CAAMP Bot Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the CAAMP bot? (*Formerly Section 889 Bot*)

The Contracting Assistant for Awards and Micro-Purchases (CAAMP) bot is a robotic process automation (RPA) developed by Defense Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy (DPCAP).

It is designed to streamline procurement processes and enhance efficiency – especially for users making micro-purchases.

The CAAMP bot emails users the following information from an entity’s registration in the System for Award Management (SAM):

*Continued Capability*

* Registration status
* Completion and status of the [FAR 52.204-26 - Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/52.204-26) to address Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
* Active exclusions in accordance with [FAR 9.405 - Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility - Effect of listing](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/9.405)

*New Capability*

* Vendor AbilityOne classifications in accordance with [FAR 8.7 - Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/subpart-8.7)
* Small Business classification (based on the entity’s identified primary North American Industry Classification System (NAICS))

**Note**: Contracting Officers are still required to check the entity’s response in [FAR provision 52.219-1 - Small Business Program Representations](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/part-52#FAR_52_219_1) in SAM for the appropriate NAICS code for set-aside eligibility and reporting in FPDS when that provision is included in a solicitation

1. Who can use the CAAMP bot?

The CAAMP bot primarily uses publicly available information on SAM.gov, so it can be used by anyone, but is targeted toward the procurement community.

**Note:** Vendors may restrict their registration in SAM to government users only. The CAAMP bot will **only** provide the entity's information if the request was made from a government user with an email ending in .mil, .gov, or .edu.

1. How can I submit a request to the CAAMP bot?

Send an email to "osd.section889request@mail.mil" and include a CAGE code or UEI in the subject line of the email. Users will receive a response from this same email address.

**Note:** If users have trouble receiving responses, check the email Spam folder and add the email address as a recognized address to ensure that email responses are not classified as spam.

Refer to the [CAAMP Bot Implementation Guide](https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/cms/sites/default/files/resources/2022-04/Section%20889%20Bot%20Implementation%20Guide_NOV2022.pdf) for a detailed walkthrough of how to email the bot and interpret email responses.

1. What information do I need to send to the CAAMP bot email?

Send the CAGE code or UEI in the subject line of the email to the CAAMP bot.

DO NOT attach or send any additional information in the subject line or body of the email.

1. What can I do if it has been more than 30 minutes since I submitted my request and I still haven't received a response from the CAAMP bot?

If this occurs, please check your Spam folder, try resending your request, or try to send it from an alternate email. Occasionally the bot encounters email firewalls which prevent the reply from reaching the user.

If none of these options are successful, please send a message through the [Contact Us](https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/contact-us) feature on the DoD Procurement toolbox and our team will respond during business hours (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm EST).

1. Does the CAAMP bot allow me to notify a vendor to complete their registration?

No. At this time the CAAMP bot does not notify vendors directly on your behalf.

1. How can I obtain the completed Section 889 form from a vendor?

The CAAMP bot can only provide the vendor responses to provision 52.204-26 as listed on SAM.gov.

If you require further information from a vendor, including a completed Section 889 form, please reach out to a POC from the vendor directly.

1. Where can I obtain additional information about Section 889 policy or obtain a Section 889 form to complete?

The CAAMP bot can only provide the vendor responses to provision 52.204-26 as listed on SAM.gov. The CAAMP bot does not provide any guidance on Section 889 policy or advise on how to find and complete Section 889 forms. For further guidance, please contact your local policy office or refer to the following resources:

Section 889 Policies:

* <https://www.acquisition.gov/FAR-Case-2019-009/889_Part_B>

Section 889 Federal Registrar Entry:

* [https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/27/2020-18772/federal-acquisition-regulation-prohibition-on-contracting-with-entities-using-certain](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/27/2020-18772/federal-acquisition-regulation-prohibition-on-contracting-with-entities-using-certain%20)

GSA Implementation of Section 889 Frequently Asked Questions:

* [https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/Section%20889%20-%20FAQs%2030.pdf](https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/Section%20889%20-%20FAQs%2030.pdf%20)

SAM.gov

* <https://sam.gov/>

Federal Service Desk (FSD.gov) (Chat with an agent or search Knowledge Based Articles)

* <https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp>
1. How do I find a company's CAGE code or UEI?

**Method A:** Search for the company through [DLA's CAGE code website](https://cage.dla.mil/search).

**Method B:** Search for the company on SAM.gov if you know it has an entity registration.

Refer to [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0XE_rvP_RM) by GSA which outlines how to search using the [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov/content/home).

1. How can I verify how a vendor responded to other FAR provisions?

Use the search functionality on SAM.gov and then click on the entity in order to access representations and certifications. The “Reps and Certs” page also has a downloadable PDF document containing all of the relevant FAR representations and certifications for an entity.

1. Who do I contact if the bot is not working as expected?

Please reach out to the CAAMP bot development team by using the [Contact Us](https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/contact-us) feature of the DoD Procurement Toolbox.

Enter your information into the appropriate fields and select “CAAMP” as the subject. Our team is available to assist you during business hours (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm EST).

1. How do I find the date of acknowledgement for the Section 889 representation on SAM.gov?

There is no separate date of acknowledgement for the Section 889 representation on SAM.gov.

The date of acknowledgement therefore coincides with the date of activation of the Reps and Certs that are listed in the “Core Data” section for an entity registered in SAM.gov. There are four dates provided in this section:

1. Initial Registration Date: This is the date that an entity first registers on SAM.gov.
2. Submission Date: This is the date that entity registrations are submitted for processing. If the registration is being submitted for the first time, then this date will coincide with the Initial Registration Date. If the registration is being resubmitted then this date will be the date that the registration is resubmitted for processing.
3. Activation Date: This is the date that the entity registration is activated in SAM.gov after the submitted entity registration is processed. This date is what can be used as the date of acknowledgement for Section 889 because this date is when the Reps and Certs for the entity, including provision 52.204-26 c(1) and (2), are activated.
4. Expiration Date: This date is 365 days from the date the entity registration is submitted for processing (submission date). Entity Reps and Certs are valid for one year but must be resubmitted annually to remain compliant.
5. Where can I go to find additional resources and content on the CAAMP bot?

Please visit the DoD Procurement Toolbox and look under [CAAMP](https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/site-pages/contracting-assistant-for-awards-and-micro-purchases-caamp) to find an official release memo, an implementation guide, technical specification documents, and user training for the CAAMP bot.