asked to designate a special password called an MPIN. Record and protect passwords.

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Important Notes:

- **CCR registration must be updated or renewed at least once a year or it will expire.** CCR will alert the CCR POC when it is time for renewal.
- **Organizations must ensure that all information contained in each database, the D&B DUNS, IRS and CCR databases, matches exactly.** For example: if an organization's address is 123 First Street in one database – entering 123 1st St. in another database will significantly delay the CCR registration process.
- **CCR uses data from the D&B DUNS number record for each CCR registrant's name and address.** If, upon review, an organization finds that any name or address information in their CCR registration needs to be updated, it will have to go back to D&B, which in turn will send the modified data to CCR where the CCR POC will have to accept it. An update will add a minimum of 2 days to the CCR registration process.
- **CCR also verifies with the IRS the Tax Identification Number (also known as the TIN or EIN) that each organization provides during the registration process.** Because of this, it may take CCR 2 or 3 days after receipt of an organization's information, with a D&B-validated name and address, to finalize a CCR registration.
- After the CCR registration is complete, CCR will e-mail a confirmation to the CCR POC.