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What Does a “CAGE Code” Mean? Commercial and Government Entity Code

Any company pursuing business with the Federal Government, must have a CAGE code. It supports a variety of procurement and acquisition processes throughout the U.S. Government.

CAGE codes have been required for federal government contractors since 2014. Providing support to federal government agencies is detailed and regulation driven. DoD, GSA, and NASA have issued a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to require the use of Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) codes.

The Commercial and Government Entity Code, or CAGE Code, is a unique identifier assigned to suppliers to various government or defense agencies, as well as to government agencies themselves and various organizations.

The information associated with a CAGE code includes name, address, phone numbers, business type, number of employees and other information specific to a provider. Contracts issued by a government agency or the DoD will be tracked by a suppliers CAGE Code.

CAGE Codes are used internationally as part of the NATO Codification System (NCS), where they are sometimes called NCAGE Codes. CAGE codes are referenced in various databases of the NCS, where they are used along with the supplier's part number to form a reference which is held on the National Stock Number (NSN) record. This reference enables users of the NCS to determine who supplies any given part.

Within the US, any organization wishing to be a supplier to the DoD is issued a CAGE Code by Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS), the organization serving as the US NCB.

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