IAE Stakeholder Forum Questions and Answers

In February, 2021, the U.S. General Services Administration's Integrated Award Environment hosted an online Stakeholder Forum webinar. With almost 1,100 participants, the program focused on an introduction to the new design of beta.SAM.gov, which will launch on April 26, 2021. We received nearly 200 questions from the participants on a variety of topics. Our subject matter experts have provided answers below. Remember, you can search the Federal Service Desk knowledge base for additional videos and frequently asked questions or get help with technical issues at FSD.gov.

Question	Answer
During this transition will we still be able to access SAM as we currently do or will there be a new site to access with new passwords?4	If you enter SAM.gov after the transition in May, you will be redirected to the new site. You can continue to login using your SAM.gov login password.
As a subcontractor will we be allowed to see what subcontracting opportunities the primes report that they have with this new IAE?	The upcoming changes do not impact contract or subcontract reporting functionality.
Will we be going through the annual service inventory reporting that was originally on SAM.gov?	The service inventory reporting will be moved to beta.SAM.gov. As part of the SAM.gov integration in May. No change to the reporting requirements is planned.
I still use FPDS New Gen for historical data information on our DoD contracts. It is so easy to use and easy to pull into Excel form. I hope SAM.Gov. does not replace this and if it does, it should be as clear and simple to use the same function as in FPDS. Is this possible?	We will not be discussing any changes to FPDS at this time.
Assume that usaspending.gov will still be utilized? What will be the lag time of the data from beta.sam.gov?	USASpending.gov updates with FPDS-NG data on a nightly basis.
Where is the feedback tool?	In the new design, the feedback tool is found at the bottom of the page.
Will the date on fpds.gov still be available and updated?	FPDS.gov will remain where it is. It is not integrating into SAM.gov at this time.
Will there be an EZ Search similar to what was in FPDS? This feature is great when doing a quick search or check. If this feature is not in the new design, will it be incorporated at a later time?	FPDS.gov will be integrated at a future date.

Will SAM.gov be decommissioned on May 24?	The existing site for SAM.gov will be decommissioned. The SAM.gov URL will take you to SAM functionalities in the new environment.
Will my beta.sam.gov current password and username remain the same?	Your login.gov credentials will not change with this transition.
If we need to renew our SAM registration before the April launch, how can this step be accomplished? Thanks.	Continue to renew your registration as normal at SAM.gov. In April 2021, only beta.SAM.gov is being impacted.
Will existing users have to re-register after the release?	Existing login and accounts at beta.SAM.gov will not change with the new design. When SAM.gov is merged with beta.SAM.gov, you will continue to use your login.gov credentials to sign in.
When you sign into the new system, will it allow you to access the Workspace where you can save and follow opportunities?	There will be no change to your account information or workspace content after April 26.
I just tried to run the equivalent FPDS-NG E-Z reports. It is very difficult and not user-friendly in beta.SAM.GOV. Please advise if the functionality is not yet 100 percent enabled? Tips for running contract reports? Thank you.	EZ Search is found at FPDS.gov and will remain there for now. There are numerous training materials in the beta.SAM.gov Learning Center and at FSD.gov to assist you with generating contract data reports.
Is there going to be any information provided about the APIs for Entity and Exclusion data? It appears that the SOAP services are being turned off and made available only thru REST services. Discussion/Information about this topic would be helpful	SAM Extracts (Entity Management Public, Entity Management for Official Use Only (FOUO), Entity Management Sensitive, and Exclusions Public) will transition from SFTP to access through an API. They are currently available via API for testing. SOAP Services will be replaced by REST APIs. REST APIs are currently available for testing. Go to open.gsa.gov for documentation and access to the APIs. After May 24, 2021, data services for entity and exclusion data will only be found at open.gsa.gov.
I see the workspace at the top, do you still need to be signed in to actually access the workspace?	Yes, you must be signed in to access your workspace.
Where is the FPDS data dictionary on the current Beta SAM website?	The FPDS data dictionary remains on FPDS.gov

