

IAE Stakeholder Forum Recap: Upcoming Transitions and the Current State of IAE

Questions & Answers

1. Do old logins work in the new site?

No, you will need to create an account in beta.SAM.gov, but we will work to bring your FBO role over when the time comes to transition.

2. Will USAspending be obsolete after FBO is transitioned to beta.SAM.gov?

No, USAspending.gov remains a standalone system run by the Department of Treasury for public facing award data in accordance with the Transparency Act.

3. Could Entity Information be named SAM if that is what it is?

No. Remember, the entire system will eventually become SAM. The entity registration component will live within the new SAM. Take a look at the domain descriptions to see how it will all fit together.

For now, beta.SAM.gov and the legacy SAM still coexist.

4. It's not finding my roles on other sites (fbo.gov) to do the migration on the beta site.

The data to support that migration is not there yet. CFDA is the only legacy site to fully transition. FBO will be next, and we will communicate when we are ready to do that.

5. If you are a registered "administrator" on SAM now, will you have to create a brand new login on beta.SAM.gov?

Yes, everyone will need a new account in beta.SAM.gov. At this time, however, none of the roles from legacy systems are available.

6. When will SAM.gov legacy become inactive? And when will FBO.gov become inactive?

We are planning for Fiscal Year 2020 for legacy SAM.gov, and Fiscal Year 2019 for FBO.gov.

7. Will there be follow-up webinars?

Yes, this Industry Day is an information session. As we get closer to system transitions for FBO and others, we will have recorded webinars for users. We also have planned videos, FAQs, and other reference material to ease the transition.

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8. Is there any more specific timeline for FBO legacy? Q1, Q2, etc.?

We host quarterly Industry Days. We will have additional recorded sessions. We are working on finding a better way to represent the roadmap. We display when development will be complete. The actual retirement date of the legacy system will be decided by governance. We will not be retiring any systems in the fourth quarter of any fiscal year.

9. When you say available in Alpha, does that mean you have an alpha.SAM.gov where we can test these interfaces?

Yes, there is an alpha.SAM.gov, which is the non-production environment. We have been conducting testing of some APIs and Web services. Please reach out to newsamtesting@gsa.gov for more information.

10. Can we get an update on ESRS and FSRS migration timeline?

We will make a schedule of the overall modernization roadmap (including the eSRS and FSRS sequencing) for the next Industry Day.

11. Will a mobile friendly version of beta.SAM.gov become available soon?

It may not be "soon," but it is being worked on. We develop using Agile methodology, incrementally delivering value. We are aware of the desire/need for mobile-friendly systems and it is a consideration.

12. So the look and feel and sections of where different data sections is placed may change even after Production right?

Yes, our intent is to keep the basic features and organization of the site stable, but improve the layout, mobile friendliness, readability of the information, etc.