

## Alternative Rise Application Submission Instructions

We are aware of issues with SAM.gov impacting the timely completion of SAM registration.

Please continue your efforts to complete SAM registration: it is still an application requirement. However, we do not want this issue to be a barrier to applying for the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant (RISE) Program.

Therefore, applicants who cannot successfully complete their SAM registration by May 19, 2022, but who otherwise have a complete application, can provide Rural Development their complete application AND documentation of their attempts to complete SAM registration.

Submit all necessary documents by email to [sm.usda-rd.rise@usda.gov](mailto:sm.usda-rd.rise@usda.gov). Due to technical difficulties that can occur with email submission, please contact the agency within 48 hours of submission if confirmation of receipt is not received.

- All file attachments must be sent as Portable Document Format (PDF)
- Applicants must attach documentation of their attempts to complete SAM registration.
- Encrypt or password protect all emailed documents and provide the password(s) in a separate email.
- There is a 20 megabyte (MB) maximum file size for email attachments. If necessary, send multiple emails.
- Emailed application materials must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern, May 19, 2022.
- Please note that successful SAM registration with an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is required prior to obligation and must be maintained throughout the RISE award's period of performance.