

Applicant Alert –

The notice of funding opportunity (NFO) refers to the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) requirements (i.e., registering with and maintaining an active registration) for submission of an application via Grants.gov and for issuance of an award. The SAM site has a scheduled maintenance from Friday, May 21 at 4:00 PM EST through Monday, May 24 at 9:00 AM EST. Read about the maintenance at [Learn more](#).

Why is this important? During this time, SAM.gov will be completely unavailable. **The Grants.gov validation process includes a check for an active SAM registration (applicants with expired SAM registration or without a registration will be rejected). That said, you will not be able to submit applications during the scheduled maintenance period.**

Be aware that the down time may also have the following impact within Grants.gov:

- Applicants who make changes on SAM.gov on 05/20/2021 or before 4:00 PM EST on 05/21/2021 will not be able to see their data on Grants.gov until 05/25/2021.

Some entities will have this burden reduced; is your entity one of them? If you have a SAM registration and it has an expiration between April 21, 2021 and September 30, 2021, you will automatically receive a 180-day extension of your registration. Read more about the extension on [Interact](#).

The above information is being provided here for your information so you may plan accordingly.