



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SAM.GOV REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, System for Award Management ("SAM.GOV") is the official U.S. Government System for entity information, contract opportunities, contract data, wage determinations, federal hierarchy, and entity reporting; and

WHEREAS, an active registration with SAM.GOV is required for the County of Cook, Illinois ("Cook County"), and is also required for various individual Cook County departments and/or Cook County agencies ("Cook County entities") to obtain a unique entity identification number which enables County entities to apply for and receive federal grants; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2022, the federal government implemented changes to the SAM.GOV registration procedures, transitioning from the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to the "Unique Entity ID" (UEI), managed by SAM.GOV; and

WHEREAS, the UEI is now the official identifier for conducting business with the U.S. Government, and entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.GOV now require the use of the new UEI; and

WHEREAS, this transition necessitates a consolidation of all current identifiers under the umbrella term "Cook County accounts" to streamline the identification process for Cook County entities; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the entity validation document requirements has resulted in rejections of County entities' registrations due to inability to verify addresses for various Cook County departments; and

WHEREAS, such rejections of Cook County entities prevent the County from receiving federal grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to address this issue by providing an official document to SAM.GOV that verifies all Cook County entity names, addresses, UEIs, and entity start years, in accordance with SAM.GOV registrations; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution will serve as an acceptable document for entities during the entity validation process, ensuring successful registration, renewal and compliance of all Cook County entities with SAM.GOV requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need for an approved document for the registration and annual renewal process, during which SAM.GOV mandates entities to demonstrate proof of name, address, entity start year, and state as part of their entity validation process; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes the Resolution as a proper document for the registration and annual renewal process, addressing the entity validation requirements set forth by SAM.GOV.