Where will the FPDS data dictionary be located on the final SAM website after 26 May?	The FPDS data dictionary remains on FPDS.gov after the SAM.gov transition
There has been talk about moving away from the DUNS numbering system and have it all under a "SAM.gov" one-encompassing approach. Can you provide additional information on this matter? Thank you!	Go to gsa.gov/entityid for information on the upcoming change from DUNS to SAM.gov generated Uniques Entity ID.
Will the site be Section 508 compliant (accessible to individuals with disabilities)?	Yes.
Are the US Standards for menus addressed in the 21st Century IDEA?	The new design implements and complies with the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act and GSA Guidelines for Digital Presence
Please confirm that the final product will be called SAM.gov and not beta.SAM.gov	Yes, when SAM.gov functionality is merged with beta.SAM.gov, the site will be called SAM.gov
Do you have a one-pager that we can provide to our contracting staff with the date of the migration and design changes, etc?	Follow upcoming changes at https://interact.gsa.gov/group/integrated-award-environment-iae-industry-communityThe latest blog on the design changes can be found at https://interact.gsa.gov/node/467209
Will past contracts be loaded in the new system? they are great for reference	FPDS.gov remains the official source of contract data. Only contract data reports are found at beta.SAM.gov.
The Old FPDS is so easy to use and export data.	FPDS.gov is not migrating to this new platform at this time. For contract data search, FPDS.gov remains the official source. Contract data reports are at beta.SAM.gov.
Will our saved searches in the Contract Opportunities function be preserved during the transition?	There will be no change to your saved searches in beta.SAM.gov when the design changes on April 26 or when SAM.gov is integrated on May 24.
Will there be multi factor authentication for login searches?	Login.gov requires multi-factor authentication. You are not required to be signed in beta.SAM.gov to conduct a search. You are required to be logged in to save your searches.

There is confusion if a contracting officer still needs to post award-notice information in contract opportunities OR if the FPDS reporting covers the award notice requirement. Since FPDS automatically provides award info is this counted twice if the CO adds the award notice details to their solicitation/contract opportunity.	Please contact your agency officials for information on posting post-award notices.
Are Contract Opportunities where we look for Reps & Certs?	No. SAM.gov provides access to reps and certs for registered entities.
Can you please restate what the April 26th & May 24th dates represent again?	On April 26, a new design to beta.SAM.gov will be launched. On May 24, SAM.gov will be integrated into beta.SAM.gov and the "beta" in the URL will go away.
Rephrasing my question. Will the contract data portion of SAM.gov have an EZ search or a Google-type search of contract data? This is a very useful feature	EZ Search, used for looking up individual contracts, is found at FPDS.gov and will remain there for now. Only contract data reports (reporting across multiple contracts) are at beta.SAM.gov.
I have had an open FSD for 9 days, as there is an issue that my searches by NAICs, PSC, and even by state aren't pulling up all opportunities. I've called as well, but the wait times for a representative are hours long and I can't get through. I really need to ensure I'm pulling all opportunities--I've been contacted by COs to enquire why we didn't rebid on opportunities that aren't showing up. I included screenshots in my incident report as well...any advice appreciated.	To learn more about searching for contract opportunities, visit the beta.SAM.gov learning center. There are several videos and FAQs to assist with optimizing your searches.
After you move this in April, would I use Sam.gov still for updating our SAM registrations? When would the SAM registrations be moved to the new beta.sam.gov?	Yes. Before and after May 24, you will continue to go to SAM.gov to update your registrations.
In the filters, can you drill down to the 'office' (3rd level) under federal organization?	Not yet, but this functionality will be available soon. You can use the office name as a keyword to find notices related to a given office.
Will it be possible to exclude certain keywords?	Not yet, but this functionality will be available in the search tool soon.

