

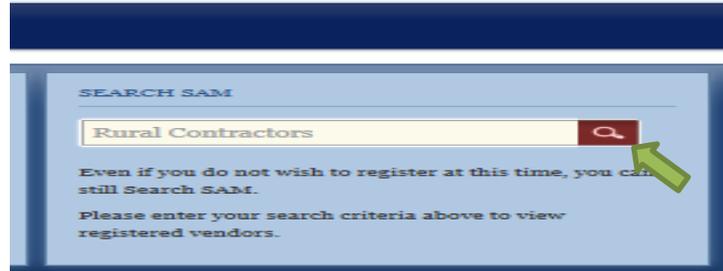
The excluded parties list system (EPLS), aka on-line debarred list, has moved to the System Award Management (SAM) web site www.sam.gov. SAM looks and operates a little differently than what we're accustomed to with EPLS.

Below are step by step instructions on how to perform an exclusion check. Additional guidance on how to use SAM can be found under "SAM Help" on the right side of the main menu bar, then click "User Help" from the menu on the left. This link will take you to a [Quick Start Guide](#) for searching in SAM.

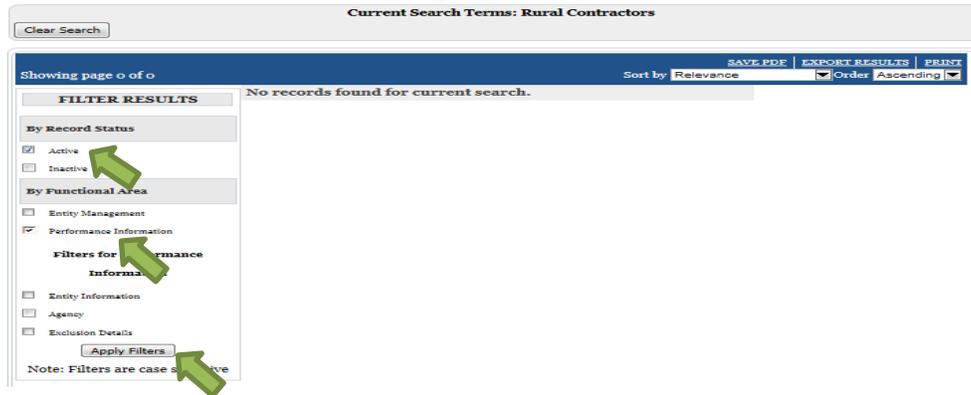
For purposes of the 2012 TxCDBG Implementation Manual Chapter 7 Labor Standards, all reference to EPLS should now refer to SAM. Please contact the TxCDBG Labor Specialist if you have any questions about labor standards requirements at 361-584-8928 or send an email to Labors@TexasAgriculture.gov

Here are some tips for performing an exclusion (e.g. debarment) check:

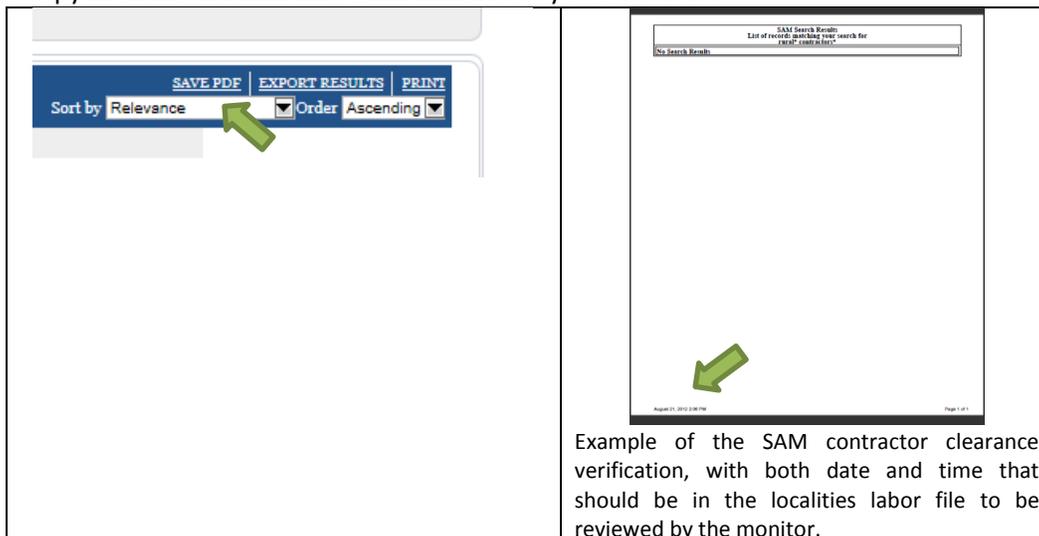
- First, you do not need to register or log-in to perform a debarment check. Simply type in the name of the contractor that you want to check in the search box on the right hand side of the SAM home page and click on the red search icon (magnifying glass on right). The results will appear in a new window.



- A filter menu (on the left side of the results) allows you to further screen the results for parties under that search name that are excluded parties (e.g., debarred): Select “Active” and “Performance Information” and click on “Apply Filters”.



- Click on “Save PDF” and print PDF file. This will have the date and time the contractor was cleared. Place copy in the local labor files to be reviewed by the monitor.



Example of the SAM contractor clearance verification, with both date and time that should be in the localities labor file to be reviewed by the monitor.