

**Background:**

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (October 2020) includes representations in paragraph (c) that collect data from prospective offerors used by the government to implement Section 889(a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Per FAR subpart 4.1202(a), this provision is included in the System for Award Management (SAM) as part of a vendor's annual representations and certifications. FAR subpart 4.2103 provides government users procedures when making contract awards based on the vendor's representations in this provision.

To ease the implementation of these new requirements on the DoD workforce, Defense Pricing & Contracting (DPC) has developed a simple SAM lookup robotic process automation (RPA) capability specifically for provision 52.204-26.

The guide for leveraging this capability includes the following sections:

- I. [Instructions](#)
- II. [How to Troubleshoot Error Messages](#)
- III. [Responses to Section 889 Requests](#)
- IV. [Projected Changes](#)
- V. [Resources](#)

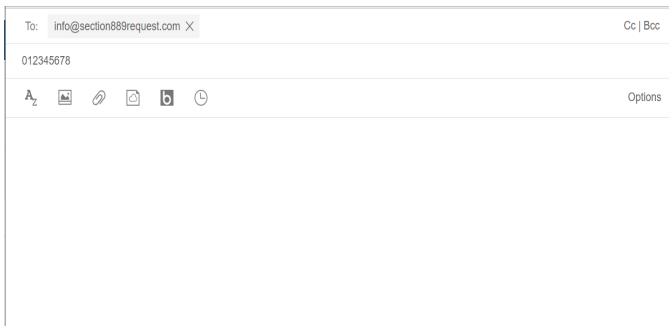
**I. Instructions**

- 1. Locate the DUNS number or CAGE code for the vendor in question.
  - a. Note that shoppers in FedMall can identify the supplier's CAGE as the first five characters of the Item ID or in the Supplier CAGE field. See the CAGE code identified in red outline below in the screenshot below:

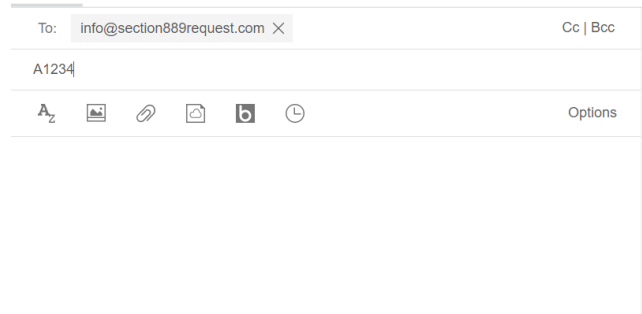


2. Send an email to [info@section889request.com](mailto:info@section889request.com) with a valid DUNS number or CAGE code in the subject line. Consult the examples below for reference:

#### DUNS Number Request Example



#### CAGE Code Request Example



- a. Ensure that the DUNS number in the subject line is exactly 9 digits long and does not contain any letters, extra characters, or spaces in order to avoid receiving an error message. Examples of acceptable and unacceptable subject lines are given below:

#### Acceptable DUNS number Subject Lines

000111222  
010101010  
123456789

#### Unacceptable DUNS number Subject Lines

“000111222”  
DUNS Number: 000111222  
000-111-222

- b. If you choose to search by CAGE code instead, ensure that the CAGE code in the subject line is exactly 5 characters long.

#### Acceptable CAGE code Subject Lines

A1234  
AB123  
12C3D

#### Unacceptable CAGE code Subject Lines

“A1234”  
CAGE Code: AB123  
Request: 12C3D

- c. Sending anything other than a DUNS number or a CAGE code in the subject line of an email to [info@section889request.com](mailto:info@section889request.com) will result in an error message.
- d. Only Section 889 email requests should be sent to [info@section889request.com](mailto:info@section889request.com), as this email inbox is not monitored for questions or concerns regarding technical issues. In order to remind users, each response from [info@section889request.com](mailto:info@section889request.com) contains the following text:

*“This is not a monitored email address. If you have any questions please reach out using the ‘Contact Us’ feature on the DoD Procurement Toolbox and select ‘Section 889 Request’ as the ‘Subject’. The ‘Contact Us’ feature is available at: <https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/contact-us>”*

3. After sending a request, wait for a response. Generally, you will receive a response within 5 minutes. However, the response time can vary depending on the volume of requests at a given time, variation in internet speeds, and the potential for technical issues.

- a. If you find that you do not receive a response within 1 hour of sending a request, please submit your issue via the ‘Contact Us’ feature on the DoD Procurement Toolbox and select ‘Section 889 Request’ as the ‘Subject’. The ‘Contact Us’ feature is available at <https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/contact-us>.
- b. Any technical issues with the Section 889 email request will be addressed during our support team’s business hours (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm EST).

## II. How to Troubleshoot Error Messages

Common error messages in response to a request and the appropriate actions necessary to resolve the error are listed in below.

