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## What is the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)?

The Unique Entity Identifier, or the UEI, is the official name of the “new, non-proprietary identifier” that will replace the D-U-N-S® number, according to the General Services Administration (GSA). The UEI will be requested in, and assigned by, the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

### How will the UEI be used by Federal Grant applicants?

Applicants can expect to use the UEI in the same way that they currently use their D-U-N-S® number. For example, with the upcoming March release, [Grants.gov will be changing system fields](#) that are currently labeled “DUNS” to “UEI”. (Applicants will continue using their D-U-N-S® number in this field until further notice.) Form fields will be updated to include UEI fields at a later time.

### What’s the history of the identifier?

“The US Federal government has used services from Dun and Bradstreet to