



ARRA GUIDANCE UPDATE

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CCR registration renewal

Agencies and institutions should be aware that their Central Contractor Registration ID (CCR), which is required for Section 1512 reporting at FederalReporting.gov, expires 12 months from the date of registration. **If a registration expires, the entity assigned to the registration will be unable to report in FederalReporting.gov until the registration is renewed.** Renewing a registration can take between 24 and 48 hours.

Because today marks the beginning of the third quarter federal reporting period, agencies and institutions are asked to review the current status of their CCR registration to ensure that it is active. The information below provides a brief summary for CCR registration and renewal and DUNS registration. Please reference the User Guide for more details. A step-by-step guide for registering in FederalReporting.gov can be found online at <https://www.federalreporting.gov/federalreporting/documentation/FR-Gov%20User%20Guide%20Chapter%202%20Registration.pdf>

CCR information

- User Guide for CCR: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/doc/CCRUsersGuide.doc>
- To verify whether your organization is registered or to view your registration status, visit the CCR website, click Search CCR, and search using DUNS number, CAGE code or organization name. The top of the page will show your current registration status.
- **You must renew your registration every 12 months from the date you previously registered. If you do not renew your registration, it will expire. An expired registration will affect your ability to receive contract awards or payments, submit assistance award applications via Grants.gov, or receive certain payments from some federal government agencies.**
- Instructions on maintaining your CCR Registration are located on page four of the User Guide, *Maintaining Your CCR Registration*, online at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/doc/CCRUsersGuide.doc>

DUNS information

- User Guide for DUNS: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/duns_num_guide.pdf
- **DUNS numbers do not expire or require a renewal.** A DUNS number remains with the company location to which it was assigned, even if that company closes.

- To verify a DUNS number, call Dunn & Bradstreet toll-free at **(866) 705-5711** and indicate that you are a federal grant applicant or prospective applicant.
- There are two ways to obtain a DUNS number. Your institution can call the toll-free number for federal grant applicants, **(866) 705-5711**. Your institution can also register for a DUNS number via Dunn & Bradstreet's website at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Please note that registration via the website may take up to 30 business days to complete.

New report from Government Accountability Office now available

Please find below the link for the latest ARRA report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In this report, dated February 24, 2010, GAO was asked to identify the programs that are newly affected by the Recovery Act's prevailing wage provision.

The Recovery Act includes substantial appropriations for construction projects that, under the act's prevailing wage provision, are subject to Davis-Bacon Act requirements. Prior to the Recovery Act, some federal programs with construction projects were already subject to Davis-Bacon Act requirements. Others, however, are subject to the requirements for the first time because the Recovery Act extended the requirements to all construction projects supported by it. The GAO report, *GAO-10-421 Officials' Views Vary on Impacts of Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Provision*, can be found online at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10421.pdf>.