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Financial Institution Requirement to Register in the CCR
**Notice of Assignment (CCC-251 and CCC-252) and ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous
Payment Enrollment Form (SF-3881)**

The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) requires all financial institutions receiving or handling funds on the part of an entity doing business with the Federal government be registered in the Central Contractor Registration system, commonly referred to as the CCR. The requirement is located in FAR 52.232-33(g) and reads as follows (http://acquisition.gov/far/current/html/52_232.html):

(g) *EFT and assignment of claims.* If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in the CCR database and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this contract, payment to an ultimate recipient other than the Contractor, or a financial institution properly recognized under an assignment of claims pursuant to Subpart 32.8, is not permitted. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.

This FAR requirement mandates all financial institutions receiving or handling funds on the part of a "Contractor" (vendor) doing business with the Federal government be registered in the CCR. However, in order to register in the CCR the institution must first obtain a Dunn and Bradstreet number, commonly referred to as a DUNS number. Registration for a DUNS number can be completed at <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

Effective immediately, all submissions of the Notice of Assignment (CCC-251 and CCC-252) and ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form (SF-3881) must also contain the DUNS number for the financial institution. The referenced forms do not contain a space for the DUNS number, so we are requesting the number be typed or written in the margin of the forms until the forms are revised. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon you, the "Contractor" (vendor), to verify that the financial institution has registered in the CCR, and that their information is current. Please note that it is possible that your institution have a DUNS number but not be registered in the CCR, or their registration has lapsed. Payments to financial institutions without current information in CCR will be held until such time the information is available.



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Your cooperation during this implementation is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Ron Ulibarri at (202) 720-9191 or via email Ronald.Ulibarri@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tuckwiller', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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