

Overview of SAM.gov and the Implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

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What is SAM.gov?

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

- Register to do business with the U.S. Government
- Update, renew, or check the status of your entity registration
- Get a Unique Entity ID
- Search for entity registration and exclusion records
- Search for assistance listings (formerly CFDA.gov), and wage determinations (formerly WDOL.gov)
- Search for contract opportunities (formerly FBO.gov)
- Access publicly available data via data extracts and system accounts



What is SAM.GOV- Contract Opportunities?

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

Anyone may search contract opportunities without an account. However, a user account lets vendors save searches, follow changes to opportunities, and join interested vendor lists.



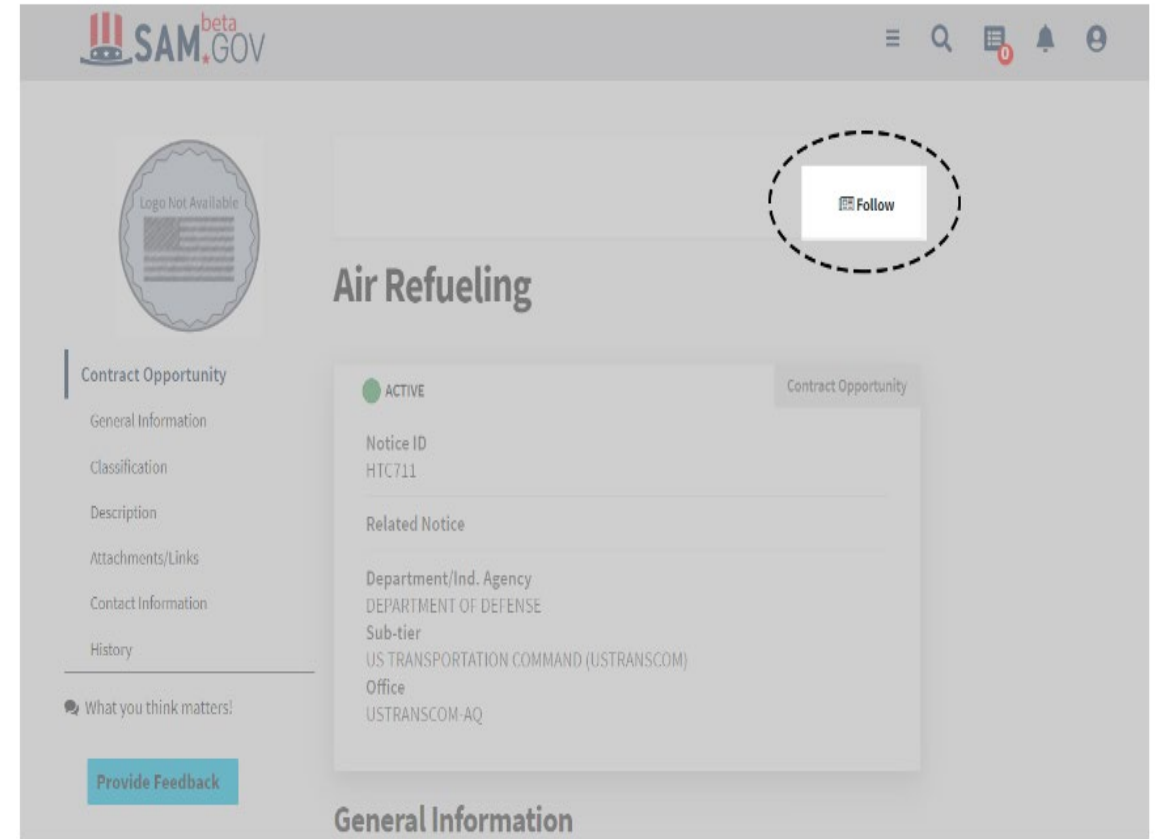
SAM.gov Contract Opportunities - Notice Types

| Notice Type | Definitions |
|-----------------|--|
| Special Notice | To increase competition and broaden industry participation, a special notice may be used to announce small business conferences, business fairs, industry days, meetings, and the availability of draft solicitations or draft specifications for review. |
| Sources Sought | The sources sought notice type is used for Requests for Information (RFI) and other types of market research. An RFI is used when the FAA does not presently intend to award a contract, but wants to obtain price, delivery, other market information, or capabilities for planning purposes. Responses are information only and shall not be used as an offer or proposal. |
| Presolicitation | A presolicitation notice to advise suppliers on the scope and purpose of the acquisition and to invite potential offerors to submit information. This allows the FAA to advise the offerors about their potential to be viable competitors. Responses are information only and shall not be used as an offer or proposal. |
| Solicitation | Screening Information Requests (SIRs) are used in negotiated acquisitions to communicate FAA requirements to prospective contractors and to solicit proposals |
| Award Notice | Publicize the award notice |



How does the follow feature on SAM.gov operate?

- When you find a specific opportunity that you are interested in, you can use the “Follow” tool to help keep track of any changes and easily reference the opportunity in the future.
- While you don’t need to sign in to search, you will need to sign in to follow an opportunity or to manage opportunities that you are following.
- When you find an opportunity page that you would like to track, simply click on the follow button located on the upper right side of the opportunity page.



