

QUESTIONS BY GROUP:

Opportunities:

Opportunities:Search

Mark Tomassoni (to Everyone): 10:42: Why is it so hard to find specific opportunities by contract number?

GSA: We demonstrated how to use the contract number in the Keyword bar to generate search results. Partial or complete numbers can be used. For more information please check out the search video [here](#).

William Haight (to Everyone): 11:23: quotation marks are the "wildcard"?

GSA: In beta.SAM.gov, the quotes group together multiple words to search for them all instead of treating them all as separate. You can use "full title here" for example, to see search results for the phrase.

Mark Tomassoni (to Everyone): 10:42: I want to search by key words in opportunity title. It does not seem to find.

Mark Tomassoni (to Everyone): 10:43: are are filtering, filtering, filtering. This takes too long. I often have exact title but cannot find.

GSA: We demonstrated how to use the contract name in the Keyword bar to generate search results. Partial or complete numbers can be used. You can use "full title here" for example, to see search results for the phrase. For more information please check out the search video [here](#)

Karen Gray (to Everyone): 10:45: QUESTION: Are there plans to improve the Contract Opportunities search function? The only keyword search available is: one keyword or phrase. Fbo.gov had complete Boolean search capability with AND, OR, parenthesis and complex combinations. The loss of this capability is an incredible disadvantage and barrier to finding opportunities in beta.sam.gov

GSA: Boolean Search capability is currently planned for development - it is coming.

Opportunities: Notify

Renee Parker (to Everyone): 10:45: FBO allowed for filtered searches which would automatically post to your account. Is this possible with SAM?

Ed Chamberlayne (WSP USA) (to Everyone): 10:46: will we get the ability to set alerts based on saved searches?

Matt Rush (to Everyone): 10:47: I have same Q as Renee Parker above: "FBO allowed for filtered searches which would automatically post to your account. Is this possible with SAM?"

E. RODNEY FLORES (to Everyone): 10:43: are you able to save a search and have opportunities emailed to you automatically?

Meredith Moore (to Everyone): 10:47: can we set search alerts based on our filters? to alert us daily, weekly, etc.

Richard Shelton (to Everyone): 11:32: Here is a tip: Without signing-in, you can create a search then bookmark it. Email notification will be nice, but for now you can just check each bookmark over a cup of coffee in the morning.

Lindsay Carry (to Everyone): 11:10: will saved searches trigger email alerts?

GSA: We demonstrated how to use the Save Search and to enable the Notify feature. You can also add the Title field from the Change Filters link. For more information please check out the search video [here](#).

Christopher Pfaff (to Everyone): 10:53: Why is the Notify feature not available on all saved searches?

GSA: Opportunities was the first to implement it but we will be adding it to the other domains as well.

Opportunities: IVLs

Tom Fuller (to Everyone): 11:27: Please confirm that the Contracting Officer must turn Interested Vendors on to be able to see it. Can CO turn it on later in the procurement process?

GSA: IVLs can only be enabled by the Federal Contracting Officer posting the notice.

Colorado PTAC (to Everyone): 10:46: Can you only see the Interested Bidders List if you login? Can you do it on a public search?

GSA: Federal Contracting Officers can enable the IVL at any time.

Archisha Mehan (to Everyone): 10:48: is the interested vendors list available in the API

GSA: Users must be logged in and associated with an Entity in order to see or add themselves to the IVL. I have submitted the feedback requesting the product owner to look into IVL via API.

Opportunities: Issues

Jennifer Bottomley (to Everyone): 10:47: Are there any tricks for printing a cleaner version of the opportunity from the website? When you currently print from the website the title is very large.

GSA: If there is no “Print” option on the page, then the print is using your browser print settings. Try adjusting those to see if it helps. Otherwise please reach out to the Federal Service Desk (www.fsd.gov) to report the issue.

Colin Coyle (to Everyone): 11:23: When I try to download files, I often get a folder or zipfile, but it is empty. Is it b/c it there truly aren't files, or there's a filter that needs to be turned on/off?

GSA: This is not expected behavior. Please reach out to the Federal Service Desk (www.fsd.gov) to report the issue so that our support team can work with you.

Mark Tomassoni (to Everyone): 11:24: why receive 1+ announcement each morning for the same opportunity?

GSA: This is not expected behavior, but it depends on whether you have signed up for notifications of a saved search or follow. Please reach out to the Federal Service Desk (www.fsd.gov) to report the issue so that our support team can work with you.

