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Dear Lender Letter 2022-02

To: All Section 184 Approved Lenders and Servicers
All Section 184A Approved Lenders and Servicers
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
All Title VI Approved Lenders and Servicers

Subject Requirement for a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) for the System of Award Management (SAM).

Purpose The purpose of this Dear Lender Letter (DLL) is to inform Lenders and Servicers participating in the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program, the Section 184A Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee (Section 184A) program and the Tribal Activities Loan Guarantee (Title VI) program of their requirement to obtain and report their UEI (SAM) (SAMs Number) to the Office of Loan Guarantee (OLG) no later than March 15, 2022. This requirement also applies to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Effective Date This DLL is effective immediately. All Lenders, Servicers, and DHHL must obtain and report to OLG their SAMs Number no later than March 15, 2022.

Public Feedback HUD welcomes feedback from interested parties for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of issuance. To provide feedback on this policy document, please send feedback to OLG at Section184Comments@HUD.gov. HUD will consider the feedback in determining the need for future updates.

Affected Programs This DLL applies to the Section 184, Section 184A and Title VI programs.

Background

On July 28, 2021, General Services Administration (GSA) announced the transition from using the Data Universal Number System (DUNS) as a UEI to a UEI generated by SAM.

SAM is a federal government-wide portal that consolidates the capabilities of multiple systems and information sources. Any entity currently conducting or seeking to do business with the federal government must register with SAM to obtain a SAMs Number. Previous to this transition, the UEI used by the federal government was the DUNS identifier.

GSA directed federal agencies to complete their transition to using SAMs Numbers no later than April 4, 2022, after which the federal government will stop using the DUNS identifier as a UEI.

Summary of Changes

Lenders, Servicers, and DHHL that previously reported their DUNS identifier to OLG must obtain a SAMs Number and report that number to OLG.

Obtaining a SAMs Number

To obtain a SAMs Number and for additional information on transition from a DUNS identifier to a SAMs Number, go to <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

We recommend Lenders, Servicers and DHHL obtain a SAMs Number as soon as possible so they can timely report their SAMs Number to OLG. While March 15, 2022, is the deadline to report, as soon as a SAMs Number is obtained and reported to OLG, it may be used in Section 184, Section 184A and Title VI transactions.

Obtaining and reporting a SAMs Number is critical because beginning on April 4, 2022, OLG will no longer accept the DUNS identifier in any Section 184, Section 184A or Title VI related transaction, and will require a SAMs Number to issue case numbers, firm commitments, loan guarantee certificates, and to pay Section 184 and Section 184A claims.

Reporting SAM number to OLG

To report a SAMs Number to OLG send an email to HUD using the Section184@hud.gov email address and place “SAMs Number Submission” in the subject line. If your organization currently has more than one active SAMs number, please provide the one associated with your Headquarters office.

Questions

Any questions regarding this DLL may be directed to
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