Do you offer training for our contracting office or will you have training opportunities/webinars on the SAM.gov migration to beta.sam.gov?	We will be holding a webinar for federal users in May. Information on the new functionality will also be available on the landing pages after the SAM.gov transition.
Will alpha.sam.gov also go away with this migration?	No, alpha.SAM.gov is our testing site and will remain after the transition.
Please define "domain."	Domains represent legacy data sets e.g. contract opportunities was FBO.gov.
When wage rates were first added to the site, only current rates were available. Are prior wage rates now available, or will they be available with the coming updates in April and May?	You can view the history of a wage determination from the results page by clicking on history in the left column on a wage determinations record.
What user populations were used to provide feedback on the user experience of current beta.SAM.gov?	We have spoken with a range of government users, grantees, and contractors in focus groups, workshops, interviews, the online feedback tool, service desk issues, and analyzed our digital analytics.
On the search function, can you confirm that text such as parenthesis, "OR", or "AND" work? Example: (Army OR Navy) AND (Cleaning Services)	Keywords are currently OR only. We are working to provide an advanced search with other Boolean operators in the near future.
So, will vendors be able to search opportunities by the four-character office code?	Yes, that is coming. You can currently use the office name or code as a keyword.
Will there be a way to set up alerts within contract opportunities so that you can receive an email when certain opportunities or updates to them are posted?	Yes. That functionality exists today in beta.SAM.gov. Choose follow from the search results page and you will receive notifications when changes occur. You can manage your selections from your workspace. You may also set up saved searches and notifications when there are changes.
Under actions, will you still be able to set up alerts for the saved search such as it is now?	Yes. That functionality exists today in beta.SAM.gov. Choose follow from the search results page and you will receive notifications when changes occur. You can manage your selections from your workspace. You may also set up saved searches and notifications when there are changes.

Will the time out be extended? beta.SAM.gov seems to time out after a couple of minutes or when using different vehicles on the page.	The "time out" duration is a security requirement and will remain at a 15-minute idle time.
Currently, I am in a workgroup working on 'Market Research' for stand-alone porta toilets/handwashing stations for Incident Support - i.e. Wildfire. Is there a 'Search' that could be used to pull vendor information...vendors who provide this type of service? We are currently utilizing other platforms - i.e. Small Dynamic Business Search...but thought maybe Sam.gov could help us, as well.	Use PSC and NAICS related to these services while searching in SAM.gov to identify vendors.
Will the new design have the option to search by offices within departments?	Yes, that is coming. You can currently use the office name or code as a keyword.
Do you search a NAICS code by typing the code into the "Keywords" space?	There is a NAICS filter that allows you to narrow down your search to a NAICS or multiple NAICS.
Are you going to bring back proximity searching in keywords?	Keywords are currently OR only. We are working to provide an advanced search with other Boolean operators in the near future.
Will I need to recreate my "saved searches" or will my existing "saved searches" be functional in the updated beta.SAM.gov environment?	There will be no change to your saved searches in beta.SAM.gov.
Can anyone talk about DUNS vs Unique Entity identifier?	Please see gsa.gov/entityID for more information on the transition to the UEI.
Is the access to the new website after 24 May only via two-factor authentication OR is the open search still going to be allowed? Also, is there a path for PIV-based sign-on/access?	Login.gov currently supports the use of government-issued CAC/PIV cards. Searching most data is possible without signing in. Some data will require signing in to search. To save searches or follow records, you must be signed in.
Searching for opportunities now is painful.	When searching opportunities, try using the filters first, then keywords. If you use multiple keywords or keyword phrases, you will expand your search results, returning anything that has any word in it. We are working to provide an advanced search with other Boolean operators in the near future.

Will the new version be able to run saved searches in contract opportunities automatically and send notifications via email?	This functionality exists today in beta.SAM.gov. For more information go to: https://interact.gsa.gov/blog/latest-updates-betasamgov-more-functionality-now-available-contract-opportunities
Where will the old SSQ (Schedule Sales Query) database reside?	That is not part of the IAE systems.
Currently one does not need to be logged into SAM.Gov. to get information like certs and representation for a Supplier/contractor. Will this change?	Yes, once SAM.gov is migrated to beta.SAM.gov, you will need to login to see entity registration information.
Will we be able to clearly identify which company is logged into SAM.gov, because we have more than one company that uses the site.	If you have an entity administrator role, you will be able to see all the entities you manage in your workspace.
The ability to do boolean searches would be great. The current search (OR function) provides way too many results to be useful. Using the other filters doesn't work to reduce the number to an appropriate amount.	We are working to provide an advanced search with other Boolean operators in the near future.
Will the new search sort by start with the latest new posting or will it remain the same as relevance. Thanks	In beta.SAM.gov you can select whether to use relevance or dates. The default is relevance.
Wondering if as a PTAC when you sign in as a user without a company attached to save searches when you send to a client will they be able to see it without being signed in?	Saved searches are linked to an individual login. Saved searches cannot be shared. Although you can download and share the search results via CSV or PDF.
Will awarded Contracts be included or will it just be the solicitations?	FPDS remains the official source for searching individual contract awards.
Is there a book or instruction manual on the use of this system?	Training materials will be available in Help after April 26. For training for a specific domain, visit the landing page links found on the home page.
Will GSA be providing training webinars or an online tutorial	A video and Before and After Guide will be available at launch to assist users with the transition. Help materials at FSD.gov are available also.

