

#### **Unique Entity ID (UEI) Renewal Process**

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# **UEI Renewal Process Overview**

IMPORTANT: State Agencies/Offices are responsible for the renewal of their UEI(s). This presentation includes recommendations based on the challenges the Grant Management Office is aware of related to the new renewal process. Specific renewal questions should be directed to the GSA Federal Service Desk (FSD). See Appendix for additional resources/links.



### **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**

"Unique Entity Identifier" or "UEI" is a 12-character alphanumeric code assigned by SAM required for entities receiving federal funds directly from a federal agency or from a pass-through entity.

The UEI replaced the Dunn and Bradstreet (DUNS) Number as the go-to entity reference number in April 2022.

SAM.gov no longer uses the DUNS number

### **Changes to SAM.gov**

- In 2022, the GSA switched to a new verification servicer
- In the past, the renewal process for SAM.gov was not as rigorous under the DUNS model
- The new system under the UEI model requires validation of submitted information for ALL registrations
  - Even if no information in your registration is changing
- Problems:
  - The GSA verification process is not geared towards government agencies
    - Existing GSA/SAM allowable documents guidance may not be applicable to agency needs
  - In many cases, the legally required documents don't exist for State government

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## **Why This Matters**



- An entity must be registered in SAM and have a UEI in order to be eligible to receive Federal funds
- Renewal may require foundation or origination docs, such as the RIGL, to validate an entity, so
   you will need to start the renewal process far ahead of the registration expiration date
- Potential impact on active awards and drawdowns if your UEI registration goes Inactive
- Potential impact on applying for new direct/pass-through Federal funding if Inactive
- Example: State of Ohio had payments to an existing award stopped due to agency registration going Inactive

### **Grants Management Office involvement**

- 1. State Agency awareness, provide training and guidance
- 2. Submit formal comments and feedback to General Services Administration about delays and burdens associated with this process
- 3. Contact Federal HHS and OMB regarding problem and potential impact on receipt of Federal funds
- 4. Network with other States to share information about the process and establish best practices to advise agencies
- 5. Alert State leadership to the issue and advise on the potential ramifications that delays in the renewal process may cause

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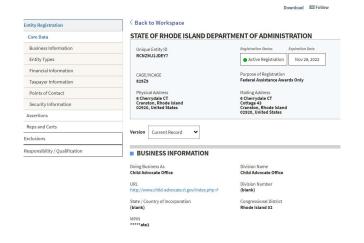


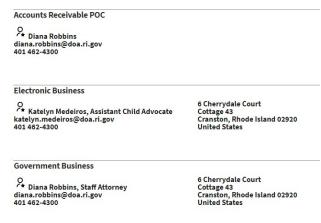


## SAM.Gov Dashboard

The SAM dashboard allows you to see your agency's currently registered information. You can view this record to see what GSA currently has on file, the Points of Contact listed for your agency, or begin the update process

You will need to have an active SAM.gov login. If you are having trouble logging in, you can request a ticket from the Federal Service Desk (FSD)





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Doing Business As:

Child Advocate Office

Physical Address:

6 Cherrydale Ct Cranston, RI 02920 USA Purpose of Registration:

Federal Assistance Awards

View Record
Update
Deactivate
View In Hierar

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#### **Beginning the Renewal Process**

- IMPORTANT: This process is the same whether or not you need to make any changes to your agency information
- Log in to SAM.gov and locate your agency in the SAM Dashboard
- Select the three dots icon next to your agency name
- Select "View Record" to confirm that you have selected the correct agency (if your agency has multiple UEIs)
  - Confirm the physical address and PoCs, as you will need to validate these to complete renewal process
- Return to Workspace, select three dots icon again
- Select "Update" to start the renewal
- CAGE/NCAGE Number validation needed (this is the code managed by DOD for entities with federal contracts)
  - Plan for this process to take two weeks beyond SAM renewal. If you update physical address in SAM.gov you'll need to update CAGE as well, otherwise it will fail CAGE validation.

