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# Unique Entity Identifier Application Requirements

## Purpose

This memorandum provides guidance to CACFP institutions and SFSP sponsors on requirements pertaining to Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) numbers.

## Legal Authority

CACFP 06-2023; SFSP 04-2023

## Background

In 2006, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) was signed into law. The FFATA was enacted with the intention to make government more accountable for each spending decision. The end result is to reduce wasteful spending in the government. As a result, all institutions participating in the CACFP were required to obtain a Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.

As of April 4, 2022, at the direction fo the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Federal agencies completed system transitions from the use of the DUNS number to utilization of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards. For more information on the transition to the use of the UEI number please see the memorandum, Unique Entity Identifier Transition.

## Program Requirements

The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric identifier assigned to an entity by the System for Award Management (SAM). Program operators are not required to complete full entity registration in the SAM to obtain the UEI and may go directly to SAM.gov to obtain the UEI only. The process is minimal and only validates the entity's legal business name and address. Program operators who have already completed full SAM.gov registration have been automatically assigned the UEI. For obtaining a UEI number please

visit https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration.

All participating CACFP institutions, SFSP sponsors, and new operators applying to participate in either or both Programs must provide a UEI number in their CACFP/SFSP applications to be compliant with current requirements.  CACFP/SFSP applications will not be approved by GA DECAL if a UEI number is not provided.

## Comments

For questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Policy Administrator at (404) 651-8193.