Opportunities: MISC

James Buckingham (to Everyone): 10:49: Can you filter opportunities that will require the contractor to work in a SCIF? Or filter by contractor security requirements?

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner.

Dawn (to Everyone): 10:55: Can you search multi-state at the same time?

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner.

Jilian Breeden (to Everyone): 10:55: You've mentioned a few upgrades and new features that have been added or you are currently working on. Is there a way for users to be made aware of these changes? For example, I started using beta.sam.gov immediately, didn't see an option for search results to be emailed, provided feedback about the need, and then wasn't aware that the email feature has been added. I've been missing out on that new feature since it was added. It would be very helpful to get updates when new features area added.

Jeff Duguid (to Everyone): 10:56: Exactly Jilian! I guess we need to submit feedback for that functionality!

GSA: At the bottom of the page in the footer under About Us ia a link to Release Notes. These are provided with each release to beta.SAM.gov.

John Martin (to Everyone): 10:56: Search seems straightforward for state and zip code. What about international opportunities, please?

GSA: At this time you can put the international information into the keyword search, but work on international filters is currently in our backlog.

Lindsay Carry (to Everyone): 10:41: how far does historical data go back?

Lindsay Carry (to Everyone): 11:13: so does that mean opportunity data from retired FBO, like from 2010?

GSA: beta.SAM.gov contains all historical data that existed in FBO.gov.

Michael (to Everyone): 10:41: Please define "active"

GSA: In beta.SAM.gov, Opportunities go "inactive" when the response date is passed.

Janine Helou (to Everyone): 11:25: Regarding saved searches and asking it to email the results: Can you have it sent to multiple email users from this one account? (For example, if 3 people in my office need to receive these notifications--would they have to each register and set up the same searches all over again?)

GSA: This capability was not in the legacy system, so we can address this as an enhancement.

Moy, Get (to Everyone): 11:26: Use "SAM.gov" or "beta.SAM.gov" to establish profile?

GSA: For the time being, sam.gov is the authoritative site for all entity data. You will need a separate account in beta.SAM.gov to function there.

Ed Chamberlayne (WSP USA) (to Everyone): 11:31: filtering by when a "facility clearance" is required to compete on the contract

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner.

Kellie Reardon (to Everyone): 11:36: Yes, multi-state searches would be very helpful!

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner.

Julie Smiley (to Everyone): 11:37: I receive a email everytime someone adds their firm as an interested vendor to an opportunity I am following. Is there a way to turn off those notifications but still get notifications that the KO make to the opportunity?

Kim Ajy (to Everyone): 11:22: Can you receive daily updates of opportunities by NAICS codes or keywords?

GSA: Sure - save a search based off of the desired NAICS code or keyword then enable NOTIFY.

Kara Thomas (to Everyone): 11:22: Will opportunities be tracked from Sources Sought to Presol to Solicitation when KOs change the identification numbers? Also when opportunity is archived it goes inactive and if KO doesn't update if falls off of your search?

GSA: If the Federal Contracting Officer makes the connections then it will; however, if they do not then there is no way for the system to do that.

Karen Gray (to Everyone): 11:28: Are there plans to improve the clarity as to when a notice was updated and what changed? It is incredibly confusing when a notice shows that there is a new update, to determine what that update is, and sometimes there seems to be no update. Sometimes you have to scroll down to the history to find a new update, and sometimes you have to click on a link at the top of the notice to see latest update. I find the "published date" to be a more reliable measure of whether there is an update, but the Following list uses the Updated date to notify of an update.

GSA: We will provide this feedback to the Product Owner.

Lantz-Boggio GTM-01 (to Everyone): 11:29: Will we ever get to see the set-aside category in the title? (without opening the solicitation)

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner.

Benjamin Casey (to Everyone): 11:29: is there an RSS feed output any longer like there was from FBO or just Email for saved searches?

GSA: No RSS feeds are planned for Opportunities. We are moving all data pull capability to APIs.

Mark Tomassoni (to Everyone): 11:31: Why "follow" keeps popping up even though I selected "follow" on various occasions?

GSA: When you elect to follow an item, the email will be generated anytime there is a change to that notice. You can change the frequency to daily or weekly if you prefer. If an item you have followed shows "FOLLOW" instead of "UNFOLLOW" please reach out to the Federal Service Desk (FSD.gov) to report the issue.

