

**NOFO SFOP0010296**  
**Caribbean United for Women's Economic Empowerment (CUWEE)**

**Questions and Answers April 10, 2024**

**Question 1:** Can you confirm whether there is an institutional application limit for the DOS Caribbean United for Women's Economic Empowerment program?

**Response 1:** No, there is no institutional application limit for the Department of State CUWEE program.

**Question 2:** I want to submit an application for the opportunity on Caribbean United for Women's Economic Empowerment (CUWEE) SFOP0010296. My organization does not have a SAM number. Can I apply for this opportunity and request to get the SAM number after I have submitted my proposal?

**Response 2:** Per section D.3 in the NOFO (pg. 18) - Under the law, it is mandatory to obtain a UEI number and register in [sam.gov](https://sam.gov) before submitting an application. The Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs may **not** review applications from or make awards to applicants that have not completed all applicable UEI and SAM.gov requirements.

Please refer to Attachment E of the NOFO documents to see the **Frequently Asked Questions for SAM.gov Registration for International Entities** for assistance with completing this requirement.

**Question 3:** DOS allows F&A for the allocation of small grants (up to \$1.2M) to local civil orgs in the Caribbean Region?

**Response 3:** Yes, but the allowance of F&A for the small grantees will be determined by the indirect cost calculation allowances. These allowances are defined by a (1) Negotiated Indirect Rate Agreement (NICRA) (if the proposing organization has one, this is not required) or the (2) de minimis rate [as determined in [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)] applied against the modified total direct costs (MTDC) as defined in [2 CFR 200.1 "Modified Total Direct Cost \(MTDC\)"](#)