

What Does Pre-qualification Mean?

Pre-qualification means that all of the registration steps have been met and that the status for the grantee is “Good” relative to an active SAM.gov registration, the Federal Excluded Parties List, Stop Payment List, the Secretary of State registration (if required) and the DHFS Sanctions List (also known as the Illinois Medicaid Sanctions List). **Once the pre-qualification steps are met, the grantee is in “Qualified” status.**

An organization must be in qualified status by the application review date set by the state awarding agency. Federal flexibilities can temporarily allow applications to be considered before a SAM.gov account is active, but grants cannot be awarded to entities that do not have an active SAM.gov account.

Pre-Qualification Status

Your organization not in good standing. Items in red require your action.

Requirement	Status	Remediation	
SAM.gov Account	Good	Help	<div style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;"> Remediation for Illinois Stop Payment List The following State agency has your organization FEIN on stop payment. For assistance in removing your organization from the list, please use the contact provided. <hr/> Agency Name: Management And Budget Contact Name: John Doe Contact Email: John.Doe@illinois.gov Contact Phone: 217-555-1212 </div> <div style="padding: 5px;"> Please click the link below for additional information about the Illinois Stop Payment List Grantee Compliance Enforcement System </div>
Federal Employer ID (FEIN)	Good	Help	
Federal Excluded Parties List	Good	Help	
Illinois Stop Payment List	On List	Help	
Illinois DHFS Sanction List	Good	Help	

Your organization must remain in good standing in all pre-qualification requirements. The status of these requirements are validated nightly. Notifications when changes occur to the pre-qualification status can be emailed to Grantee Portal Access users by clicking the "Manage" button below.

Illinois automates the pre-qualification verification based on the Grantee Portal Registration. The State utilizes connections to several external resources for the automated verification process, including the federally required SAM.gov account. The following verifications are automated:

- Verification that the federal Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is assigned in SAM.gov
- Federal confirmation of the entity’s status on the SAM.gov Exclusion List (Excluded Parties List)
- Confirmation of Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) Good Standing, if applicable (Only required for three (3) Organization Types: nonprofits, for profits and LLCs. The Organization Type selected at Registration determines if the SOS status must be verified.)
- Confirmation of the entity’s status on the Illinois Stop Payment List
- Confirmation of the entity’s status on the HFS Sanction List (also knowns as the Illinois Medicaid Sanctions List)

Federal requirements (2 CFR 200 Appendix 1 D.3.) mandate entities have an active SAM.gov account from www.SAM.gov.

- SAM.gov is a federal clearing house that performs various validations
- An organization's SAM.gov account must be validated annually
- Federal assistance guides for SAM.gov are available from this link: https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0039524&sys_kb_id=85a2ba061b0bcd500ca4a97ae54bcbc7&spa=1
- In the SAM Search Authorization section of SAM.gov registration, select, "YES" to ensure the organization's public information is accessible. (Illinois has automated data feeds from SAM.gov. If "NO" is selected, the organization's "QUALIFIED" status may be flagged under the SAM.gov Account.)

Proceedings Questions

Registrants in the System for Award Management (SAM) respond to proceedings questions in accordance with FAR 52.209-7, FAR 52.209-9, or 2.C.F.R. 200 Appendix XII. Their responses are not displayed in SAM. They are sent to FAPIIS.gov for display as applicable. Maintaining an active registration in SAM demonstrates the registrant responded to the proceedings questions.

SAM Search Authorization ←

I authorize my entity's non-sensitive information to be displayed in SAM public search results:

Yes ←

ENTITY TYPES

The Grantee Portal communicates the organization's pre-qualification status. An email alerts the entity of their status changes. SAM.gov verifications occur nightly under current search limitations. The registration is re-checked annually thereafter.