

## Introduction to SAM.gov

Register and Do Business With the US Government

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## **Who We Are & Where We Operate**









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### **A-CX Design**

Research & Insights

UX design & visual design

### **A-CX Engineering**

Frontend development

Extended Reality

Secure backend & DevOps

Artificial Intelligence



70050

**Trillion \$ Fed purchases** 

**Billion \$ Private purchases** 

% **Defense & security** 



















## Overview of SAM.gov

#### What is SAM.gov?

- Federal government central registration system for vendors and contractors
- Provides information on government procurement practices and policies

#### Purpose of SAM.gov

Streamline the procurement process for government agencies

#### **Application Process**

Simple in principle, but...





# Supplier Benefits of SAM.gov

- Access to Government Contracts
- Increased Visibility in the U.S. Market



## Access to Government Contracts

#### **Finding Contracts**

Tools to help SMEs find government contracts that match their capabilities and interests:

- Search filters
- Contract opportunities
- Past awards and forecasts

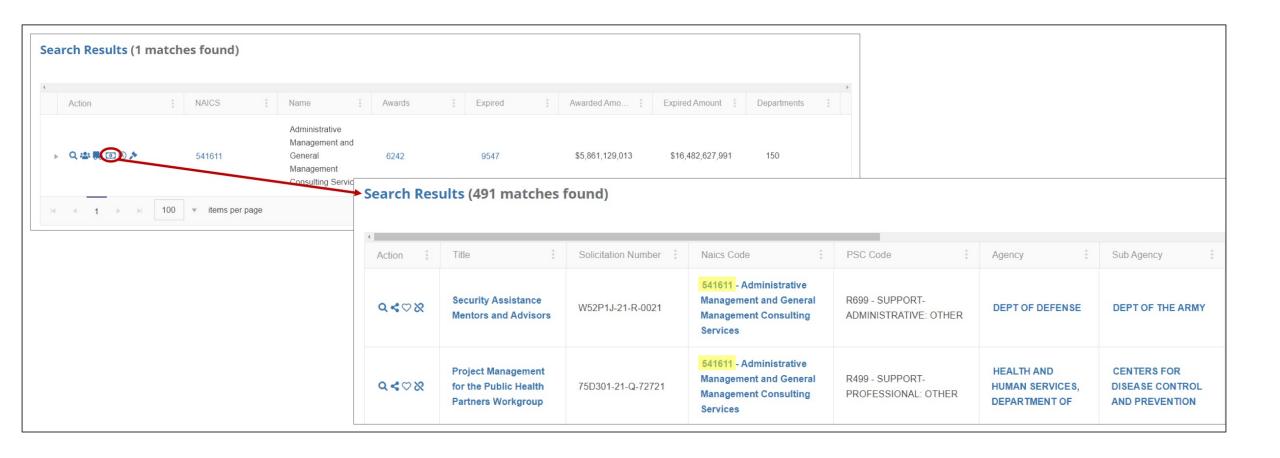
#### Bidding on Contracts

Resources to help SMEs understand the bidding process and prepare successful proposals.

- Training and tutorials
- Access to past proposal examples









	Action :	Code	Name	Awards	Expired	Awarded Amount	Expired Amount
<b>&gt;</b>	♣ 🗭 🛈 🗘 🏛	541511	541511 - Custom Computer Programming Services	5667	5111	\$93,369,092,683	\$74,019,647,042
<b>&gt;</b>	♣₩️️️ ① ♦ 🗂	541519	541519 - Other Computer Related Services	38787	23429	\$65,846,650,148	\$103,325,427,178
<b>&gt;</b>	♣₩️️️ ① ♦ 🗂	518210	518210 - Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services	1886	1486	\$215,827,653,723	\$13,855,917,175
<b>&gt;</b>	♣ 🗭 🛈 🗘 🗂	541512	541512 - Computer Systems Design Services	6686	9305	\$65,512,037,935	\$317,879,623,681
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<b>&gt;</b>	♣ 🗭 🛈 🗘 🗂	511210	511210 - Software Publishers	5388	3815	\$10,252,367,707	\$20,536,126,475

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## Increased Visibility in the U.S. Market



Registering on SAM.gov
Gain visibility in the U.S. market

Exposure to Potential Buyers and Partners
Gain exposure to potential buyers and partners in the U.S. market, increasing their visibility and expanding their reach

Relationships with Government Agencies and Prime Contractors

Building relationships with government agencies and prime contractors is important, like in any sales process



23

7-42

500

%
Small businesses

Million \$ revenue Small business **Employees Small business** 





# SAM.gov Application Process, non-US

#### 1. Obtaining a DUNS Number

Obtain a DUNS number from Dun & Bradstreet, which is a unique nine-digit identification number for businesses. 5 days

