



Counselor Info Gram 005-2014

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The below information was posted on our VETBIZ Website as a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)

Issue:

Businesses are required to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number for the verification process, as well as receiving a Federal contract award.

Background:

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is the unique identifier by which CVE applications for the Veterans First Contracting Program are processed. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, P.L. 109-282, requires that information concerning entities receiving Federal contracts and sub-contracts be maintained in a single, searchable website. See 120 Stat. 1186. One of the data elements required to be on the website is a unique identifier for the entity receiving an award. The unique identifier used by the Department of Veterans Affairs is again the entity's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) DUNS number. For all such applications for the Veterans First Contracting Program, CVE requires each applicant to obtain a DUNS number in order to facilitate compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act should the concern receive a Federal contract award.

The Way Ahead:

Please advise your clientele they will need a DUNS number when submitting their application.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact our PTAC Liaison via email VerificationCounselor@va.gov. You can also call 202-632-9050.

Kind regards,
Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE)