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### **Progress Through Regional Cooperation In The Alleghenies**

State of the PTAC - March 2022

by James Gerraughty, SAP&DC PTAC Program Manager



Happy to get back out on my bike with the warm(ish) weather! The changes in season sometimes wreak havoc on my allergies, but I'm liking the False Spring, at least until the usual March storm.

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.

In the next few weeks, we're going to have various trainings, mostly online, pandemic-depending. Some topics of interest will be the Working with PASSHE, the DHS E-Verify program from DHS, the perennial favorite Wide Area

Workflow training with Tobyhanna Army Depot, and a small business workshop pairing government contracting and business growth.

Please refer to the events calendar below. Furthermore, you can review and register for upcoming events on our <u>eCenter page</u>.

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.

#### **Unique Entity Identifier Update**

By GSA Staff

Government Transition from DUNS Number to New Unique Entity Identifier Will Occur on April 4, 2022

By April of 2022, the federal government will stop using the DUNS number to uniquely identify entities. At that point, entities doing business with the federal government will use a Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) created in SAM.gov. They will no longer have to go to a third-party website to obtain their identifier. This transition allows the government to streamline the entity identification and validation process, making it easier and less burdensome for entities to do business with the federal government.

The Integrated Award Environment (IAE) manages several systems including SAM.gov, FPDS, eSRS, FSRS, CPARS and FAPIIS. Current SAM.gov registrants have already been assigned their Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) and can view it within SAM.gov. To learn more about this transition, please see the information below. Join and follow our community on Interact to be notified about the latest news and information about the upcoming Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) changes happening at IAE.

What Action Do I Need to Take?

If your entity is registered in SAM.gov today, your Unique Entity ID (SAM) has already been assigned and is viewable in SAM.gov. This includes inactive registrations. The Unique Entity ID is currently located below the DUNS Number on your entity registration record. Remember, you must be signed in to your SAM.gov account to view entity records. To learn how to view your Unique Entity ID (SAM) go to this help article. Continue Reading

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## Control Matters: For SDVOSB Companies, Pay Attention to Appearances as Well as Realities

By Stephanie Ellis, Koprince McCAll Pottroff, LLC

The case of <u>Superior Optical Labs, Inc. (Superior) v. United States</u> focuses on the control of a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and how that control, or

more precisely, lack of control, can disqualify an SDVOSB with 69% service-disabled veteran ownership from a solicitation set aside for SDVOSBs. This particular Solicitation was set aside entirely for an SDVOSB to provide prescription eyeglasses and related services through the Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN). Superior was awarded the contract, which was then protested by PDS Consultants, Inc. (PDS) challenged the SDVOSB eligibility of Superior. In the end, OHA held that Superior did not qualify as a SDVOSB for purposes of the procurement due to a lack of control as required by SBA rules. PDS then challenged OHA's decision at the Court of Federal Claims.

Because this is a case at the Court of Federal Claims, there is a substantial amount of background for those who need it. If you are already well-versed in SDVOSB requirements, the next two paragraphs will be easy reading for you.

#### Background

Under SDVOSB rules, <u>13 C.F.R. § 125.12</u> requires any small business claiming to be owned by a service-disabled veteran to meet specific criteria in order to be eligible for an award of an SDVOSB set aside contract. The SDVOSB must be "at least 51% unconditionally and directly owned by one or more service-disabled veterans." The management and daily business operations of an SDVOSB must also <u>Continue Reading</u>

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#### **About US**

The PTAC at SAP&DC is an economic development entity that bridges the gap between supplier and buyer in the government marketplace. The PTAC stands ready to support businesses in the central PA Alleghenies region in the pursuit to secure contracts with local, state and/or federal government agencies nationwide.



Due to the generous support of our Commonwealth and Federal funding partners, services provided by the PTAC are free of charge.

Whether you are an experienced contractor or new to the government marketplace, the PTAC will provide one-on-one counseling utilizing all of the program resources necessary to increase your share of contract awards.

Contact us today at The PTAC at SAP&DC to get started!

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