Will you be able to search using the new NAICS generated by the GSA for the new SINS? IE. 3FIRE	IAE systems contain the current PSC codes published on acquisition.gov.
Would GSA consider extending the amount of time a user can remain in beta.SAM.gov before "timing out" and being required to login again? What is the current timeframe for logging out a beta.SAM.gov user due to inactivity?	The "time out" duration is a security requirement and will remain at a 15-minute idle time.
Already a registered entity on SAM.Gov (to access federal funds from NIH for instance), Will our profile be transferred to the new SAM.Gov? Where on the new platform do we proceed to renew our annual registration?	When SAM.gov is transferred over to beta.SAM.gov, your registration information will transfer. You will continue to go to SAM.gov to update your registration.
Is there any improvement on the search scheduler to return daily search criteria based on saved searches? My scheduled searches never return much as they did under the FBO search scheduler.	The ability to schedule searches is coming in a future release. When searching opportunities, try using the filters first, then keywords. If you use multiple keywords or keyword phrases, you will expand your search results, returning anything that has any word in it.
Will you be able to select multiple states when using the filter for place of performance state?	Yes, when the new design launches, selecting multiple states in the place of performance filter will be possible.
Will the contracting opportunities function in beta.sam.gov allow an account setup that provides an automated notification by NAICS or geographic areas?	You can create a saved search using the NAICS filter that will send notifications when an update to your saved search is made.
Will the "all domain" search eventually include information from CPARS, FAPIIS, PPIRS?	Yes, at a later date all IAE systems will be integrated into the modernized environment.
Will the labeling on the 'Followed' opportunities be fixed so that it is easy for a user to decipher what they are following? Basically, use the Name/Title of the opportunity, not the Number/ID.	This is a planned enhancement.

How much will change with vendor information download to government systems? We currently have a Contractor Connector System connected to sam.gov.	The data itself and the layout are not changing. All that is changing is the manner in which you download the files. SAM Extracts (Entity Management Public, Entity Management for Official Use Only (FOUO), Entity Management Sensitive, and Exclusions Public) will transition from SFTP to access through an API. They are currently available via API for testing. SOAP Services will be replaced by REST APIs. REST APIs are currently available for testing. Go to open.gsa.gov for documentation and access to the APIs. After May 24, 2021, data services for entity and exclusion data will only be found at open.gsa.gov.
Once Sam and beta.sam integrated, when it's time to renew my organization registration, will the process be the same as the old sam.gov?	Yes, the same information will be required and you will continue to go to SAM.gov to update or renew registrations.
If you do not have a user id and password, can you continue to access Sam/BetaSam.gov or will you be forced to create a user ID and password?	Certain functions like data entry, saved search, follow, and search/view of entity data will require a signing into an account.
I am a non-IT professional. What is a "responsive" design?	Responsive design adapts the display to the customers' device, offering the full site in an optimized resolution regardless of the device of choice, presenting the same high-quality content to fit smaller devices.
Will we receive email alerts on saved searches?	Yes, this feature is available in beta.SAM.gov. Go to your list of saved searches, select the Action button and select "Notify" to begin receiving notifications on your saved search.
Will you be able to set up searches to email the results either daily or weekly?	Saved Searches run nightly, however you can use the Following capability as that allows digests of daily or weekly actions.
Will you be able to add a second entity to an individual profile?	There may be more than one entity administrator per entity but each individual must have their own account. An individual may be an entity administrator for multiple entities.

