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# Featuring the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)

## How to use FPDS to gather federal contracting data

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# Program Introduction

**Now Alaska APEX Accelerator!**

- Formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

- Free assistance with all aspects of government contracting, from cradle to grave (start to finish) for federal, state and local purchasing activity

- Free one-on-one appointments

- Free workshops (Special events and extended training session may have registration fees)

- The Alaska APEX is one of 94+ other PTACs across the US, Puerto Rico, & Guam

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**UAA Business Enterprise Institute**
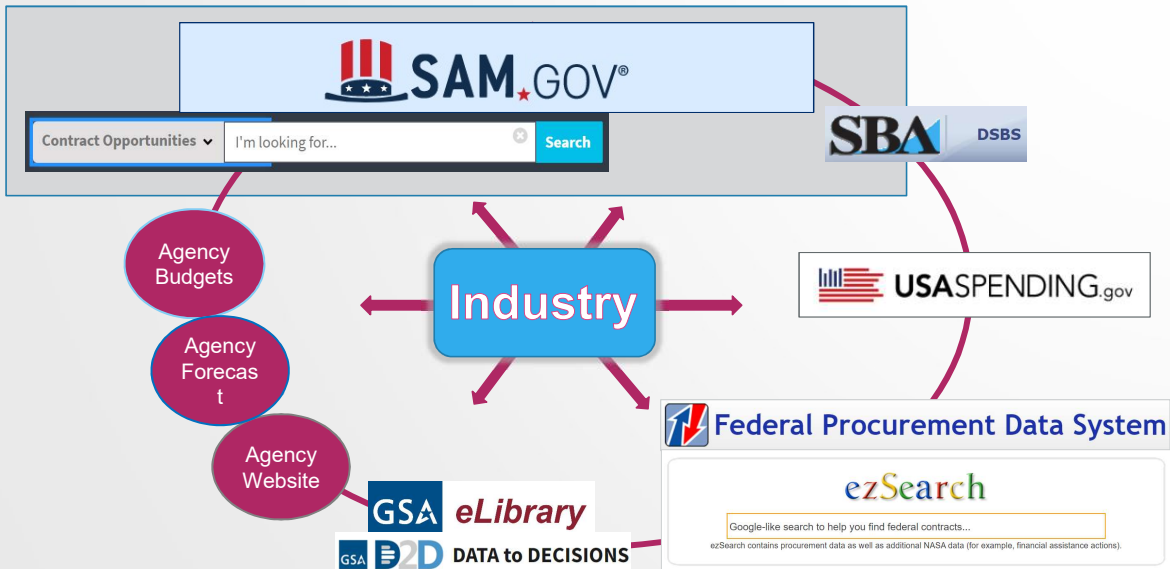**UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE**

*The Alaska PTAC is a program of the UAA Business Enterprise Institute and funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense Office of Small Business Programs*

*(Website screenshot: Answers to Common Questions — Our FAQ area has info on UEI, SAM, GSA, and other government contracting topics. see our extensive FAQ » | Are you new to government contracting? Government contracting is a more complex, involved business process than what is usually found in the private sector. ARE YOU READY for government contracting? » THE 10-STEP APPROACH to government contracting »)*

# Slide 1

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## Discussion Topics

❖ How is it all linked?

❖ Why use FPDS

❖ Gathering search criteria

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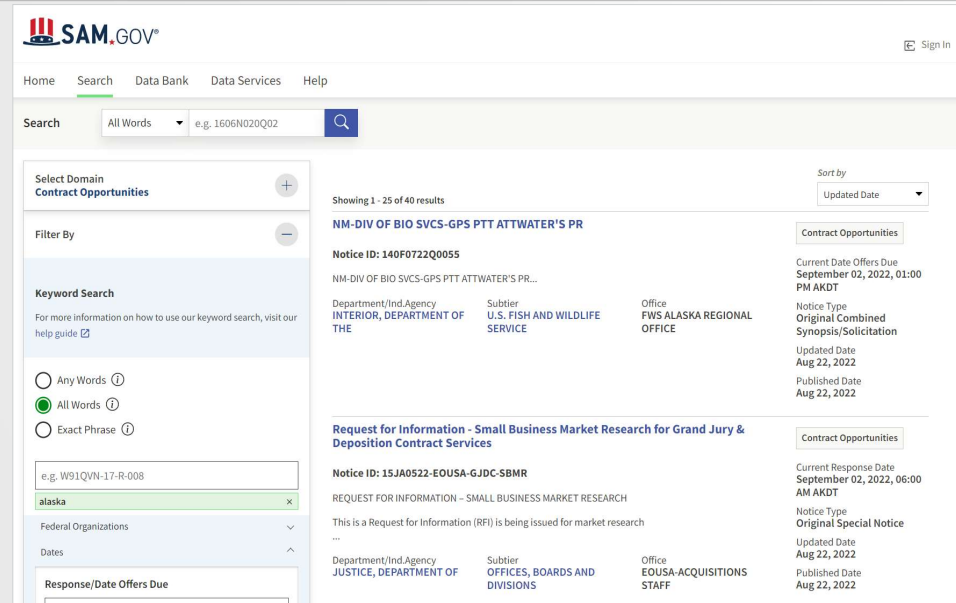
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## How is it all linked…

