WHAT TO EXPECT

FedBizOpps.gov (FBO.gov) will be decommissioned and its critical functionality will be transitioned into beta.SAM.gov in the first quarter of the 2020 fiscal year. This fact sheet contains important information that current FBO.gov users need to know.

How is beta.SAM.gov Organized?

One website for people who make, receive, and manage federal awards

DATA BANK

Run required reports
Track and measure compliance
Analyze contract opportunities and data
Analyze entity data
Save and download reports

WORKSPACE

Access your saved searches, requests, and notifications
Administer your organization and users
Manage your assistance listings
Post your contract opportunities, register your entity, report your sub-awards, manage your past performance

SEARCH

Find contract opportunities*
Extracts and APIs available for public
Find federal assistance
Look up wage rates*
Find registered vendors*
Save searches
Download search results
Get featured search results

LEARNING CENTER

Explore our video tutorials, FAQs, quick start guides, and glossary
Search online help
Discover additional resources
Read featured articles
Find new content

DATA SERVICES

Connect to our web services and APIs
Integrate with our data feeds
Download our data extract

Once the transition is complete, beta.SAM.gov will have the same federal business opportunity capabilities that are found today in FBO.gov. There also will be improvements, such as:
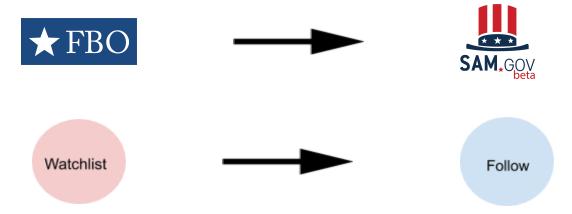
- The ability to search for opportunities by number, keyword, or location for more precise results (including easy-to-use search filters)
- Easy to read headers that will allow you to reference key information quickly
- The option to access previous versions of opportunity notices with one click
- The ability to set up notices, with a simple click, that will notify you when frequently used contract opportunities are updated
- The ability to manage alerts easily through a new user workspace (frequency, turn on/off)
- A user-friendly design with logical navigation and industry best practices embedded
- Shared login, search, workspace, data services, reports, and a design that will allow you to leverage other IAE system data easily
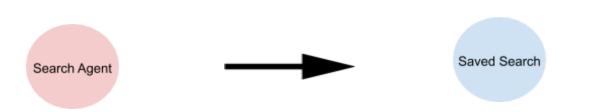
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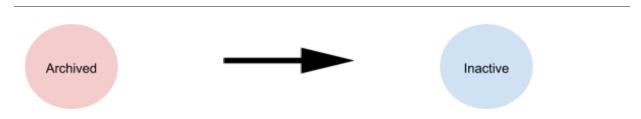
CHANGES IN FEATURES & FUNCTIONALITY

You will notice that many of the features and functionality that you utilize in FBO.gov will move to beta.SAM.gov under new names.

Watchlist will become Follow in beta.SAM.gov. If you want to follow a contract opportunity, select follow on the display page.

Search agent will become Saved Search in beta.SAM.gov. Saved searches can be created directly from search results and managed from your workspace.

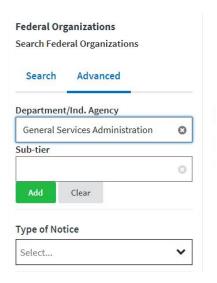Archived will become Inactive in beta.SAM.gov. Open notices are labeled as Active.

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ABOUT THE INTERESTED VENDOR LIST

- Current Interested Vendor lists (IVL) will transfer to beta.SAM.gov
- Non-federal users need an account tied to an entity to use the new IVL
- Each IVL will be tied to a specific notice
- Each IVL will be sortable and searchable

IMPLEMENTING A NEW FEDERAL HIERARCHY

We are combining multiple legacy hierarchies into a single hierarchy across all of beta.SAM.gov. Search, reports and government roles will be based on the federal hierarchy.

Federal agencies will centrally manage updates and changes to the hierarchy. Public facing API of Federal Department/Independent Agencies and Sub-tiers will be available for downloading.
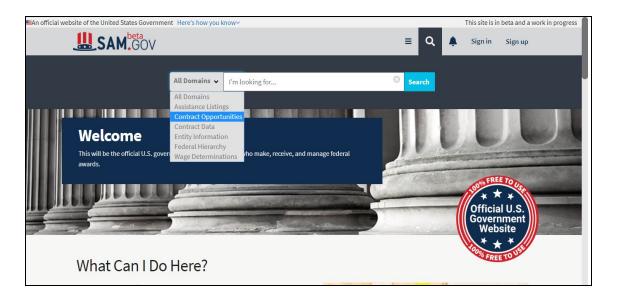
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NEW ACCOUNTS & MIGRATION

In order to transition roles from FBO.gov to beta.SAM.gov, you will need to create a new account in beta.SAM.gov. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance security and to move to single sign on for all IAE applications, we are implementing login.gov in beta.SAM.gov.

A few weeks before the transition, you will need to create a new login.gov account or be ready to use your existing login.gov account. You also will be able to use your government issued CAC/PIV card to log in.

Government officials who have roles in FBO.gov will be required to complete a simple process to migrate their roles. By providing your username and password from FBO.gov on beta.SAM.gov, you will inherit all the roles you have now.

NOTE: Legacy users will be able to migrate their roles only if their FBO.gov account is active. This means their FBO user account password cannot be expired.
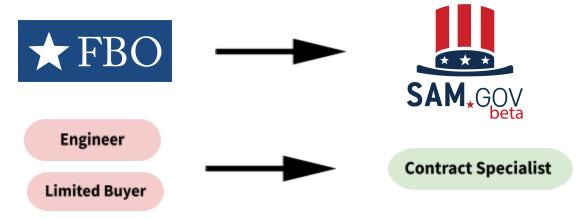

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FEDERAL ROLE NAME & STRUCTURE CHANGES

In beta.SAM.gov, there will be some major changes to role names and structure compared to FBO.gov.

There are three federal roles that will be migrated from FBO.gov to beta.SAM.gov under different names:

FBO → **SAM.GOV beta**

Engineer / Limited Buyer → Contract Specialist

This role is for federal users who need to view, draft, or edit public and For Official Use Only data. This role also manages controlled documents attached to any notice.

Buyer → Contracting Officer

This role is for federal users who need access to the Contract Specialist functions and the ability to post notices for public consumption and viewing.

Agency Admin → Administrator

This role is for federal users who will be managing users by approving and assigning additional contract opportunities roles to other federal users. This role also covers all Contracting Officer functions.

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NEW PROCESS FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES TO SUBMIT DATA

To access the full public data feeds, simply look under the data services section of beta.SAM.gov. If you are a current system connecting to FBO.gov, please contact newsamtesting@gsa.gov to begin testing the new SOAP/web services and begin the transition to API services.

ENGAGE & BE PART OF THE TRANSITION

The entire process of building beta.SAM.gov has been a collaborative effort between and among our users and stakeholders. This remains true with the transition of FBO.gov. Please participate in the process and, as always, provide us with your thoughts and feedback. Be sure to:

- Go to beta.SAM.gov, browse the site, and try out the search capabilities

- Use the help section on beta.SAM.gov (in the Learning Center) and let us know how it worked and if your question or problem was answered

- Keep up-to-date about the latest news and information regarding the FBO transition (and all of the IAE systems) by subscribing to our IAE Interact Community

- Provide your comments and suggestions using the Feedback button on beta.SAM.gov

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