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| EED_logo_blk | **Summer Food Service Program** DUNS Number Requirement **Q&A** | *Child Nutrition Programs**Teaching and Learning Support* *801 West 10th Street, Suite 200*  *P.O. Box 110500*  *Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500*  *Phone: (907) 465-4788*  *Fax: (907) 465-8910* |

**What is a DUNS number?**

A DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number is a 9-digit number issued by Dunn & Bradstreet (D&B), assigned to each business location in the D&B database, having a unique, separate, and distinct operation for the purpose of identifying them. The DUNS number is random, and the digits have no apparent significance.

**Why do I need a DUNS number?**

The Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107) established the requirement that applications for Federal grants or cooperative agreements include a DUNS number. The DUNS number is a supplement to other identifiers, such as the EIN, and is required whether the application is made electronically or on paper. A DUNS number will help the federal government better track how federal funds are being distributed and spent.

**How do I get a DUNS number?**

All entities doing business with the U.S. government can receive a DUNS number FREE of charge and, under normal circumstances, within 1-2 business days when using the D&B web form process. To register for a DUNS number please visit the D&B Website: <https://iupdate.dnb.com/iUpdate/viewiUpdateHome.htm>, or call or 1-866-705-5711 to register for a DUNS number over the phone.

**What information do I need before I request a DUNS number?**

Before you call D&B, you will need the following pieces of information:

* Legal Name
* Headquarters name and address for your organization
* Doing business as (dba) or other name by which your organization is commonly recognized
* Physical address
* Mailing address (if separate from headquarters and/or physical address)
* Telephone number
* Contact name and title
* Number of employees at your physical location

**Who do we contact if we have questions?**

If you have questions about applying for a DUNS number, contact the Dun & Bradstreet special phone number 1-866-705-5771.