**SAM.GOV®**

Contract Opportunities ⌄  | I'm looking for… | Search

**SBA** DSBS

Agency Budgets

Agency Forecast

Agency Website

**Industry**

**USASPENDING.gov**

**Federal Procurement Data System**

ezSearch

Google-like search to help you find federal contracts…

ezSearch contains procurement data as well as additional NASA data (for example, financial assistance actions).

**GSA** *eLibrary*

GSA **D2D** DATA to DECISIONS

## How is it all linked?

**Link the data with databases:**

SAM.gov
↓
FPDS.gov
↓
USASpending ($$)
↓
Agency Websites
↓
Agency Budget Sites
↓
SAM/DSBS
↓
Competitor Websites

## Things to think about…

**Why use FPDS?**

❖ New solicitation cycle:
   • Who was the incumbent?
   • What was the financial history of the ending contract?
   • What type of contract was previously issued?

❖ What contracts have your competitors received?

❖ What is the contracting history for new teaming partners?

❖ Which agencies are buying what you're selling?

❖ Did you know that you can:
   • Create a login and save search data
   • Download Excel spreadsheets
   • Use search templates after logging in to FPDS

## What's not in FPDS

- Copies of entire contracts, statements of work, and subcontracting data
- Data from agencies not subject to FPDS reporting requirements according to the FAR
- Purchase Card data
- Interagency agreements
- Grants data
- Cooperative agreements
- Training authorizations
- Imprest fund transactions
- Transactions related only to non-appropriated funds
- Most transactions that involve Government bills of lading or transportation requests
- Requisitions transferring supplies within or among departments or agencies
- Tracking functionality related to making awards or to tracking dollars

## Search Criteria

**Gathering search terms**

*Good search criteria is the key to good search results!*
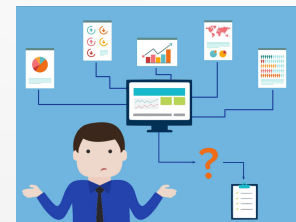
- NAICS Codes   https://www.census.gov/naics/
- PSC/FSS Codes   http://support.outreachsystems.com/resources/tables/pscs/
- Unique Entity Id (UEI) numbers   https://www.sam.gov
- Key words:
  - Contract Opportunities https://www.sam.gov
  - DSBS Profile   http://dsbs.sba.gov/dsbs/search/dsp_dsbs.cfm
  - Agency websites
  - Competitor websites

**Search Criteria**

**Federal Organizational Codes**

❖ Agency Names & Hierarchy  https://www.loc.gov/rr/news/fedgov.html

❖ SAM.gov – Contract Opportunities



**Brief Introduction**

https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng_cms/index.php/en/

## Helpful Search Documents

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- **The FPDS-NG EzSearch FAQ**

### EzSearch FAQ

| FPDS-NG Element | ezSearch Field | Search Type | List of Values/Examples |
|---|---|---|---|
| A-76 Action | A76 | Exact | YES, Yes, yes, NO, No, no |
| Action Obligation | Action Obligation($) | Exact | From value and/or To value. Allows both Obligations and De-obligations |
| Agency Code | Agency Code | Exact | The 4 character Agency ID |
| Agency Name | Agency Name | Free Text (Full Words) | Environmental Protection Agency | Protection | or any part of it |

- **Agency Procurement Instrument ID (PIID)**

**APPENDIX A**

The table below includes a listing of agencies' PIID prefixes currently assigned as of 11/04/2014.

| Department/Agency | Prefix |
|---|---|
| Agency for International Development | AID |
| American Battle Monuments Commission | 7400AM |
| Armed Forces Retirement Home | AFRH |

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## Search Tips

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**The FPDS-NG system offers three features that can assist you in your search.**

1) **Wildcard**: A wildcard is a character that can be used in a search to represent one or more characters. **In FPDS-NG, "%" is the wildcard character.**
For instance, entering "COM%" in the search field will return anything starting with COM, such as COMpany, COMplete, COMmunication, and COMmunications. Entering "COMM%" will eliminate COMpany and COMplete from the search returns. Entering "%COM%" will return anything with COM contained within the word, such as dataCOMmunication.

2) **Ellipsis:** When more choices or search options are available, you will see the ellipsis look-up feature . Simply click on that button to open a new screen with additional information/options. You can also combine the Wildcard and Ellipsis features to narrow your search by typing partial information in the field and then selecting the ellipsis feature.

