

How to become a Federal Government contractor

All government payments are Electronic Funds Transfers.

1. Part of the Federal Government's eGov initiative, a central database of all government vendors has been established. This **Central Contractor Registration** (CCR) is a simple method of providing a one-stop shop for all Federal departments and agencies to find vendors.

A. Prior to registering with CCR, you must have a valid DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) which is a Federal Requirement (FAR 52.204-6). You may register online at:

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>

or via telephone by calling Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711. **This is a free service.**

B. Registration with CCR is a Federal Requirement (FAR 52.204-7) and is available on line at:

<http://www.bpn.gov/ccr/scripts/index.html>

Questions regarding CCR registration may be answered at 1-888-227-2423. **This is a free service.**

2. All Federal Government solicitations in excess of \$25,000 must be listed on the website Federal Business Opportunities, available at:

<http://www.fbo.gov> **This is a free service.**

You do not have to register for this site, however that is an option you may wish to choose. By using the advance search you will have numerous methods to search for opportunities that fit your business. **This is a free service.**

One of the primary methods is using the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code. If you do not know what your NAICS classification is you may find information at:

<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>

3. Online Representations and Certifications (ORCA). ORCA is an e-Government initiative designed by the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) to replace the paper based Representations and Certifications (Reps and Certs) process.

<http://orca.bpn.gov>

4. Small Business Administration (SBA). A great resource that has a wealth of information available concerning doing work with the Government. At the website provided below under "Local Resources" you can find a listing and contract information for District Offices.

<http://sba.gov>