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APPLICATION PERIOD TO OPEN IN JUNE FOR FY 2012 AFG FUNDING!

The AFG will start accepting applications for FY 2012 AFG funding in early to mid-June. The specific dates of the application period will be announced once the FY 2012 AFG Guidance and Application Kit completes the official approval process.

- **Watch your e-mail and the AFG Website for the announcement of the application period dates!** As soon as the specific dates are known, we will announce them via this e-mail newsletter and on the AFG Website at www.fema.gov/firegrants.
- Meanwhile, take advantage of **FY 2012 AFG Workshops and Webinars**, where you can learn about FY 2012 funding priorities and obtain tips on completing the AFG application. Find the [AFG workshop/webinar schedule](#) for details.
- **Download a copy of the [FY 2012 AFG PowerPoint presentation](#)** directly from the AFG Website if you are unable to attend a workshop or webinar.

WHAT CCR CHANGES WILL MEAN FOR AFG AWARDEES AND APPLICANTS

At the end of July 2012, all data in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), along with Federal Agency Registration (FedReg), the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), will be moved to the new System for Award Management (SAM). The purpose is to reduce the number of different systems with which grantees and contractors need to interact and to reduce the amount of redundant information.

What does the transition to SAM mean for AFG awardees and applicants? Here are answers to some basic questions about the transition based on information taken from the [CCR Website](#).

I have a current CCR registration.

- **What do I do?** You do not need to do anything right away. When it is time to renew your current CCR registration, you will do it in SAM.

- **What will happen to my data?** Your data will be migrated or moved from CCR into SAM. It will be in SAM when you are ready to access it. When it is time to renew your registration, you will go to SAM.gov, create a simple SAM user account, and follow the online instructions to validate and update your information.
- **When do I need to register for a user account in SAM?** You only need to register for a user account in SAM when it is time to begin updating your current registration. You do not need to do anything right away.
- **What is the timeline for the CCR transition to SAM?** The transition to SAM will occur at the end of July. We will provide more information as that date approaches.

I still need to register in the CCR.

- **What do I do now? Should I wait and register in SAM instead of the CCR?** No. You should register in the CCR as soon as possible. You will continue to manage your data in the CCR until the change to SAM occurs at the end of July. Your data will be migrated from CCR into SAM at that time.

Where can I find more information about CCR and SAM?

- AFG contacts on CCR issues: Chanee Williams (Chanee.Williams@fema.dhs.gov) and Jane Early (Jane.Early@fema.dhs.gov).
- SAM.gov: Some SAM training material is already posted to SAM.gov and will be updated closer to the implementation date.
- [Federal Service Desk](http://FederalServiceDesk.com) (FSD) (1-866-606-8220): The FSD provides help desk support for users of CCR, SAM, and other acquisition-related systems and websites.

AFG 2012 CALENDAR

NOTE: All information, including dates and projected application periods are subject to change. When a conference is listed, the AFG Program either will be exhibiting and/or giving a presentation or workshop.

MAY

- Regional AFG workshops and webinars continue; see the [AFG website for the workshop schedule](#).
- FY 2011 SAFER Grants: Applications are being reviewed and evaluated.
- FY 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants: Applications are being reviewed and evaluated.

JUNE

- Regional AFG workshops and webinars continue; see the [AFG website for the workshop schedule](#).
- Projected FY 2012 AFG Application Period: Dates to be announced.
- FY 2011 SAFER Grants: Award announcements will begin and continue on a rolling basis until all grant funds have been committed.
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JULY

- Projected FY 2012 SAFER Grant Application period: Dates to be announced.

AUGUST

- AFG Research and Development Grants Symposium (being held concurrently with [Fire-Rescue International](#)) Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO

August 1-2, 2012

- FY 2011 FP&S Grants: Award announcements will begin and continue on a rolling basis until all grant funds have been committed.

Thank you.