§ 25.305 Use of award term.

(a) To accomplish the purposes described in §25.100, an agency must include in each award (as defined in §25.305) the award term in Appendix A to this part.

(b) An agency may use different letters and numbers than those in Appendix A to this part to designate the paragraphs of the award term, if necessary, to conform the system of paragraph designations with the one used in other terms and conditions in the agency’s awards.

Subpart C—Definitions

§ 25.300 Agency.

Agency means a Federal agency as defined at 5 U.S.C. 551(1) and further clarified by 5 U.S.C. 552(f).

§ 25.305 Award.

(a) Award, for the purposes of this part, means an award of Federal financial assistance that a non-Federal entity described in §25.110(a) receives or administers in the form of—

(1) A grant;
(2) A cooperative agreement (which does not include a cooperative research and development agreement pursuant to the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, as amended (15 U.S.C. 3710a));
(3) A loan;
(4) A loan guarantee;
(5) A subsidy;
(6) Insurance;
(7) Food commodities;
(8) A direct appropriation;
(9) Assessed or voluntary contributions; or
(10) Any other financial assistance transaction that authorizes the non-Federal entity’s expenditure of Federal funds.

(b) An Award does not include:

(1) Technical assistance, which provides services in lieu of money; and
(2) A transfer of title to Federally owned property provided in lieu of money, even if the award is called a grant.

§ 25.205 Effect of noncompliance with a requirement to obtain a DUNS number or register in the CCR.

(a) An agency may not make an award to an entity until the entity has complied with the requirements described in §25.200 to provide a valid DUNS number and maintain an active CCR registration with current information (other than any requirement that is not applicable because the entity is exempted under §25.110).

(b) At the time an agency is ready to make an award, if the intended recipient has not complied with an applicable requirement to provide a DUNS number or maintain an active CCR registration with current information, the agency:

(1) May determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award; and
(2) May use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant.

§ 25.210 Authority to modify agency application forms or formats.

To implement the policies in §§25.200 and 25.205, an agency may add a DUNS number field to application forms or formats previously approved by OMB, without having to obtain further approval to add the field.

§ 25.215 Requirements for agency information systems.

Each agency that makes awards (as defined in §25.325) must ensure that systems processing information related to the awards, and other systems as appropriate, are able to accept and use the DUNS number as the universal identifier for financial assistance applicants and recipients.