

# WARNING

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**Subject:** [VOCA-NEWS] DUNS Renewal Warning!

**Importance:** High

Robyn Setty from North Dakota recently became aware of a fraudulent scheme to charge for renewal of DUNS numbers. Since all federal grantees and subgrantees are required to have a DUNS number, you may want to share this information with others in your state. Robyn contacted grants.gov and SAM Registration which both verified that several companies are accessing public information (e.g. DUNS numbers) and soliciting a website to renew DUNS numbers. The scammers are contacting subgrantees six months prior to their DUNS number renewal date and telling them they need to renew immediately for a charge of \$299.00 to avoid losing their grant funding.

Below is the warning that Robyn has sent out which includes all the relevant information and which :

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Attention State Grantees and Subgrantees!

**IMMEDIATE ACTION** – North Dakota recently experienced a scam regarding renewal of a DUNS number. Your agency may receive an email, regular mail or telephone notice stating that it is time to renew your DUNS number. The fraudulent link is <https://getregistrations.com/getstarted> and the telephone numbers are 1-844-392-8983 (internationally) 001-727-312-3123.

The fraudulent website appears to look like an official website and already has possession of the subgrantee's CAGE number, DUNS number and agency name and address. Once an individual enters the website they are asked to submit money for the renewal cost. **There is never a cost to obtain or annually renew a DUNS number.**

Only use the website links and telephone numbers listed below to obtain or renew a DUNS number, or ask questions regarding your DUNS number.

The website listed below is the Dun & Bradstreet Request Service.

[http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/pages/contact\\_info.jsp](http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/pages/contact_info.jsp)

Voice Phone: 866-705-5711

TTY Line: 877-807-1679 (Hearing Impaired Customers)

The website listed below is the grants.gov website.

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>

1-866-705-5711

The website and telephone number listed below is for SAM.gov.

<https://www.unitedstatesbusinessregistration.us/>

1-866-706-8220

If your agency is contacted by a source other than the agencies listed above, or asked to submit money, please report the website and/or telephone number to your State Grantee Agency and Attorney General's Office.

Thanks for sharing this information, Robyn.

Steve