General Error Messages	Action Required
<p>“Sorry, ' _____ ' is not a valid DUNS number or CAGE code.</p> <p>Please resend your request with a valid DUNS number or CAGE code in the subject line.</p> <p>A valid DUNS number is 9 digits long and does not contain any alphabetic characters, symbols, or spaces.</p> <p>A valid CAGE code is 5 characters long and must contain at least one number and one letter.”</p>	<p>Resend an email with a correctly formatted DUNS number or CAGE code in the subject line. See section (I)(2) of this document for examples of correctly and incorrectly formatted email subject lines.</p>
<p>“<a href="https://sam.gov">SAM.gov</a> cannot be accessed at this time, therefore, your request cannot be completed. Please attempt your request at a later time.”</p>	<p>This error occurs if the SAM.gov website encounters an error, is down for maintenance, or cannot be accessed. If you receive this message, please attempt your request after some time. If the message is recurring, you can contact the DoD Procurement Toolbox using the method outlined in section (I) (3a).</p>

Error Messages specific to DUNS Number Requests	Action Required
<p>“There are no vendors registered on SAM.gov that are associated with the provided DUNS number/CAGE code:’ _____’</p> <p>It is possible that access to this entity registration is restricted and it cannot be displayed through public search. If you are a U.S. government user and would like to view the responses with the requested entity, you will need to log into SAM to verify the entity’s completed registration and provision 52.204-26.”</p>	<p>Confirm that the DUNS number or CAGE code being requested is associated with an existing vendor.</p> <p>The SAM.gov system only provides access to publicly available data unless you are registered for an FOUO or Sensitive account associated with a government agency. It is possible that access to this entity is restricted to government users.</p>

### III. Responses to Section 889 Requests

In order to provide users with relevant information, the bot returns vendor information in response to valid DUNS number or CAGE code requests. The vendor information included in a DUNS number request is formatted as follows:

“The vendor information associated with DUNS number ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’ is listed below:

Legal Business Name: <*The Legal Business name of the vendor as listed on SAM.gov*>

Legal Business Address: <*The Legal Business Address of the vendor as listed on SAM.gov*>

CAGE Code: <*The CAGE code of the vendor as listed on SAM.gov*>

Status: <*Active or Inactive Status depending on whether the vendor is listed as active or inactive on SAM.gov*>

Expiration date: <*Expiration date of the vendor registration as listed on SAM.gov*>”

Vendor information for CAGE code requests contain the exact same information but instead list the associated CAGE code in the first line of the response and the DUNS number in the third line of the response.

Successful requests return the vendor information followed by the appropriate combination of responses for the two subparagraphs of FAR Provision 52.204-26(c) listed below.

Scenario	Response to Requests	52.204-26(c)(1) Compliant 889 (a)(1)(A)	52.204-26(c)(2) Compliant 889 (a)(1)(B)
The DUNS number is found, the entity is active on SAM.gov, and has answered the FAR provision 52.204 -26(c)(1) affirmatively.	“The vendor associated with this DUNS number has answered “ <i>Does</i> ” to FAR provision 52.204-26 (c)(1) Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.”	No	
The DUNS number is found, the entity is active on SAM.gov, and has answered the FAR provision 52.204 -26(c)(2) affirmatively.	“The vendor associated with this DUNS number has answered “ <i>Does</i> ” to FAR provision 52.204-26(c)(2) Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.”		No
The DUNS number is found, the entity is active on SAM.gov, and has answered the FAR provision 52.204 -26(c)(1) negatively.	“The vendor associated with this DUNS number has answered “ <i>Does not</i> ” to FAR provision 52.204-26(c)(1) Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.”	Yes	
The DUNS number is found, the entity is active on SAM.gov, and has answered the FAR provision	“The vendor associated with this DUNS number has answered “ <i>Does not</i> ” to FAR provision 52.204-26(c)(2) Covered		Yes

52.204 -26(c)(2) negatively.	Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.”		
------------------------------	---	--	--

**NOTE: Negative responses to the FAR 52.204-26 (c)(1) and 52.204-26 (c)(2) provisions must be received for the vendor to be fully compliant.**

If provision 52.204-26(c)(2) was left unanswered then the bot will return the vendor information and the following response.

The DUNS number is found, and the entity is active on SAM.gov, however the FAR provision 52.204-26(c)(2) was left unanswered.	<p>“The vendor associated with this DUNS number has not completed the October 2020 version of the provision. The vendor must update their registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) to complete this version of the provision.</p> <p>As noted above, the vendor associated with this DUNS number has not completed FAR provision 52.204-26(c)(2) Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation because it is present only in the October 2020 version.”</p>
---	--

Vendors on SAM.gov can be registered for various purposes including Federal Assistance Awards and IGT awards. If the requested vendor is not registered for “All Awards” on SAM.gov then the bot will respond with the following:

The DUNS number is found, and the entity is active on SAM.gov, however the vendor is not registered for “All Awards” on SAM.gov	<p>“The vendor associated with this DUNS number only has an active registration for____*, not contracts. Therefore, the vendor has not completed any annual representation and certification, including FAR provision 52.204-6 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services- Representation.”</p> <p><i>*The blank would be filled in based on the vendor’s purpose of registration which could include 1)"Federal Assistance Awards" 2) "IGT" or 3)"Assistance Awards &amp; IGT"</i></p>
---	---

Finally, the bot also identifies vendors that are inactive or have an expired registration on SAM.gov and therefore do not contain provision 52.204-26. The bot responds with the following if this is the case:

The DUNS number is found, and the entity registration has expired and is inactive on SAM.gov.	“The registration for the vendor associated with this DUNS number has expired and is therefore no longer active.”
---	---

#### **IV. Resources**

##### **Section 889 Interim Rule Announcement:**

- [https://www.acquisition.gov/FAR-Case-2019-009/889\\_Part\\_B](https://www.acquisition.gov/FAR-Case-2019-009/889_Part_B)
- [https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/889\\_clause.html](https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/889_clause.html)

##### **Section 889 Interim Rule Federal Registrar Entry:**

- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/27/2020-18772/federal-acquisition-regulation-prohibition-on-contracting-with-entities-using-certain>

##### **GSA Implementation of Section 889 Frequently Asked Questions:**

- <https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/Section%20889%20-%20FAQs%2030.pdf>