You can only log in if you own a business. Will there ever be a way for PTACs to log in as a user on the system? Would be so much easier to show clients how to utilize these tools if we had full access.	In beta.SAM.gov you can access all public data without a role. Any individual can create an account on beta.SAM.gov. All user accounts have the ability to search data, save searches, and follow records.
Currently, we have different employees registered with sam.gov than we have with beta.sam.gov, since we use the beta for opportunity searches so the marketing department uses it on a regular basis, and sam.gov is used by our contracts department. Each system's sam.gov and beta.sam.gov have secondary authentication and we use our respective cell phones for that now. How does that work once the two systems, sam.gov and beta.sam.gov are integrated? Can we have more than one login and cell phone associated with the login, so different departments located in different areas of the country can access the services within the systems?	There may be more than one entity administrator per entity but each individual must have their own account. An individual may be an entity administrator for multiple entities. Users will be granted access based on the roles they are assigned. Unless someone is assigned an entity administrator role they will not have access to the entity registrations.
Will offerors get emailed notices when an amendment is posted to a solicitation like the old FBO.gov? It is not possible right now on beta.sam.	beta.SAM.gov allows you to follow a notice and receive notifications when updates occur.
Will tracked items cross over?	Any saved searches or followed items in beta.SAM.gov will not change with these transitions.
An MS Excel file listing of current Federal agency contracting offices, department codes, agency codes, etc. used to be available via the fpds.gov website. Will GSA consider making that periodically updated MS Excel file available from the beta.SAM.gov website?	You can search the federal hierarchy on beta.SAM.gov and filter by departments, sub-tiers or keywords. You can download search results in CSV or PDF formats.
Will we need new log-in credentials when everything is integrated?	You may use your existing login credentials for SAM.gov or beta.SAM.gov.
Can we still update our sam.gov registrations over the next few months as this transitioning takes place?	Yes, please continue to update your registrations on the current site until May 24, 2021. After May 24,

	2021, you can still go to SAM.gov and you will be redirected to the new site.
Will GSA Ebuy also be moved to Beta.sam? Also, what about GSA Advantage?	eBUY and GSA Advantage are not managed by IAE.
Will our current beta.SAM.gov usernames and passwords transfer over to the new site?	You will be able to login to the new site with your existing login.gov username and password.
Anything changing on ad hoc reports? Is everything working the same way as Beta.Sam.Gov? Are all Attributes still available?	The reporting tool on beta.SAM.gov is the tool we will continue to use moving forward. We have multiple videos and help files on how to run ad hoc reports.
When will the FPDS *data* migrate to SAM.gov?	The date will be announced at a later time.
Will the April 20, 2021 webinar include how to post a notification, eg, solicitation, in SAM.gov?	The webinar will focus on using the search functionality being implemented on April 26. For information on posting solicitations visit the beta.SAM.gov learning center.
With everything going to one workspace, can someone log into sam.gov on 5/24 and potentially see a workspace showing not only searching contracting opportunities but also entity registrations? Our firm is large and we don't want everyone in that entity registration area.	The workspace is assigned to an individual - not a group. Users will be granted access based on the roles they are assigned. Only users assigned an entity administrator role will have access to the entity registrations.
Will previous registrations carry over to new Sam.gov or will a new registration be required-perhaps due to changes?	When SAM.gov is transferred over to beta.SAM.gov, your registration information will transfer. A new registration will not be required.
Will sam.gov highlight on their landing page that this change is taking place on May 24th? With all of our phishing emails, it may be good for people to be prepared to get re-routed.	Yes, there will be a banner, but the URL for users will remain the same - SAM.gov.
Will there be a search feature for Industry events?	There is one in the Contract Opportunities area. You can also use the "industry event" Keyword/phrase
Will current SAM.gov users who are administrators be required to submit a new verification?	No, current registrations will not change. Administrators will be able to login with their SAM.gov login information.