How does the follow feature on SAM.gov operate?

When the opportunity that you are following changes, you will receive a notice at the email address associated with your [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) account. The events below will trigger an email notice on followed opportunities:

- Response date occurs
- Related notice gets added
- IVL list is updated
- Notice is published
- Activated/inactivated
- Canceled/uncanceled

You can manage your followed opportunities in the Workspace area of your user profile. From there, you may view the opportunities you are following, set the desired frequency for email notifications (immediately, daily, weekly, or none) for a given opportunity or elect to unfollow an opportunity.

The screenshot shows the 'Following' page in the SAM.gov user profile. It includes a search bar, filters for frequency and domains, and a table of followed opportunities. A blue circle with the number '1' is overlaid on the table.

Following

Search Followings

Find Record ID or type of the record

Frequency

- ☐ Immediate
- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ None

Domains

- ☐ Contract Opportunities

Clear all

What you think matters!

Provide Feedback

Showing 1-4 of 4 results

Sort By: Record ID

| Record ID | Description | Type | Last Modified | Email Frequency | Action |
|---|------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 671f2b33c179a679417677ecb... | Original Special Notice | OPP | | Weekly | Following |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63c83ecdac259d5e5cbcaec... | Original Sources Sought | OPP | | Daily | Following |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5144a919a097f4e961380b511... | Original Sources Sought | OPP | | Immediate | Following |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 118a4f8da04419eab384a872b... | Original Combined Synopsi... | OPP | | Immediate | Following |



Implementation of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, more commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL), was passed then signed into law Nov. 11, 2021
- \$25 billion total funding authorized to the FAA
- \$5 billion of which is specified for upgrading Air Traffic Facilities and Equipment
- The following changes to AMS and information applies to the F&E-related \$5 billion only

Purpose: The following AMS changes will establish practices that standardize the monitoring of BIL-funded procurements. This will increase transparency and improve overall oversight of FAA BIL-spending.



What are the new AMS changes related to BIL funded acquisitions?

1

Guidance Section T3.18
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

2

Contract **Clause** 3.18-1
Bipartisan
Infrastructure Law –
Reporting
Requirements

3

Uniform Bipartisan
Infrastructure Law (BIL)
Data Report

- Applies to all BIL-funded new **solicitations**, new **contracts** (including task/delivery orders), and **existing contracts***
- Does not apply to procurements made by **purchase cards**



AMS Guidance T3.18 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Public Announcements

- Presolicitations and solicitations must include phrase “BIL-funded” in beginning text of announcement.

Solicitation and Award

- CO must structure awards to allow for separate tracking of BIL-funds and projects. E.g. COs should consider using separate contracts when using BIL-funds or establish CLIN structures that separate BIL-funds from other funds to avoid comingling.

Buy American

- Buy American Act (and its exceptions) apply to all projects that use BIL-funds.
- FAA-specific Buy American Preference does not apply.

Noncompetitive Small Business Awards

- 8(a), WOSB, EDWOSB, and HUBZone noncompetitive thresholds are increased to \$10M if the acquisition includes Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding.

[AMS Guidance T3.18 Full Text](#)



Clause 3.18-1 (INTERIM) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Reporting Requirements

- As implied, clause simply obligates contractor to report on it's use of BIL funds as directed by the BIL Data Report
- Clause must be used in all solicitations, contracts, orders and modifications that use any BIL-funds
- Full text of clause can be found here [FAST – Contract Clauses](#).
- Clause must be used in conjunction with the Uniform BIL Data Report



Uniform Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Data Report

- COs must include BIL Data Report in Attachment J
- Data Report can be found in Procurement Forms located on the FAST Website ([See link to form](#))
- Using instructions in Data Report, Contractor will complete 5 reporting tabs that include information pertaining to the Contractor, Non-Domestic Purchases (Buy American), Energy Savings Initiatives, Subcontracting, and Job Creation (Prime and Subcontractors)
- Contractors must complete Data Report quarterly and at completion of contract and submit it to the special BIL-reporting email included in Data Report instructions



Other Recent AMS Changes that Impact Acquisition with Small Business that are not BIL Specific

Noncompetitive Awards to 8(a) Certified Small Business

- Increased the noncompetitive threshold found in AMS Policy 3.6.1.3.5 for awards to Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Businesses (SEDB) that are 8(a) certified. Individual procurements may now be awarded to 8(a) certified SEDB vendors when the anticipated total value of the procurement is less than \$10 million under any North American Industry Classification System codes.
- For info on that AMS section see here AMS Policy Section 3.6.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Review Threshold for eFAST Procurement Actions

- Interim change to the AMS was made effective August 19, 2022, which increased the CFO review threshold from \$10 million to \$20 million (ref. AMS 3.2.1.4.5 and T3.2.1.4) exclusively for Electronic Federal Aviation Administration Accelerated and Simplified Tasks (eFAST) task orders.
- For info on interim Policy that increases noncompetitive small business thresholds for BIL funded projects, see the FAE Memo dated August 19, 2022, titled “[AMS Provisional Waiver for all eFAST Procurement Actions](#).”



Questions?

For more information on the latest changes to AMS, please visit <https://fast.faa.gov/>

