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How can I search in SAM.gov?

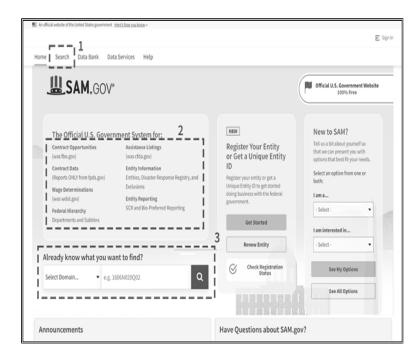
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SAM.gov houses many resources available to be searched at any time, such as entity registration information, contract opportunities, wage determinations, etc. The search editor in SAM.gov allows you to refine and filter search results to populate specific results.

To use the Search Editor:

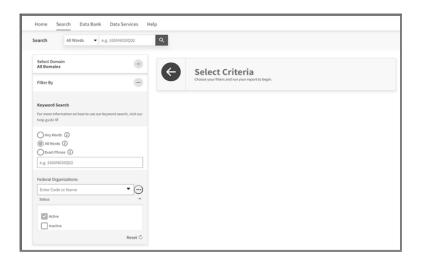
From the SAM.gov home page, there are three ways to begin your search:

- (Option 1) You can select "Search" in the menu bar.
- (Option 2) You can select a domain link to search a certain type of data.
- (Option 3) You can use the search bar located below the domain links.



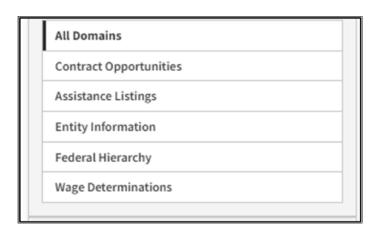
Option 1.

1. Selecting the "Search" link in the menu bar will take you directly to a search page where you can start a search by entering a keyword, a number, or activating a filter.



2. "All Domains" is selected by default. If you enter a keyword or activate a filter when "All Domains" is selected, your search results could include any type of record from SAM.gov—a contract notice, an entity, a federal hierarchy organization, and so forth. If you only want to see information from one domain, select the specific domain you want to search. (You cannot search wage determinations with the search editor. You will get more filter options for that domain.)

Note: Only active exclusions are publicly searchable. If no exclusion record is found for an entity or individual, there is no active exclusion.



3. You can remain on the "Simple search" or you can select the "Search Editor" option in the keyword search panel.

Note: The search editor lets you refine your search results using Boolean terms (such as "and," "or," "not," "or not," and "and not"). For example, "((training AND organization) OR (training AND company)) AND NOT school."



4. Your search results appear as you enter your search. As you are typing, the search editor checks for errors and shows them below the search panel. Once you have finished entering your search, you can correct any errors.

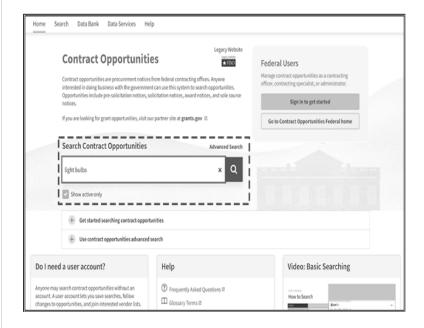


5. If you are using the simple search and want to switch to the search editor, or vice versa, clear your keywords first (all filters will keep their values).



Note: If you want to search entity information, such as registrations, you must sign in to your SAM.gov account. Signing in to your account also allows you to save searches (KB0029889), download search results and records (KB0017592), and follow records (KB0017560).

Option 2. Another way to start a search is to select a domain link from the home page. Domain links take you to a domain landing page. Domain landing pages give you access to a search bar and help locate resources specific to the domain you choose. When you enter a keyword or number in the search bar on a domain landing page, it will search that domain only. After selecting "Enter" on your keyboard or selecting the magnifying glass on the screen, the next page will be identical to Option 1 above.



Option 3. The third way you can start a search is by using the search bar available on the home page. Choose a domain, then enter a keyword or number. Then, you can modify your search by activating filters or changing your keywords on the search results page (as shown in Option 1.)



Additional Resources on SAM.gov searches:

View a video on how to search SAM.gov here (KB0029915)

Do I need to sign in or create an account to search in SAM.gov? (KB0051464)

Guide to using the keyword search (KB0045403)

How do I save a search in SAM.gov? (KB0029889)

How do I edit a saved search in SAM.gov? (KBoo53793)

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