paragraph (d)(1); and removing from newly redesignated paragraph (d)(3) “the SAM database” and adding “SAM” in its place, effective Oct. 26, 2018. For the convenience of the user, the added and revised text is set forth as follows:

4.1102 Policy.

(a) Offerors and quoters are required to be registered in SAM at the time an offer or quotation is submitted in order to comply with the annual representations and certifications requirements except for—

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(5) Contracts awarded without providing for full and open competition due to unusual or compelling urgency (see 6.302–2);

(6) Contract actions at or below $30,000 awarded to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States, if it is impractical to obtain SAM registration; and

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(c) Contracting officers shall use the legal business name or “doing business as” name and physical address from the contractor’s SAM registration for the provided unique entity identifier to identify the contractor in section A of the contract schedule, similar sections of non-uniform contract formats and agreements, and all corresponding forms and data exchanges. Contracting officers shall make no changes to the data retrieved from SAM.

(d)(1)(i) If a contractor has legally changed its business name or “doing business as” name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in subpart 42.12, the contractor is required to provide the responsible contracting officer a minimum of one business day’s written notification of its intention to change the name in SAM, comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12, and agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible contracting officer. Along with the notification, the contractor is required to provide the contracting officer sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

(ii) If the contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d)(1)(i) of the clause at 52.204–13, System for Award Management Maintenance, or fails to perform the agreement at 52.204–13, paragraph (d)(1)(i)(C), and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the SAM information that shows the contractor to be other than the contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the “Suspension of Payment” paragraph of the EFT clause of the contract.

4.1103 Procedures.

(a) Unless the acquisition is exempt under 4.1102, the contracting officer—

(1) Shall verify that the prospective contractor is registered in the SAM database (see paragraph (b) of this section) before awarding a contract or agreement. Contracting officers are encouraged to check the SAM early in the acquisition process, after the competitive range has been established, and then communicate to the unregistered offerors that they shall register;

(2) Should use the unique entity identifier to verify registration—

(i) Via the Internet at https://www.acquisition.gov; or

(ii) As otherwise provided by agency procedures; and

(3) Need not verify registration before placing an order or call if the contract or agreement includes the provision at 52.204–7, System for Award Management, or the clause at 52.212–4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, or a similar agency clause, except when use of the Government-wide commercial purchase card is contemplated as a method of payment. (See 32.1108(b)(2)).

(b) If the contracting officer, when awarding a contract or agreement, determines that a prospective contractor is not registered in the SAM database and an exception to the registration requirements for the award does not apply (see 4.1102), the contracting officer shall—

(1) If the needs of the requiring activity allow for a delay, make award after the apparently successful offeror has registered in the SAM database. The contracting officer shall advise the offeror of the number of days it will be allowed to become registered. If the offeror does not become registered by the required date, the contracting officer shall award to the next otherwise successful registered offeror following the same procedures (i.e., if the next apparently successful offeror is not registered, the contracting officer shall advise the offeror of the number of days it will be allowed to become registered, etc.); or

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4.1105 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

(a)(1) Except as provided in 4.1102(a), use the provision at 52.204–7, System for Award Management, in solicitations.

(b) Insert the clause at 52.204–13, System for Award Management Maintenance, in solicitations that contain the provision at 52.204–7, and resulting contracts.

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4.1105 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

(a)(1) Insert the provision at 52.204–7, System for Award Management, in all solicitations except when the conditions in 4.1102(a) apply.

(b) Insert the provision at 52.204–7, System for Award Management, with its Alternate I when the solicitation is anticipated to be awarded in accordance with 4.1102(a)(5).

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4.1103 Procedures.

(a) Unless the acquisition is exempt under 4.1102(a), the contracting officer—

(i) Shall verify that the offeror or quoter is registered in SAM (see paragraph (b) of this section) at the time an offer or quotation is submitted;

(ii) Should use the unique entity identifier to verify SAM registration—

(1) Via https://www.sam.gov; or

(2) As otherwise provided by agency procedures; or

(iii) Need not verify SAM registration before placing an order or call if the contract or agreement includes the provision at 52.204–7, System for Award Management, or the clause at 52.212–4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, or a similar agency clause, except when use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is contemplated as a method of payment. (See 32.1108(b)(2).)

(b) If the contract action is being awarded in accordance with 4.1102(a)(5), the contractor is required to be registered in SAM within 30 days after contract award, or at least three days prior to submission of the first invoice, whichever occurs first.

(c) Agencies shall protect against improper disclosure of information contained in SAM.

(d) The contracting officer shall, on contractual documents transmitted to the payment office, provide the unique entity identifier, or, if applicable, the Electronic Funds Transfer indicator, in accordance with agency procedures.

4.1104 Disaster Response Registry.

Contracting officers shall consult the Disaster Response Registry via https://www.acquisition.gov when contracting for debris removal, distribution of supplies, reconstruction, and other disaster or emergency relief activities inside the United States and outlying areas. (See 26.205).