Will there still be a connection to the DSBS and SBA profile, in the new SAM.Gov?	The link for DSBS will remain the same after the transition.
When do you estimate the old Sam.gov will be retired?	On April 26, a new design to beta.SAM.gov will be launched. On May 24, SAM.gov will be integrated into beta.SAM.gov and the "beta" in the URL will go away.
Do you have to have an account if you are a federal employee to post AD or Award? Will the exclusion list be found there?	Contact your system administrator for information on obtaining a role for posting awards. Exclusions can be searched at SAM.gov.
Will there be any interruption to services during this beta.sam.gov phase and integration into sam.gov?	Notification of any downtime will be announced on the alerts on beta.SAM.gov and SAM.gov.
Another question. When SAM migrates to beta.SAM, will there be a UEI number assigned to the business, in place of the DUNS number still?	The assigned UEI, as well as the DUNs, for an entity will be visible on screen after May 24, 2021
I have offered to be a tester but have only done 1 single testing so far. Would like to test more.	Contact newsamtesting @gsa.gov for information on becoming an alpha tester.
Is there a timeline for when the UEI will be issued through sam.gov rather than from D & B for entity registrations?	Go to gsa.gov/entityID for updates on the UEI transition.
Precision searches are critically important. Users may be looking for one particular project at one particular location for one particular type of contract. If a user wants to find a "Nursing for Housing'' solicitation at MCB Camp Lejeune, they should be able to search for Nursing + Housing + Camp Lejeune and get ONE search result (or just a few)...not 10,000s++. The way it was explained, a user would have to search for "Nursing" first and get 400+ results. Then search for "Housing" and get another several 100 results. And then search for "Camp Lejeune'' and get another long list of results. And then they would need to reconcile the three separate search results to ultimately find if their project was listed for that day. And then they need to repeat that search effort daily until the	At this time, the keyword search capability is based on using an "OR" operator, which means the more words or phrases you use, the more results you will get. We are working to provide an advanced search with other Boolean operators in the near future. We recommend users use the filters first and then use a keyword or phrase to get the best results.

posting for the specific project they are looking for is finally posted.	
My earlier question relates to secondary authentication which is a code given to someone who logs in for only 10 minutes after that the code expires. Will there e.g. be a different login, password, and associated cell phone for secondary authentication possible for the person who wants to get into sam.gov to work on the registration, and another different login, password, and associated cell phone for secondary authentication code for a person who daily goes into the opportunity searches and logs in regularly there? So one person does not have to coordinate with another to get the authentication code on that person's cell phone in order to be able to log in.	The workspace is assigned to an individual - not a group. Users will be granted access based on the roles they are assigned. Entities can manage role assignments by domain e.g. entity administrator for their entity registration.
Will 4/26 begin the transition from using SFTP to API calls for retrieving the SAM files?	On May 24, SFTP will no longer be accessible. You can begin transitioning/preparing now. SAM Extracts (Entity Management Public, Entity Management for Official Use Only (FOUO), Entity Management Sensitive, and Exclusions Public) will transition from SFTP to access through an API. They are currently available via API for testing. SOAP Services will be replaced by REST APIs. REST APIs are currently available for testing. Go to open.gsa.gov for documentation and access to the APIs. After May 24, 2021, data services for entity and exclusion data will only be found at open.gsa.gov.
What is the website address for IAE Interact?	https://interact.gsa.gov/group/integrated-award-environment-iae-industry-community
Will registered users have to re-create search agents after the launch? Also, will there be functionality to receive search results by email daily?	Any saved searches or followed items in beta.SAM.gov will not change with these transitions. You may manage notifications from your workspace.
Will all access be via login?	Yes

Can you please give more info on the alpha testers?	Contact newsamtesting @gsa.gov for information on becoming an alpha tester.
Where on the interact.GSA.gov can I follow IAE for the Apr 20, 2021 webinar?	If you are on IAE interact, you can sign up for notifications whenever new information is posted.
Are there any beta.sam roles that are restricted for onsite contractor support staff?	Please contact your agency administrator regarding role assignments.
In May, will the new SAM contain the DUNS number?	DUNS will remain the unique entity ID until April 2022.
Will you provide any future training to show us how to use bet.sam.gov to perform searches we are used to from FPDS? Finding it difficult.	Numerous training videos on search and contract data reports are available in the learning center at beta.SAM.gov. FPDS.gov EZ search remains the official search site for individual contract awards.
Who do I contact about getting my SAM.gov and Beta.SAM.gov accounts to match with my current email and to merge my 2 Beta.SAM.gov accounts?	Please contact login.gov at https://login.gov/contact/ for assistance with your accounts.
Will FPDS remain as a stand-alone site?	Yes at this time.
Is it accurate to say that there are no PROCESS changes to User/System Account Registration? Understand that there are extensive UX changes, but it doesn't seem that there are any workflow changes.	System Account processes are different between beta.SAM.gov and SAM.gov. Entity registration workflow will be the same.
When do you estimate this site will be updated in the FAR as the official GPE rather than FBO.gov?	We are coordinating with the FAR team on those changes.
Since you have our email when we registered for this, can you send us an email for the May forum?	If you received an email for this event, you will be sent an email for future events.
Do we need to do anything in case we already have an entity in SAM?	Please continue to update your account as you would today. Once SAM.gov is merged, we suggest you login to the new site with your login.gov account and view your registration and workspace so you are ready when you need to renew your registration.
In the search results for a solicitation, the details of the solicitation appear unformatted in the description section, as well as in the attachments. Will that section look the same?	The display of the description for contract opportunities is not changing.