#### 2. Obtaining a NCAGE code

Obtain a NATO Commercial & Government Entity Code. 3-10 days

#### 3. Registering in SAM.gov

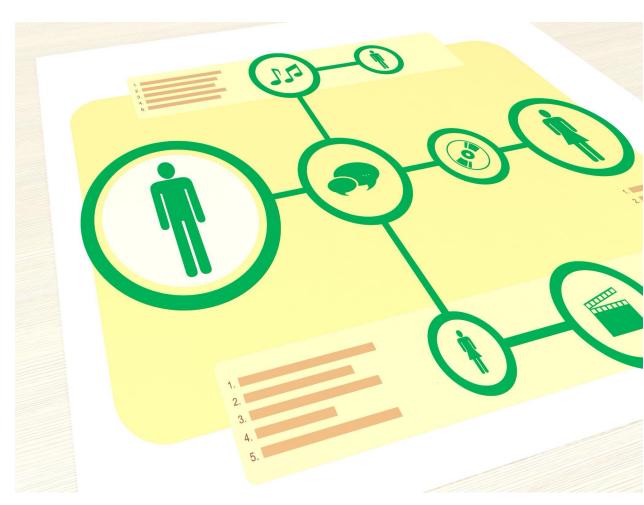
Create Login.gov account, create new entity registration

#### 4. Validation, Review, Completion and Registration

For non-U.S. entities, verification may include cross-checking business data with foreign authorities and agencies. 11-18 days

#### 5. Creating a Profile in SAM.gov

Include business details, capability statements, and past performance reviews.





## What Could Go Wrong?

1. Not Understanding how the game is played Initial price vs. change requests

#### 2. Identification

2FA – local phone number SSN/ITIN/EIN

#### 3. Exact match spelling

Addresses and names need to be exact matches. How about ä and ö?





## **Real Life Experiences**

#### 1. Bank account

- Avalon CX vs. A-CX
- Delaware vs. California address
- Opening a new account with Texas address

#### 2. Articles of Incorporation

- Max 2 years old
- DBA not accepted
- Must be with the same address as the application

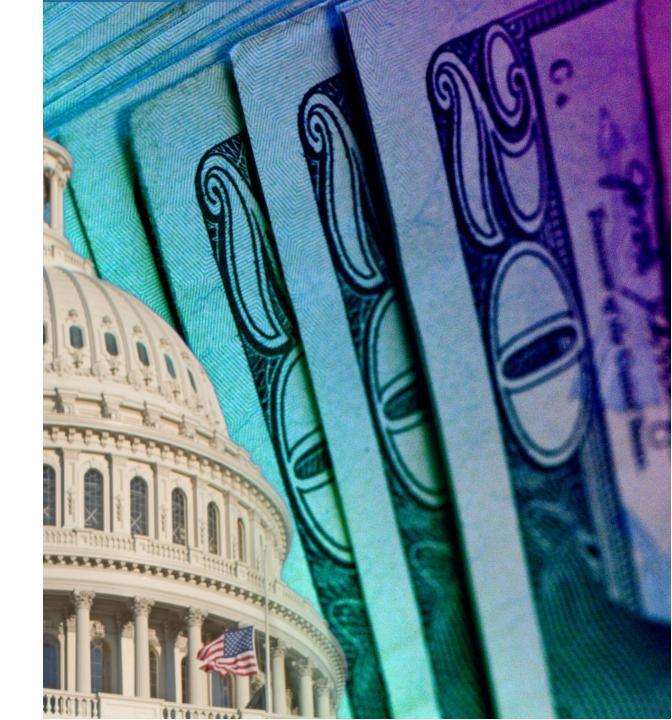
#### 3. Monitor your email

- SPAM like emails ending up in SPAM
- Short response times



## Conclusion

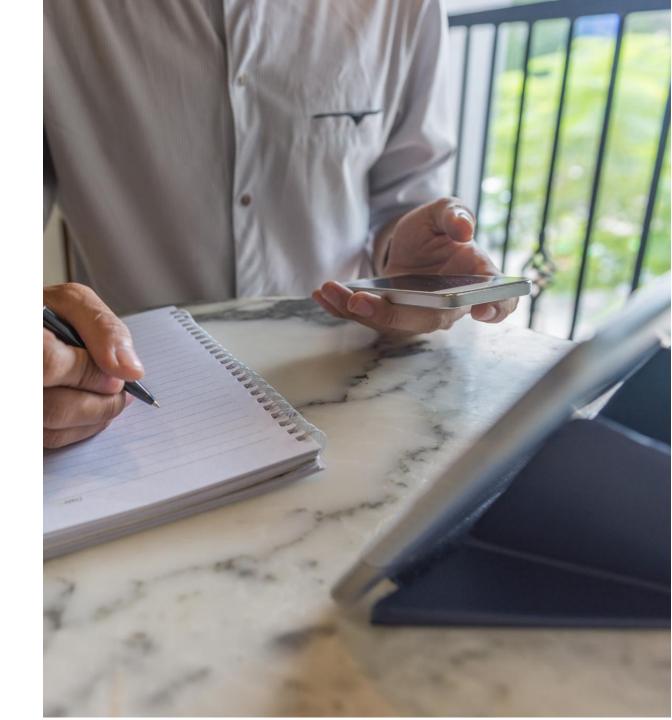
By utilizing SAM.gov, Finnish SMEs can register, start bidding on government contracts and gain exposure to potential buyers and partners in the U.S. market.



## **How Can We Help?**

Design and Software Development

Sell-through help in the US market



## Thank You

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