Federal Contractors – Say Goodbye to CCR and hello to SAM

For almost ten years if you wanted to conduct business with the federal government, you needed to have a profile in the Central Contractor Registration or better known as the “CCR”. Originally created by the Department of Defense, all federal agencies currently use the CCR as their primary vendor registration portal. If a business wants to be awarded a federal contract over $3,000 or paid on such contract, maintaining an Active Vendor status in the CCR is required.

The federal government is currently scheduled on May 29, 2012 to begin its consolidation of several web portals under one system called the System for Award Management or “SAM.” The first three portals to migrate include the CCR, Online Representations and Certifications “ORCA” and the Excluded Parties List System “EPLS”. Most importantly, the terms CCR and ORCA are being eliminated under the new system so on June 1, 2012, over 4,900 current CCR Iowa registered businesses must become familiar with the new SAM system.

Next Steps:

1. If you are a currently registered CCR Active Vendor, review your profile to ensure it contains up to date information.
2. If you are not registered in the CCR, the registration process under SAM will take longer as there will be more required questions to answer.
3. CIRAS is providing no charge workshop training for Iowa businesses on the new SAM system. Contact us for dates and locations.

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