How to Search for Suppliers in the System for Award Management (sam.gov)

Go to the [System for Award Management website](https://sam.gov) SAM (remember to add this to your favorites). Click on the button Search Records in the Search Records section.

On the next screen, enter the name of the company, product or service which you are trying to find and click the Search button.
Click on the **View Details** button to review any of the companies listed to see if they are small businesses and provide the products or services you need.

Click on the **Reps & Certs** button to find out the Representations & Certifications that the company has noted that it holds.
Scroll down to the section number **FAR 52.219-1 Small Business Program Representation (Alternate 1)**. FAR is the acronym of Federal Acquisition Regulations which describe the specific types of categories which the federal government uses for small and diverse businesses. Click on the url link.

The NAICS for which you are identified as small are shown in the table below; and serves to complete the representation in 52.219-1(0)(2).

You are certifying to all of the NAICS in the table so please review it in its entirety. These Y/N answers are located in the "Small Business?" column where a "Y" indicates "Small" and "N" indicates "Other than Small". This status is derived from the SBA's size standards.

The NAICS shown are those you have entered. You may click the "View More" button to see your entity's size status for any existing NAICS.

The screenshot below is only a portion of the report for this particular supplier. In this section, we can see that for the specific shown NAICS codes in the first column of the table, the Small Business Administration (SBA) considers this business as a small business based on the Y shown in the Small Business? Column. We can also see that the business itself has answered the questions that it is a Small Disadvantage Business (SDB) and a Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB).

Based on a number of criteria, SBA can determine a business to be small for certain NAICS codes, but not for others.

The FARs regulations does require that the University confirm that each small business included in a plan is certified in SAM.