Do you need to have your business tied into beta.sam before SAM will migrate? Or will it migrate automatically?	Your entity registration will automatically migrate to the merged site.
Contract Opportunities does not send notifications when a government user registers for access. Will this be fixed in the future?	To keep track of searches of contract opportunities and receive important notifications about them, log in to your account and begin searching contract opportunities. To save a search: 1. Scroll to the top of the search results page and click the button labeled "Save Search." 2. After you click "Save Search," a dialog box will appear prompting you to name your search before saving it. Once saved, the name of your search will appear at the top of your search results. 3. Note that if you conduct a search for contract opportunities without being logged in, the "Save Search" button will not appear above your search results. To view saved searches in your Workspace: 1. Click the three bars in the menu at the top of the page and select "Workspace." 2. On the Workspace page, under your profile icon, click the magnifying glass labeled "Saved Searches" to see a list of your saved searches. 3. To the left of your saved search list are filters and a keyword search box that you may use to find specific saved searches. 4. Click the title of your saved search to view contract opportunities associated with it. To set up notifications for your saved search: 1. Notifications can be set up within your Workspace. Should you select to be notified, you will receive a daily email when the results of your search have changed since the previous day. 2. Go to your list of saved searches. Above and to the right of the title of each saved search is a

	button labeled "Action." Click the Action button and a drop-down menu appears. 3. Select the "Notify" option to begin receiving notifications on your saved search. You may stop notifications by clicking again on the Action button and selecting "Stop Notify." 4. You may also download, duplicate, delete, or edit the title of your saved search by using the other options available in the Action menu.
When will FPDS transition as authoritative to beta.SAM? (not the reports, the rest of it) In 2021? 2022?	We will be announcing a date in the future.
We don't want existing account users that have access to FBO or other areas to also have access to our entity registrations.	Users will be granted access based on the roles they are assigned. Unless someone is assigned an entity administrator role they will not have access to the entity registrations.
How far can we retrieve old data with the new transition?	All data available in SAM.gov today will be available after the integration
Will USA Spending still be utilized from the contract data in sam.gov?	USA Spending is a separate site from IAE systems.
Will I need a profile to search for SAM.gov entity exclusions?	You will need an account and be signed in to view entity information after May 24, 2021.
Will these updates help vendors? I've had a lot of vendors say, all they had to do is update their profiles and yet, they found it quite complicated to do. Will these updates help them as well as government workers?	One of the benefits of the new design is to improve the usability of the site. We have implemented changes based on user feedback and federal design requirements.
Will a tutorial video be made that is current and readily available in the Knowledge Base that anyone can use for reference? There are a lot of entities needing SAM registration assistance for the current PPP loan requirements and the current video on SAM.gov is very outdated. It would be nice to have fairly updated resources available. And thank you for the design changes that will be coming!	As part of the transition, SAM.gov training material is being reviewed and updated to match the new site.

Will access to SAM .gov be via credentials or a simple account/password?	Login.gov, which is used for SAM.gov and beta.SAM.gov, requires two-factor authentication. CAC/PIV cards are also accepted for government users.
Is there a backup plan in case the site goes down since so many sites are at one location now	Our technical team has planned for contingencies. User testing and performance testing will be performed prior to the transition to ensure a smooth transition.
Entities, as they are referred to in SAM, what domain would that be in the new system?	There will be multiple domains related to entities: entity registrations, entity reporting, and exclusions.
If I share a weblink to a notice beta.sam.gov, once the migration happens, will that link still work? or will it need to be a sam.gov format?	We are working to ensure links that currently start with beta.SAM.gov will after integration continue to work and forward the user directly to the correct SAM.gov page.
When inputting the initial information into beta.sam.gov, it asks for recovery investment acts, this does not allow for entering an item such as disaster relief. Are there plans to do that moving forward? The system does not allow for more than one small business category to be added to a contract. Will that change going forward?	We have taken note of this and will check with our governance as certain fields are determined by policy.
Are you able to search for Interagency Agreements?	No, this function is not available.