

Subpart 4.18 - Commercial and Government Entity Code

Parent topic: [Part 4 - Administrative and Information Matters](#)

4.1800 Scope of subpart.

(a) This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for identification of commercial and government entities. The *Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code system* may be used, among other things, to-

(1) Exchange data with another *contracting activity*, including contract administration activities and contract payment activities.

(2) Exchange data with another system that requires the unique identification of a contractor entity; or

(3) Identify when *offerors* are owned or controlled by another entity.

(b) For information on the *unique entity identifier*, which is a different identifier, see [4.605](#) and the provisions at [52.204-6](#), *Unique Entity Identifier*, and [52.204-7](#), *System for Award Management*.

4.1801 Definitions.

As used in this part-

Highest-level owner means the entity that owns or controls an *immediate owner* of the *offeror*, or that owns or controls one or more entities that control an *immediate owner* of the *offeror*. No entity owns or exercises control of the highest level owner.

Immediate owner means an entity, other than the *offeror*, that has direct control of the *offeror*. Indicators of control include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: ownership or interlocking management, identity of interests among family members, shared facilities and equipment, and the common use of employees.

4.1802 Policy.

(a) Commercial and Government Entity code.

(1) *Offerors shall* provide the *contracting officer* the CAGE code assigned to that *offeror's* location prior to the award of a contract action above the *micro-purchase threshold*, when there is a requirement to be *registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)* or a requirement to have

a *unique entity identifier* in the *solicitation*.

(2) The *contracting officer shall* include the contractor's CAGE code in the contract and in any electronic transmissions of the contract data to other systems when it is provided in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) Ownership or control of *offeror*. *Offerors*, if owned or controlled by another entity, *shall* provide the *contracting officer* with the CAGE code and legal name of that entity prior to the award of a contract action above the *micro-purchase threshold*, when there is a requirement to be registered in SAM or a requirement to have a *unique entity identifier* in the *solicitation*.

4.1803 Verifying CAGE codes prior to award.

(a) *Contracting officers shall* verify the *offeror's* CAGE code by reviewing the entity's registration in the *System for Award Management (SAM)*. Active registrations in SAM have had the associated CAGE codes verified.

(b) For entities not required to be registered in SAM, the *contracting officer shall* validate the CAGE code using the CAGE code search feature at <https://cage.dla.mil>.

4.1804 Solicitation provisions and contract clause.

(a) Insert the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting, in all *solicitations* that include-

(1) [52.204-6](#), *Unique Entity Identifier*; or

(2) [52.204-7](#), *System for Award Management*.

(b) Insert the provision at [52.204-17](#), Ownership or Control of *Offeror*, in all *solicitations* that include the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.

(c) Insert the clause at [52.204-18](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance, in all *solicitations* and contracts when the *solicitation* contains the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.

(d) Insert the provision at [52.204-20](#), Predecessor of *Offeror*, in all *solicitations* that include the provision at [52.204-16](#), Commercial and Government Entity Code Reporting.