

IAE Industry Day: What Does Industry Need?

Questions & Answers

1. Will there be a recording of this meeting available for us to retrieve upon completion? We would like to have this for reference.

There will be a full recording of the event that we will post to our Interact site.

2. I am surprised at a Q4 launch, Q4 is too busy in the contracting world for anyone to pay attention to a new beta system. Why launch in Q4?

We recognize that this is a busy time of year for the award community. [Beta.SAM.gov](#) will be available for you to review and provide your comments whenever you have the opportunity. We are not requiring any change to award community processes in the 4th quarter.

3. Is industry able to create accounts on [alpha.sam.gov](#)?

Industry will be able to create individual accounts once we have opened up the Beta site. At that time, the ability to register and sign in will be available, however an account will not be required to search in the initial [beta.SAM.gov](#). Once roles are required to perform tasks in [beta.SAM.gov](#), users create an account in the new system and will be able to migrate their roles from the legacy systems .

4. Will you be able to quote on the new Contract Opportunities site like we did on FBO?

The Current "Bid Module" is not currently in the scope of the initial [beta.SAM.gov](#).

5. Will JCP certification be added when logging into the Contract Opps like the FBO login?

The JCP Certification Program connection will not be included in the initial launch of [beta.SAM.gov](#). This is planned as a future feature. Please note, each user there only need one login for all of [beta.SAM.gov](#), and we will have additional communication when this is close to going live.

6. Will you be able to export from the search results?

[Beta.SAM.gov](#) will allow you to print search results. Download of search results will be available in future releases.

7. Is there only one user account per industry entity? Concerned about additional users being able to make changes when they are only using for research and not authorized to make changes.

No - roles will control privileges (read, write, etc) so there can be multiple user accounts affiliated with an entity. Entities may assign one or more administrators who will control

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privileges for accounts affiliated with their organization. We will be holding focus groups in July and August to ask for input on the business rules for administering entity user accounts.

8. One of the things that frequently goes wrong in FBO is the assignment of 42, 44, & 45 NAICS codes to contracts, which is prohibited. Will there be a feature that challenges KOs who try to use these NAICS codes when they are entering a solicitation?

The assignment of NAICs is the responsibility of the contracting agency posting the notice. We are working on ways to improve the data entry process to help users, but the ultimate responsibility of data entry is with the posting agency.

9. Is there integration with GSA Assist also? If so, in what capacity.

Please feel free to provide comments on the beta.SAM.gov feedback mechanism of ways we can improve integration with other systems.

10. When the beta becomes sam.gov, businesses will have to create a new user account with a new username and password correct? Also, will there have to be any additional steps to take for the business's current SAM information to show up in the new SAM.gov, like will they need to migrate old SAM data to the new system?

Correct - Users will have to create a SAM.gov account. Email address will be the Username, and new passwords will be needed. This credential set will work for anything that you need to do in the new SAM.gov, provided you have the roles that allow it. We will be migrating all entity and other legacy data for you. You will continue to perform annual updates to your registration but will not have to migrate any registrations. We will be holding focus groups in July and August to ask for input on migrating permissions so that the entity users will be able to access their registrations.

11. With the beta website, will there be any changes to the daily flat file format that is pushed out to us interface partners?

There are no changes resulting from the transition from the current SAM.gov to beta.SAM.gov.

12. Will we be able to update our Small Business Dynamic Search information in the new SAM?

There will still be a link from the entity registration to the SBA Supplemental Pages to provide additional information searchable through SBA'S DSBS.

13. Will BioPreferred Reporting and Service Contract Reporting continue to be under the Entity Administrator role?

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We have made no changes yet to industry roles. We will be holding focus groups in July and August to ask for input on roles that industry needs.

14. Do you have an upcoming focus group for FPDS?

We have previously held focus groups for FPDS and do not have any upcoming sessions planned. Our next focus groups for industry will address organization, user account, and industry data management across the environment. If you have specific input to provide, please contact us at IAEO outreach@gsa.gov.

15. Will there be a focus group for PTACs? - we are unique in our role in entity administration.

We will be reaching out to PTACs in the next few months. PTACs are important stakeholders for IAE and your input is invaluable in helping us understand small businesses.