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# Doing Business With the Marketing and Regulatory Programs

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## Contract Opportunities

Contract opportunities are procurement notices from Federal contracting offices. Anyone interested in doing business with the Government can use this system to search opportunities. Opportunities include pre-solicitation notices, solicitation notices, award notices, and sole source notices.

[Learn More at SAM.gov](#)

## Small and Disadvantaged Businesses/AbilityOne

The Marketing and Regulatory Programs Small Business Coordinator fosters the use of small and disadvantaged businesses as Federal contractors. For more information, contact Michael Chiodi, Small Business Coordinator/AbilityOne Liaison at [michael.j.chiodi@usda.gov](mailto:michael.j.chiodi@usda.gov) or 612-336-3203.

## System for Award Management (SAM)

The System for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. government. There is no cost to use SAM. You can use this site to:

- Register to do business with the U.S. Government

- Update or renew your entity registration
- Check status of an entity registration
- Search for entity registration and exclusion records
- And much more

Effective October 1, 2012, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), requires that vendors be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database BEFORE they can be awarded contracts. For more information or to register, go to SAM.gov.

## **Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)**

IPP is a web-based system that provides one integrated, secure system to simplify the management of vendor invoices. It is offered at no charge to Federal agencies and their vendors. USDA encourages all vendors to use IPP.

[Learn More About IPP](#)

## **Vendor Assistance**

For help with FedBizOpps, SAM, and IPP, contact the Federal Service Desk:

Hours of Operation

Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET

U.S. calls: 866-606-8220

International calls: +1 334-206-7828

DSN: 94-866-606-8220

<https://www.fsd.gov/fsd-gov/home.do>

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