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# Required Information and Documents



#### **Required Information**

- State agencies may need to reference origination documents, such as the State Constitution or RIGLs to establish that their current information is accurate
- Examples:
  - Rhode Island Declaration of Rights from 1790 to verify Rhode Island as the "U.S. state of incorporation" and that the office has a "start date" of 1790.
  - PDF of RIGL 42-7-1 establishing the "Executive Department of the State of Rhode Island" to verify the Governor's office exists

- All of the following must be established and matched to a record in the SAM system in order to begin renewal
  - Legal business (agency) name
  - DBA name (if applicable)
  - Agency's Physical Address
  - Year and State of Incorporation
  - State of Incorporation

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webserver.rilegislature.gov/Statutes/TITLE42/42-7/42-7-1.htm

#### Title 42 **State Affairs and Government**

#### Chapter 7 **Executive Department**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-7-1

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executive department. The head of the executive department shall be the gov ave all powers and duties provided by R.I. Const., Art. IX, and by chapter 1 of d in all general laws and public laws relating to powers and duties of the gove

0, § 10; G.L. 1956, § 42-7-1; P.L. 1988, ch. 84, § 80.

#### **GSA Required Documents**

In order to validate renewal, your agency information must include documents showing:

- Legal business name and physical 01 address in the same document.
- Legal business name and doing business 02 as name in the same document
- Legal business name and U.S. state of 03 incorporation in the same document.
- Legal business name and start year in 04 the same document.

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# **Grants Management Office Recommendations**



#### **Guidance on Completing Renewal Process**

- ✓ Use the primary location for your state agency as the address
- ✓ Start early. Based on information received late last week, we recommend agencies begin UEI renewal as soon as possible.
- ✓ If your agency or office was established in RIGL use this reference to establish your "start date" as an entity and or state of incorporation as "Rhode Island"
- ✓ Legal Business Name should match what's in the RIGL, if applicable
- ✓ Use your agency's legal name, we DO NOT recommend using a DBA name for State entities



#### **Multiple UEIs**

- If a UEI you administer has no active or in process awards we recommend letting the registration expire.
- If your agency has multiple UEI(s) we recommend developing an internal plan to reduce UEI(s) down to one per agency/office. If this is the case in your agency, prioritize your renewal of any UEI with an active award first, then focus on reduction.

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#### **Resources and Links**

- Article from the GSA Federal Service Desk for renewal steps:
   https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd\_sp?id=kb\_article\_view&sysparm\_article=KB0016307&sys\_kb\_id=308b082b1b5201d0937fa64ce5

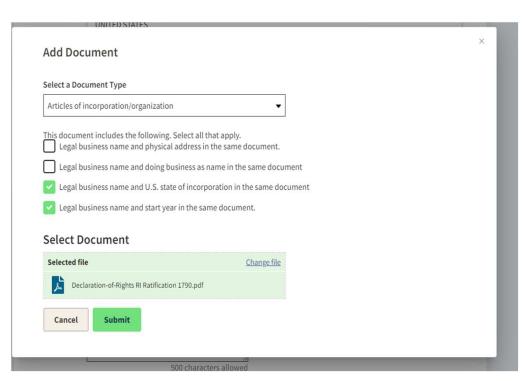
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- Federal Service Desk UEI questions: <a href="https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd-sp?id=gsafsd-kb-articles&sys-id=14c7dfa81b9659d0c5c4dd39bc4bcb0f">https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd-sp?id=gsafsd-kb-articles&sys-id=14c7dfa81b9659d0c5c4dd39bc4bcb0f</a>
- DUNS to UEI Transition resources (sam.gov) https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei
- Federal Service Desk <a href="https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd-sp/?id=gsa\_landing">https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd-sp/?id=gsa\_landing</a>