George Kreis (to Everyone): 11:31: Do you know how to search for only construction opportunities of \$50 million or larger in DC, MD and VA?

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner.

Kellie Reardon (to Everyone): 11:37: Jillian had to sign off for another meeting ... we need to sign up at Interact.gov?

GSA: [Interact](#) is a great place to stay up to date with blogs and announcements related to beta.SAM.gov.

Hierarchy:

Ed Chamberlayne (WSP USA) (to Everyone): 10:41: Salomeh - will we ever be able to search BELOW sub tier? why can't we search by office?

GSA: Currently you can put the office in quotes in the the keyword area and those opportunities will be returned. Updates to the Agency Picker are coming that will allow office filtering.

Reports:

Colorado PTAC (to Everyone): 10:59: The FPDS reports are only a dashboard report while the actual FPDS site allows you to see the specific records which are more helpful. Can you have beta.sam provide the actual records?

GSA: You can drill down into the report for record specific data. You can see more information here (LINK)

Colorado PTAC (to Everyone): 11:01: The standard reports are also focused on COs and not vendors or PTACS - need reports focused on that

GSA: We will address this request with the Product Owner

Archisha Mehan (to Everyone): 11:09: will the xml and atom feed from FPDS be available?

GSA: Yes, the ATOM feed will continue as it is today.

UEI

Archisha Mehan (to Everyone): 11:50: What is the status on the SAM Universal Identifier - i know its not related

GSA: UEI values will be assigned to entities on the backend. No action is required by the entity. Schedule updates will be provided soon.

Schedule:

Vohra, Baljit (to Everyone): 11:14: when is the official date for folding in others such fbo.gov into sam.gov. Are al US Govt agencies signed into it, including any USG overseas missions/offices doing procurement

GSA: Contract Data Reports just went live in beta.SAM.gov, and will be deprecated in FPDS shortly. SAM.gov will be the next system we integrate,

THANKS

Ed Chamberlayne (WSP USA) (to Everyone): 11:51: Thank you so very much GSA! very helpful

Albert Romano (to Organizer(s) Only): 11:52: thank you all ! very informative

Colorado_PTAC GTM (to Everyone): 11:52: Great presentation. Thank you!

Eric Warner (to Everyone): 11:52: Thank you. Great info as I drove into a private sector role.

Kellie Reardon (to Everyone): 11:52: THANK YOU! This was incredibly helpful.

James A. Price (to Everyone): 11:53: Thank you for the presentation today!

Vohra, Baljit (to Everyone): 11:53: Many thanks to the organizers and the presenters

Matt Rush (to Everyone): 11:30: THANKS GSA team and SAME NOVA/DMP for presenting this important topic today. This update included "new" beta.SAM.gov functionality that is helpful to my small business.

Requests for the Presentation

Christopher M. Jones (to Organizer(s) Only): 10:11: I would like a copy of the recording of today's call following if possible please :) Thanks!

Nick Desport (Private): 10:14: Great job! I heard Ed and I'm on too. I can still close it. Are you still jumping off? Does the Denver Post offer any closing remarks?

Mike Bettiker (to Organizer(s) Only): 10:14: will we be able to get a copy of the presentation?

David Cook (to Everyone): 10:16: Will slides be available after the meeting?

William Haight (to David Cook): 10:16: Yes

Bowers, Jenny (to Everyone): 10:16: Yes.

Layban Green (to Everyone): 10:19: I'm not seeing any slides

Elizabeth Wessling (to Everyone): 10:19: yes, posted on both Post Websites

Jackie Santisteban (to Everyone): 10:20: I am not seeing new slides (if the speaker is changing slides and I assume she is)

Eric Warner (to Everyone): 10:23: I see without issue. Maybe check settings.

Mike Bettiker (to Organizer(s) Only): 10:23: Thanks

Christopher M. Jones (to Organizer(s) Only): 10:31: Yes

Meredith Moore (to Everyone): 10:31: will there be a link to a recording of this webinar sent out to attendees after it is over? thanks!

William Haight (to David Cook): 10:32: That is the intent. We need to sort through the mechanics.

Bernaldo Rabe (to Everyone): 10:35: Do we have access to the presentation slides after the webinar?

Laura Kennington OTJ (to Everyone): 10:38: yes - posted on both Post websites

Doug Flory (to Everyone): 11:43: Will all attendees receive link to this presentation?

Kellie Reardon (to Everyone): 11:14: Will the actual recording of this be available to members after this?