

Country case: Consolidation of suppliers' information in the United States

Description

The [System for Award Management](#) (SAM) is a US Federal Government owned and operated free website that consolidates the capabilities from various legacy databases and systems used in federal procurement and awards processes. As it relates to suppliers' information, it covers the following systems:

- The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is the Federal Government's primary vendor database that collects, validates, stores, and disseminates vendor data in support of agency acquisition missions. Both current and potential vendors are required to register in the CCR to be eligible for federal contracts. Once vendors are registered, their data are shared with other federal electronic business systems that promote the paperless communication and co-operation between systems. The information and capabilities of CCR are gradually being transferred into SAM.
- The Excluded Parties Lists System (EPLS) was a web-based system that identified parties excluded from receiving federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain types of federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits. The EPLS was updated to reflect government-wide administrative and statutory exclusions, and also included suspected terrorists and individuals barred from entering the United States. The user was able to search, view, and download current and archived exclusions. All the exclusion capabilities of the EPLS were transferred to SAM in November 2012.

Furthermore, federal agencies are required since July 2009 to post all contractor performance evaluations on the [Past Performance Information Retrieval System](#) (PPIRS). That web-based, government-wide application provides timely and pertinent information on a contractor's past performance to the federal acquisition community for making source selection decisions. PPIRS provides a query capability for authorised users to retrieve report card information detailing a contractor's past performance. Federal regulations require that report cards be completed annually by customers during the life of the contract. The PPIRS consists of several sub-systems and databases (e.g. Contractor Performance System, Past Performance Data Base, and Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System).

Source: OECD (2016), [Towards Efficient Public Procurement in Colombia: Making the Difference](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.

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