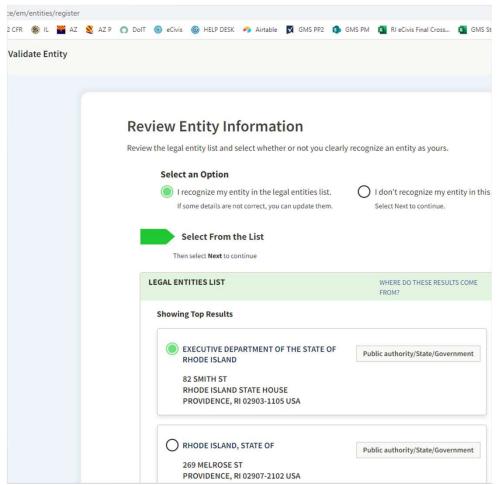
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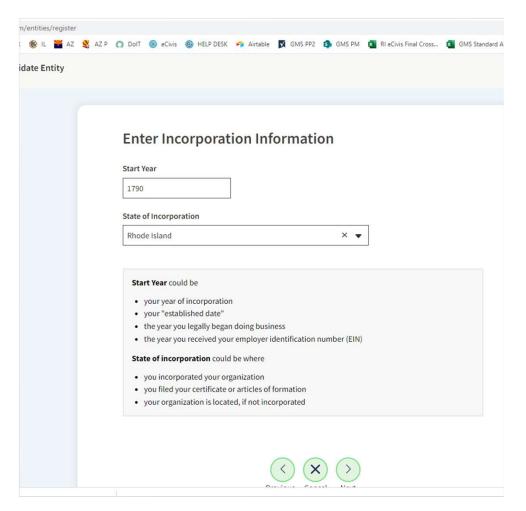
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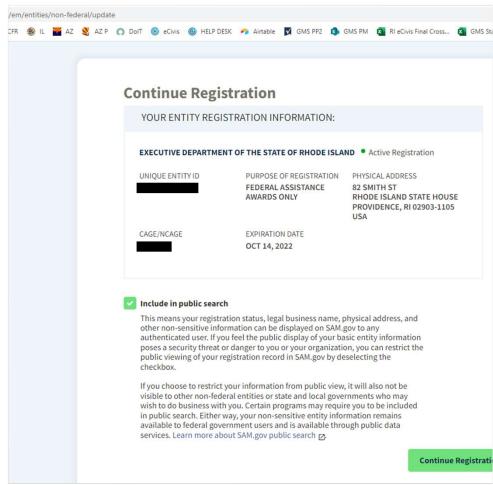
SAM Registration process screenshots

