

Searching Contract Awards in SAM.gov

Why This Matters

As of **February 24, 2026**, FPDS.gov has been decommissioned. All authoritative contract award data (the DNA of federal spending) now resides exclusively within SAM.gov. For disruptors and capture teams, this isn't just a move: it's an opportunity for more granular analysis through an integrated domain.

Accessing the Data

Public visibility is restricted; actionable intelligence needs authentication.

- Sign in to **SAM.gov** for full search features, saved queries, and high-volume exports
- Go to **Contracting** → **Contract Award**

*For innovation or R&D tracking, use the **Other Transactions (OT)** subdomain for non-FAR-based award data



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Filter Strategy

Use SAM.gov's "Parent/Child" hierarchy to refine your data set.

- Analyze from the **Department** level to specific **Contracting Offices** for localized buying patterns
- Utilize **UEI** or **CAGE** codes for precise vendor research, reducing name-match ambiguity
- Filter by **NAICS** or **PSC codes** to target specific market sectors
- Apply the **Type of Set-Aside** filter to audit agency spending against socioeconomic goals

Analysis

The "Result Card" is your first look at a contract's health.

- Dollar fields reflect the **Total Contract Value**, while descriptive data represents the **latest modification**
- Change the default sort to **Relevance** or **Total Dollars (Highest)** to prioritize impact. Instead of scanning a chronological list, start with the highest-value awards first.



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Deep Dive

Click the **PIID** hyperlink to access the **Contract Details** page.

- Analyze the table of changes. Identify growth, change orders, and potential risk areas
- For IDIQs and BPAs, review the **Related Awards** section to track task and delivery order activity

Export & Monitor

Data in a browser is passive, data in a CSV is a powerful tool.

- Export to **CSV** (up to 5,000 records) for offline analysis
- Click **Save Search** to establish a recurring monitor. If a new award hits your criteria, you need to be the first to know



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