



Government User – Identifying Excluded Entities

I'm a government user wanting to identify if an entity is excluded from doing business with the federal government. How can I check to see an entity is excluded from receiving federal awards?

Use the following steps to see if an entity is subject to any active exclusions (e.g., suspensions, debarments) imposed by a federal agency:

- Perform a search in SAM for the entity's name or DUNS number at www.sam.gov either from the homepage or from the Search tab. Type the name or DUNS number into the search box and click "Search". (**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Individuals are not assigned DUNS numbers. If you are checking for an exclusion for an individual, search by typing in the name.)
- If no exclusion record is found for the entity, the entity does not have any active exclusions submitted in SAM by a federal agency.
- If an exclusion record is found, it will show in a box marked "Exclusion"; check the status in the top-right corner of the box. If the status indicates "Active", there is an active exclusion on the entity.

PLEASE NOTE: JUST SEEING IF AN ENTITY HAS AN ACTIVE EXCLUSION IS NOT SUFFICIENT. AS AN AWARDING OFFICIAL YOU MUST CONTINUE TO THE NEXT STEPS.

- Click "View Details" to open the entity's dashboard for more information. Use the navigation links on the left side of the screen to review the entity's specific exclusion. Click on the "Active Exclusions" link to view all current exclusions. Click on "View Exclusion" to view the data in the specific exclusion record. Scroll through the exclusion record to review details.
- **IMPORTANT:** As a Government awarding official you MUST review the "Effect" section of the exclusion record to determine exactly how you should apply the exclusion to your specific award/modification. The language in the "Effect" section will indicate if the entity is excluded from procurement actions and/or non-procurement (e.g., grants, financial assistance) actions.