



NIH's April 5 Deadline is Near: Don't Get Caught without the Proper Registrations

The NIH advises that it can take **up to six weeks** to complete all of the registrations necessary to submit your SBIR/STTR proposal through Grants.gov to the NIH. If you haven't already completed this process for an April submission, you should start now.

Be aware that there is now an additional requirement in the SAM registration process that requires a Notarized Letter. This can extend the registration process by days/weeks. Please take this into consideration and start the process as soon as possible.

At this point we think we have seen almost every mistake that can be made in this process and have shared in many of our clients' stress and disappointment when at the last minute they find they are unable to submit their proposals. Don't underestimate the number of things that can go wrong. Start the process early and double check that it is complete!

Links to Necessary Registration Sites:

- [Dun and Bradstreet](#)
- [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [eRA Commons](#)
- [SBA Company Registry](#)

[Click here](#) for more information on registrations at NIH

[Click here](#) for Frequently Asked Questions on preparing to apply/registrations:

[Click here](#) for a helpful National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) video tutorial

[Click here](#) for specific help with eRACommons registration:

We cannot stress highly enough how important it is to keep good track of your login and password details for all of these sites -- particularly Grants.gov and eRACommons. Losing or confusing these details can cause a great deal of distress when you are trying to submit your application. Of course, this stress is reduced if (as we encourage) you submit several days before the deadline!