

# CHAPTER I—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GOVERNMENT-WIDE GUIDANCE FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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### Subpart A—General

#### § 25.100 Purpose of this part.

This part provides guidance to Federal agencies that:

(a) The unique entity identifier (UEI) is the universal identifier for Federal financial assistance applicants, as well as recipients and their direct subrecipients (first-tier subrecipients), and;

(b) The System for Award Management (*SAM.gov*) is the repository for standard information about applicants and recipients.

#### § 25.105 Applicability.

(a) This part applies to a Federal agency's Federal financial assistance as defined in § 25.400. This part applies to all applicants for and recipients of Federal financial assistance unless exempted by Federal statute or § 25.110.

(b) Subrecipients are required to obtain a UEI in accordance with subpart C. This part does not apply to subrecipients of subrecipients (second-tier subrecipients) or contractors under Federal awards.

(c) This part does not apply to an individual who applies for or receives Federal financial assistance as a natural person (unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization an individual owns or operates).

(d) Because this part applies to loan guarantees and other guaranteed programs, recipients of the guarantee from the Federal agency (for example, lenders of guaranteed loans) are required to complete entity validations and acquire a UEI. Additionally, at the Federal agency's discretion, non-individual beneficiary borrowers (for example, small businesses or corporations) may be required by the Federal agency to obtain a UEI or register in *SAM.gov*.

#### § 25.110 Exceptions to this part.

(a) *General exceptions.* (1) Under a condition identified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, a Federal agency may exempt an applicant or recipient of Federal financial assistance from the requirement to obtain a UEI, register in *SAM.gov*, or both.

(i) If a Federal agency grants an exception under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the Federal agency must use a generic entity identifier in the data it reports to *USAspending.gov* if reporting for a prime award of Federal financial assistance to the recipient is required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Pub. L. 109–282, as amended, hereafter cited as “Transparency Act”). Granting an exception under paragraph (a)(2) of this section does not impact a Federal agency's responsibility for reporting under the Transparency Act, except that it may

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use a generic entity identifier in the circumstances described.

(ii) Federal agencies should use generic entity identifiers rarely as it prevents recipients from fulfilling reporting requirements such as subaward or executive compensation reporting required by the Transparency Act.

(2) A Federal agency may exempt an applicant, recipient, or subrecipient when:

(i) The Federal agency determines that it must protect information about the entity from disclosure in the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States or to avoid jeopardizing the personal safety of the entity's staff, partners, beneficiaries, and participants;

(ii)(A) All of the following conditions are met:

(1) The entity is a foreign organization or foreign public entity;

(2) The Federal award or subaward will be performed outside the United States;

(3) The Federal award or subaward will be less than \$25,000; and

(4) The Federal agency deems it to be impractical for the entity to comply with the requirements of this part.

(B) The Federal agency must determine this exemption on a case-by-case basis while utilizing a risk-based approach;

(iii) For applicants or recipients, the Federal agency may exempt foreign organizations or foreign public entities from completing full registration in *SAM.gov* for a Federal award less than \$500,000 that will be performed outside the United States. Foreign organizations or foreign public entities exempted from registering in *SAM.gov* under this provision must still obtain a UEI. The Federal agency must determine this exemption on a case-by-case basis while utilizing a risk-based approach; or

(iv) For applicants, the Federal agency determines that there are exigent circumstances that prohibit the applicant from receiving a UEI and registering in *SAM.gov* before receiving a Federal award. In these instances, Federal agencies must require the recipient to obtain a UEI and complete registration in *SAM.gov* within 30 days of the Federal award date.

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(b) *Class exceptions.* OMB may approve additional exceptions for classes of Federal awards, applicants, or recipients subject to the requirements of this part when exceptions are not prohibited by statute.

### Subpart B—Policy

#### § 25.200 Requirements for notice of funding opportunities, regulations, and application instructions.

(a) A Federal agency that issues Federal financial assistance (see § 25.400) must include the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section in each notice of funding opportunity, regulation, or other issuance containing instructions for applicants that is issued on or after the effective date of this guidance. A notice of funding opportunity is any paper or electronic issuance that a Federal agency uses to announce a funding opportunity, whether it is called a “program announcement,” “notice of funding availability,” “broad agency announcement,” “research announcement,” “solicitation,” or any other term.

(b) The notice of funding opportunity, regulation, or other issuance must require each applicant that does not have an exemption under § 25.110 to:

(1) Be registered in *SAM.gov* before submitting an application;

(2) Maintain a current and active registration in *SAM.gov* at all times during which it has an active Federal award as a recipient or an application under consideration by a Federal agency. The applicant or recipient must review and update its information in *SAM.gov* annually from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate, and complete. If applicable, this includes identifying the applicant's or recipient's immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as providing information on all predecessors that have received a Federal award or contract within the last three years; and

(3) Include its UEI in each application it submits to the Federal agency.

(c) For the purposes of this policy, the applicant must meet the Federal agency's eligibility criteria and have