Starting Your Search

1. Start simple then add search criteria

2. Open the Advanced Search



Filtering Your Search

3. Date Sort using "Date Signed" in descending order to bring the newest activities to the top of the list

4. Open the Advanced Search, and search by "Modification Number" using "0" as the search term to find the original contract award.

5. If you get zero results, click on the "x" button to remove the failed search term.

Sort Order: Descending

Relevance
Contract Type
Agency Code
Agency Full Name
Date Signed
Contracting Agency ID
Contracting Agency Name
Department Full Name
Action Obligation ($)
NAICS
PSC
Vendor State
Vendor ZIP Code
PoP Country Name
PoP State Name
Local Area Set Aside
Treasury Account Symbol
Non-Government Dollars
Contract Fiscal Year

Downloading Search Results



FPDS Reports

# Demonstrations

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## ENGINE REPLACEMENT PARTS

🟢 ACTIVE

**Notice ID**
FA500423Q0052

**Related Notice**

**Department/Ind. Agency**
DEPT OF DEFENSE
**Sub-tier**
DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE
**Major Command**
PACIFIC AIR FORCES
**Office**
FA5004 354 CONS PK

### Classification

**Original Set Aside:** Total Small Business Set-Aside (FAR 19.5)
**Product Service Code:** 2815 - DIESEL ENGINES AND COMPONENTS
**NAICS Code:**
   ○ 333618 - Other Engine Equipment Manufacturing
**Place of Performance:**
Fairbanks , AK 99701

**Description**
Purchase of an International DT-466EGR Diesel Engine Part 108N/2596571C92. This is a purchase of parts only, installation or service NOT included. Delivery is included. The parts must meet original equipment manufacturer (OEM) specifications.

Year 2004; Make International; Model 7400; Engine Size DT466; VIN 5J003532; ESN 2026408; Engine Tag 12NPV; Horsepower 285; RPM 2400; Sump Location front.

**List Of Contract Actions Matching Your Criteria** — Results **1 - 13** of **13** as of Sep 28, 2023 4:25:09 AM

| Field | Value | Field | Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| Award ID (Mod#): | FA500418PA070 (P00001) (View) | Award Type: | PURCHASE ORDER |
| Legal Business Name: | SEEKINS FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, INC. | Contracting Agency: | DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE |
| Date Signed: | February 07, 2023 | Action Obligation: | -$1,302.95 |
| Referenced IDV: | | Contracting Office: | FA5004 354 CONS PK |
| NAICS (Code): | OTHER ENGINE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING ( 333618 ) | PSC (Code): | DIESEL ENGINES AND COMPONENTS ( 2815 ) |
| Entity City: | FAIRBANKS | Unique Entity ID: | KXUNMGHPLQU8 |
| Entity State: | AK | Ultimate Parent Unique Entity ID: | KXUNMGHPLQU8 |
| Entity ZIP: | 997013158 | Ultimate Parent Legal Business Name: | SEEKINS FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, INC. |
| Cage Code: | 0PCB2 | | |
| Award ID (Mod#): | FA500422P0071 (P00001) (View) | Award Type: | PURCHASE ORDER |
| Legal Business Name: | TRAILERCRAFT, INC. | Contracting Agency: | DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE |
| Date Signed: | December 06, 2022 | Action Obligation: | $0 |
| Referenced IDV: | | Contracting Office: | FA5004 354 CONS PK |
| NAICS (Code): | OTHER ENGINE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING ( 333618 ) | PSC (Code): | DIESEL ENGINES AND COMPONENTS ( 2815 ) |
| Entity City: | ANCHORAGE | Unique Entity ID: | SCQRKMMQ21A8 |
| Entity State: | AK | Ultimate Parent Unique Entity ID: | SCQRKMMQ21A8 |
| Entity ZIP: | 995151800 | Ultimate Parent Legal Business Name: | TRAILERCRAFT INC. |
| Cage Code: | 0RA95 | | |

https://sam.gov/opp/f1e4925ed51349c3ae3399af805f0d60/view#classification

**Search Criteria**
To remove the criteria or a portion of the search criteria click the button next to each search level.
- ☒ 333618
- ☒ PSC: "2815"
- ☒ PoP State Name: "ALASKA"
- ☒ Department Full Name: "DEPT OF DEFENSE"
- ☒ Contracting Agency Name: "DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE"

**Sort By**
This section allows the user to sort the existing list of contracts by various fields within the contract. For example you can sort the existing list of contracts by Date Signed or Contract Type. Click on the appropriate field to Sort By. Only one Sort can be conducted at a time.

Sort Order: Descending ▾
- Relevance
- Contract Type
- Agency Code
- Agency Full Name
- *Date Signed*
- Contracting Agency ID
- Contracting Agency Name
- Department Full Name
- Action Obligation ($)
- NAICS

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# Questions?

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