What does it mean for my entity to be included in public search?   KB0017554

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After you validate your entity's legal business name and address when getting a Unique Entity ID or starting a registration, you will be asked if you want your entity's legal business name, physical address, and other non-sensitive information to be displayed publicly on SAM.gov.

If you keep the checkbox selected, your registration status, legal business name, physical address, and other non-sensitive information is visible to users signed into SAM.gov who are

searching for entity information. If you want others to be able to see your entity, including those from your own organization who do not have a role with your entity in SAM.gov, keep the checkbox selected.

If you deselect the checkbox, your information will be restricted from public view. It will only be visible to you, other users with a role with your entity, and federal government users. It will not be visible to other non-federal users or state and local governments who may wish to do business with you. It will also not be visible to members of your own organization who do not have a SAM.gov role with your entity. Your information is still available under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and **is included** in data extracts and application programming interface (API) data.

Certain programs, such as the Small Business Administration HUBZone or 8(A) certifications, require you to be included in public search.

No sensitive information will be publicly displayed in the SAM.gov search, such as your tax identification number (TIN), financial information, and email addresses.

The following information is displayed in a public SAM.gov entity search:

- Company Name
- Unique Entity ID
- CAGE/NCAGE Code
- Physical and Mailing Address(es)
- Business Types NAICS Code(s)
- PSC Disaster Response Information
- Representations and Certifications
- POC Names and Physical Addresses

If you choose not to provide authorization to have your entity included in the SAM.gov search, it may reduce federal government business opportunities. Subcontractors who choose this option will also not be visible to prime contractors.

When a public user searches for an entity that has chosen not to be included in public search, the system will not display any results for that entity.