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Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies

State of the PTAC – April 2022

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Spring of Deception is almost over, and we'll be ready for the 4 weeks of normal Spring weather we get in central PA, before sticking our collective head in a humidity bucket for 4 months. I say bring on the change!

Speaking of changes: No more DUNS numbers after April 4, 2022. See the article below for more information, but this shouldn't impact much. You also should be making a note on your UEI number, as it was assigned about 18 months ago. If you need help with that, give us a call!

In the next few weeks, we're going to have various trainings, mostly online, COVID 19-dependent. Some topics of interest will be the DHS E-Verify program from DHS in May, the perennial favorite Wide Area Workflow training with Tobyhanna Army Depot in April, Doing Business with Tobyhanna Army Depot, and a small business workshop pairing government contracting and business growth later in the year.

Please review and register for upcoming events on our [eCenter page](#).

If you have ideas for topics, or would like to learn more about something, please drop us a line at (814) 949-6500 or by [Email](#).

GSA's DUNS Replacement Set to Go Live

By Chris Riotta, Nextgov Staff

[A note from GSA with the schedules of downtimes for the various systems that SAM touches.]

All entities need a unique identifier for federal awards purposes. On April 4, 2022, that identifier is changing from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (SAM), issued by SAM.gov.

All IAE Systems (SAM.gov, eSRS, FSRS, FPDS, FAPIIS, and CPARS) will be down for

maintenance to complete the transition to the new identifier ahead of April 4, 2022.

| Site | Down From | Back Online |
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| SAM.gov | April 1 at 8:00 PM ET | April 4 at 9:00 AM ET |
| eSRS/FSRS | April 1 at 8:00 PM ET | April 3 at 10:00 PM ET |
| FAPIIS | April 1 at 8:00 PM ET | April 4 at 6:00 PM ET |
| CPARS | April 1 at 8:00 PM ET | April 4 at 6:00 PM ET |
| FPDS | April 2 at 8:00 AM ET | April 2 at 5:00 PM ET |
| FPDS Atoms Feeds | April 2 at 8:00 AM ET | April 4 at 9:00 AM ET |

Save all work before system downtimes to ensure it will be available again when the systems are back online. The General Services Administration is ready to flip the switch in early April on the non-proprietary entity identifier that is replacing the old DUNS number in federal contracting systems.

[And, now back to the Nextgov article...]

The General Services Administration wants all organizations that conduct business with the federal government to take steps to prepare for the switch to the new identification system that is replacing the proprietary DUNS number.

On April 4, GSA is switching to the new "unique entity identifier"—a nonproprietary system—for federal contracting purposes. The move is the culmination of a long-planned transition away from the DUNS Number, which was codified into the Federal Acquisition Regulation in 1998 and has since served as the primary entity identifier for all GSA systems users. The UEI system features a 12-digit alphanumeric code. What Action Do I Need to Take? [Continue Reading](#)

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The Labor Department Seeks to Update Prevailing Wage Regulations

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The department announced on Friday a proposed rule to update the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, which require contractors and subcontractors that work on federally funded or assisted contracts over \$2,000 for construction, alterations, or repairs for public buildings or public works to pay their workers at least the locally prevailing wage and fringe benefits for similar work in the area.

"Federal dollars should be used to create good jobs in local communities all across our country," Labor Secretary Marty Walsh said in a statement. "These proposed regulations are good for workers, good for building high-quality infrastructure and for ensuring we have a strong construction industry, as we rebuild America."

This would be the "most comprehensive review" of the Davis-Bacon Act in 40 years, he said on a call with reporters on Friday. [Continue Reading](#)

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