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Definition of the D&B D-U-N-S Number:

The D&B D-U-N-S® Number is a unique nine-digit identifier for businesses. It is used to establish a Dun & Bradstreet business credit file, which is often referenced by lenders and potential business partners to help predict the reliability and/or financial stability of the company in question. If you want to bid on government proposals, **you will need to get a D-U-N-S Number for each physical location of your business.** You can get your [D-U-N-S Number expedited for free](#) if you are required to register with the federal government for contracts or grants.

Why do I need a D-U-N-S Number?

The D-U-N-S Number has been referred to as the “Social Security number for businesses.” In reality, it’s even more pervasive than Social Security. The system is used in dozens of countries around the world, including the U.S., Australia, and the European Union, and confers numerous benefits on businesses that participate. The business credit file associated with your business’s D-U-N-S Number can help potential partners and lenders learn about your business and make informed decisions about whether or not to work with you as a client, supplier or partner. Even after you’ve signed a contract or accepted a loan, your D-U-N-S Number can be used to help get a clear view of your business, which can help you negotiate for improved terms and conditions or a favorable line of credit.

What Will I Need to Provide to Get a D-U-N-S Number for My Business?

To register for a D-U-N-S Number, you’ll need the following information:

- Legal name
- Headquarters name and address for your business
- Doing Business As (DBA) or other name by which your business is commonly recognized
- Physical address, city, state and ZIP Code
- Mailing address (if separate from headquarters and/or physical address)
- Telephone number
- Contact name and title
- Number of employees at your physical location
- Whether you are a Home-Based Business

Is there a charge for U.S. Government contractors?	Obtaining a DUNS number is absolutely free for all entities doing business with the Federal government. This includes current and prospective Contractors, Grantees, and Loan recipients. Under normal circumstances the DUNS is issued within 1-2 business days when using the D&B online process.
Can I have more than one D-U-N-S Number at the same physical location?	Yes, more than one D-U-N-S Number can be issued at the same physical location if they are (1) separate legal entities (ie; LLC, Inc., Corp) or (2) companies that have the same legal business name but different DBA's and/or a different line of business that is specific to the nature of operations. An example of (2) is when a HQ and brand or division (see definitions below) are co-located, like a warehouse on the premises of the HQ. Definition: Headquarters is a business that has branches or divisions reporting to it and is financially responsible for them. Branch is a secondary location of the HQ. It is not a separate corporation and has no legal responsibilities for its debt. It can be located at the same address as the HQ, if a unique tradestyle is used. Division, like a branch, is a secondary location of a business. However, a division carries out specific business operations related to the headquarters under a divisional name.