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Q13: The NOFO requires UEI/SAM.gov exemption requests at least two weeks before the deadline. Given the length of the application period, how will this be applied?

A13: In light of the application period for this opportunity, the requirement in Section E.3 that exemption requests be submitted at least two weeks prior to the deadline is not being applied in this competition. Applicants with a UEI/SAM.gov registration in progress should submit their applications by September 14, 2026, 23:59 EDT, and should include a completed SF-424B.

An application will not be found technically ineligible at screening solely because SAM.gov registration is pending, provided the application is otherwise complete and eligibility of organizations is met. UEI and SAM.gov compliance will be addressed before any award is issued. The Department may not issue an award until all applicable UEI and SAM.gov requirements are met or a documented exemption has been approved by the warranted Grants Officer. Applicants should continue working with the Entity Validation Service and the Federal Service Desk (www.fsd.gov); the Department cannot expedite validation.