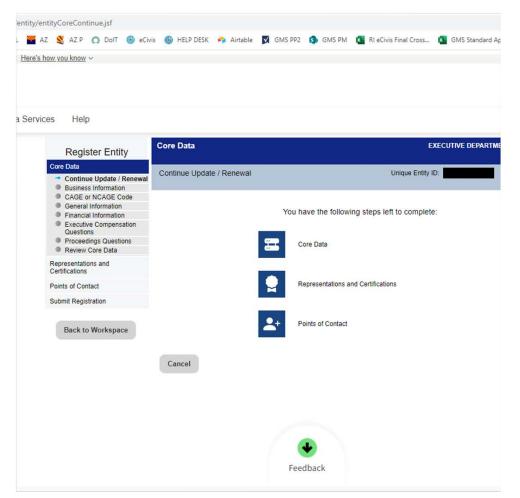


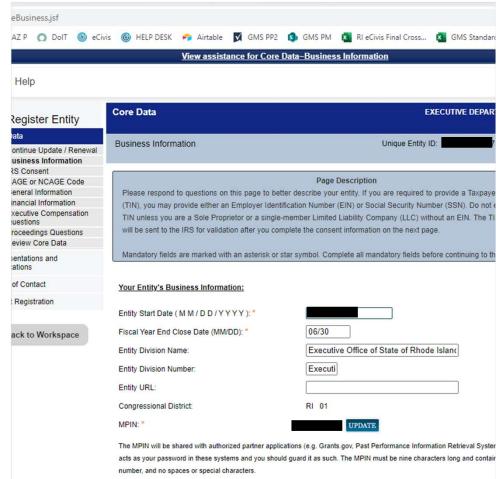




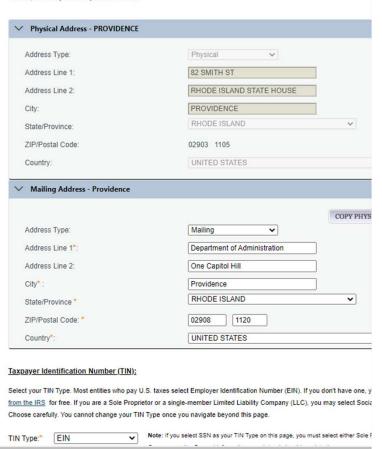


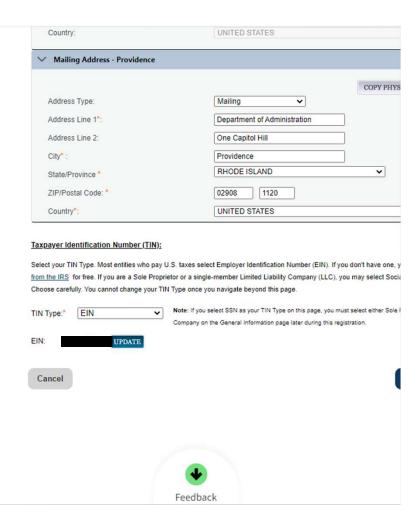


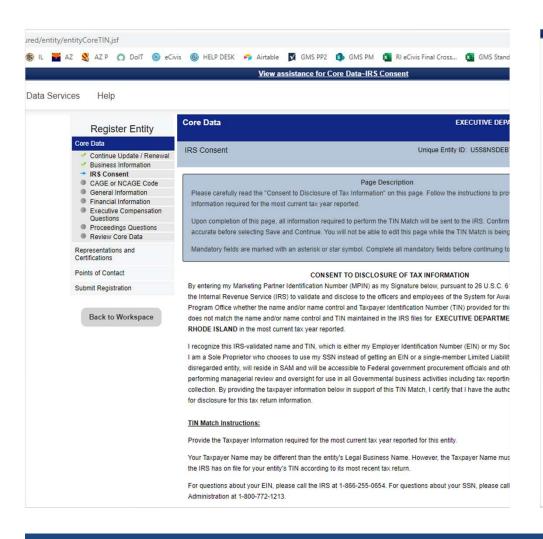




The MPIN will be shared with authorized partner applications (e.g. Grants.gov, Past Performance Information Retrieval Syste acts as your password in these systems and you should guard it as such. The MPIN must be nine characters long and containumber, and no spaces or special characters.







<u>View assistance for Core Data~IRS Consent</u>	
TIN Match Instructions:	
Provide the Taxpayer Information required for	r the most current tax year reported for this entity.
Your Taxpayer Name may be different than th	ne entity's Legal Business Name. However, the Taxpayer Name must exactly
the IRS has on file for your entity's TIN accord	ding to its most recent tax return.
For questions about your EIN, please call the Administration at 1-800-772-1213.	RS at 1-866-255-0654. For questions about your SSN, please call the Social
Provide Taxpayer Information:	
Taxpayer Name*:	STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
Use only letters, numbers, spaces, hyphens (	(-), and ampersands (&). Omit any other special characters that are part of yo
Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN):	
Taxpayer Address:	COPY MAILING ADDRESS COPY PHYS
Address Line 1*:	STATE HOUSE, ROOM 217
Address Line 2:	
City*:	PROVIDENCE
State/Province*:	RHODE ISLAND 🗸
ZIP/Postal Code*:	02903
Country*:	UNITED STATES 🗸
Type of Tax:	Applicable Federal Tax
Tax Year ( Y Y Y Y )*: (Insert Most Recent Tax Year)	
Name of Individual Executing Consent*:	
Title of the Individual Executing Consent":	DIRECTOR
Signature":	Enter your MPIN here
Date:	Date will populate when you select Save and Continue
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