

Federal Communications Commission

Explanation of Non-Substantive Changes to OMB Control Number: 3060-1286:

- ECF FCC Forms 471, 472, 474, and 500
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Purpose of this Submission: This submission is being made for proposed non-substantive changes to an existing information collection (OMB 3060-1286) pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507. This submission seeks to make non-substantive changes to certain fields to ECF FCC Forms: Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Description of Services Requested and Certification (ECF FCC Form 471), Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Request for Reimbursement (ECF FCC Form 472/474) and Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Post-Commitment Change Request (ECF FCC Form 471/500) to implement changes adopted pursuant to 2 CFR Part 25. These forms are contained in an online database.

Background: On April 4, 2022, the Federal Government will no longer use the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to uniquely identify entities registered in the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) System for Award Management (SAM)¹ and will use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), in accordance with 2 CFR Part 25,² generated directly in SAM.gov. Currently, entities wanting to do business with the Federal Government are required to obtain a nine-digit unique DUNS number through the Dun & Bradstreet's website.³ Only after a DUNS number is assigned can an entity go to SAM.gov and register to do business with the government. Under the new process beginning on April 4, 2022, entities will no longer have to use a third-party website to obtain their unique identifier and can go directly to SAM.gov to request a UEI and register their entity to do business with the Federal Government. This transition allows the government to streamline the entity identification and validation process, making it easier and less burdensome for entities to do business with the federal government. We seek to modify the ECF FCC Forms 471, 472, 474, and 500 to implement the change.

Summary of Proposed Updates to the ECF FCC Form 471, 472, 474, 500:

- o We propose the following modifications to the ECF FCC Forms 471, 472, 474, and 500 to implement the changes adopted by the SAM.gov database: all references to DUNS numbers will be changed to UEI numbers.
- o The ECF FCC Form 472 will now display the applicant's UEI number (Replacing the DUNS number).
- o The ECF FCC Form 474 will now display the service provider's UEI number (formerly DUNS number).
- o On the ECF FCC Forms 472 and 474, the Request for Reimbursement Line Item section will add tips and reminders under the Attachments field.
- o On the ECF FCC Forms 472 and 474, the Request for Reimbursement Line Item section will now display SAM.gov attributes for applicants and service providers including: UEI Number, EFT Indicator, FCC Registration Number (FCC RN), EIN/TIN Match Status, SAM.gov Registration Status, and SAM.gov Registration Expiration Date.

¹ SAM is the official site for registering to do business with the Federal Government. See SAM.gov, <https://sam.gov/content/home>.

² See 2 CFR Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management).

³ See Dun & Bradstreet, Welcome to the D&B D-U-N-S Request Service for US Federal Government Contractors and Assistance Awardees, <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>.