



JUNTA LOCAL DE DESARROLLO LABORAL  
Mayagüez – Las Marías  
AmericanJobCenter

## **PUBLIC POLICY TO NULLIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE "SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT" (SAM) AND THE "DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM" (DUNS) REGISTRIES.**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Mayagüez - Las Marías Local Workforce Development Area (Local Area) was designated by the Governor of Puerto Rico to serve as the jurisdiction for the administration of activities aimed at workforce development and the execution of the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs, delegated by the State, as established in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), approved by the U.S. Congress on July 22, 2014.

As part of the tools to provide services to our participants, contracting employers and service providers is necessary. To complete this process, employers and providers must register in the System for Award Management (SAM) and the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS). The latter has adversely affected the evaluation and contracting processes. Moreover, small and medium-sized businesses sometimes do not use our services because of the difficulties in obtaining both registrations. This limits our job creation, training, and disbursement of funds. The referenced documents were being requested, given an appeal made by the Department of Economic Development and Commerce on February 21, 2017, in which it was invited to adopt a sound management practice to request the same.

### **II. LEGAL BASIS**

- Training and Employment Guidance Letter" (TEGL) No 17-15 issued by the Training and Employment Administration of the United States Department of Labor.
- Statement issued by the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Program, dated February 26, 2019.

### **III. PUBLIC POLICY**

According to the letter dated February 26, 2019, and signed by Mrs. Natasha Vazquezteill Cordero, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Program, we have determined not to request the "System for Award Management" (SAM) and the "Data Universal Numbering System" (DUNS) records from the employers, educational entities and non-profit and for-profit organizations with which we maintain a contractual relationship.

Removing these two (2) registrations from the list of requirements will facilitate the process of submitting proposals and contracting with employers and service providers, which will create jobs and training opportunities for our participants. It should be clarified that TEGL 17-15 refers to the records as mentioned earlier, indicates that they are a requirement for applicants for federal delegations, and specifies the obligation of the State to do so as the applicant. This does not apply to the entities with which we contract. Contracts between employers/service providers and the Board of Mayors are between non-federal entities; no delegation of federal funds to the federal government is requested, so these records are not required for those entities.

#### IV. SERVICES


Applicants will be required to meet all general eligibility requirements of each program, evidenced as required by established procedures.

Underemployed individuals, who are classified as low-income individuals, will receive career and training services on a priority basis as outlined in Section 134(c)(3)(E) of WIOA.

Based on their needs and skills, underemployed individuals may receive the career and training services described in WIOA.

#### V. APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVENESS

This public policy shall become effective immediately upon approval. The Local Board Director shall inform and train staff within five (5) days of its approval.

  
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José A. Justiniano Rodríguez  
Local Board President

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Date

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