**INFORMATION ON THE SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)**

Eight federal procurement systems and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance will be combined into one new system, the System for Award Management (SAM). The overarching benefits of SAM include streamlined and integrated processes, elimination of data redundancies, and reduced costs while providing improved capability. Capability of the individual systems is expected to be available to users via SAM in stages, starting with Entity Management (Central Contractor Registration (CCR), Federal Agency Regulation (FedReg), Online Representatives and Certification Application (ORCA) and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)) beginning May 29, 2012.

After implementation of SAM, when users go to the CCR/FedReg, ORCA, or EPLS websites, they'll be automatically redirected to the SAM website.

If you just want to search publicly available information:

- No login is required.
- You'll enter your search query directly into the SAM home page at www.sam.gov, or visit the advanced search screen.

If you are a Department of Energy (DOE) employee that previously had non-public access to CCR, FedReg, ORCA or EPLS or a DOE contractors, recipients, offerors and applicants that utilizes one or more of the individual systems that will be affected by the impending change, the following is provided so there is a better understanding of what to anticipate.

If you have a CCR/FedReg registration:

- You'll create a new SAM User ID and Password
- Your CCR/FedReg permissions will be verified via your email account.
- Your CCR registration information (Entity Information) will be waiting for you in SAM.

If you have an ORCA account:

- You'll create a new SAM User and Password
- Because the CCR/FedReg processes are being integrated, legacy ORCA users will now also have the ability to update the Entity Information. Due to this change, you will need to follow the process in SAM to request the permissions, which will then be verified by your account Administrator.

If you have an EPLS account:

- You'll create a new SAM user ID and Password.
- Your EPLS permissions will be verified via your email account.

If you own a system that needs to interface with SAM:
- Contact askSAM@gsa.gov to obtain the interface specification and to arrange for the interface testing.

If the contractor's registration expires close to the CCR to SAM transition:
- If your record was set to expire between May 15, 2012 and July 15, 2012, GSA is extending the expiration date by 90 days.
- CCR will send an email notification when the expiration date is change.
- SAM will send an email notification that it is time to update their record based on this new expiration date.

GSA has planned the transition for the Memorial Day weekend to have the least impact. That said, there will be an impact. CCR will shut down in order to successfully migrate the data into SAM. CCR's last business day is Wednesday, May 23, 2012. It will no longer accept new registrations or updates to current registrations after that time; therefore, if you have awards that will be made during this period, make sure that potential awardee is registered in CCR before the 23rd. The CCR Search capability will remain active through the transition to allow you to search for an entity's current registration status. SAM will go live on Tuesday morning, May 29, 2012. The CCR shutdown also affects registration at Grants.gov and FedConnect.

Training/Quick Start Guides for SAM Phase 1 will be made available in the near future. Information will be posted to the website at http://www.sam.gov. Please visit this website for additional information.

If you have any questions about SAM please cone them via email at: askSAM@gsa.gov.