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Notice of CVE's Transition from DUNS to SAM UEI

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Background

The System for Award Management (SAM) currently utilizes the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) nine-digit number as the unique identifier for entities throughout the federal awarding lifecycle. As a result of recent regulatory changes, the U.S. government is moving to a new unique entity identifier for federal awards management and other programs, which will ultimately become the primary key to identify an entity throughout the federal awarding lifecycle, in SAM.gov, other programs, required forms, and in downstream government systems.

The DUNS number will remain the official entity identifier in SAM until April 2022.

The SAM-generated UEI (Unique Entity ID) will become the official identifier in April 2022.

Source: ["What is changing with the UEI \(DUNS\)"](#)

What this means for CVE Verification

- CVE will follow SAM and adopt the SAM-generated UEI as the official entity identifier for CVE's Verification Program, replacing the DUNS number.
- ***The VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP) portal will be updated in March 2022 to formally transition to the SAM UEI.*** After the system update, VIP users will be required to enter their SAM UEI when initiating a new application for verification. The DUNS number will no longer be accepted, but legacy DUNS information for existing businesses in VIP will be retained.
- ***No immediate action is required for VetBiz VIP users.*** If your business is registered in SAM (which is an existing requirement for CVE's Verification Program), SAM has already assigned your business a UEI. If you do not yet know your UEI, please review your SAM profile. If you are interested in applying for CVE's Verification Program and have not yet registered in SAM, please visit sam.gov to register. A UEI will be assigned during the SAM registration process.
- For your convenience, SAM has created a library of resources to assist users through the transition process. Please visit <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei> to access this information.
- If there are any further questions, please contact the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Help Desk at:

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