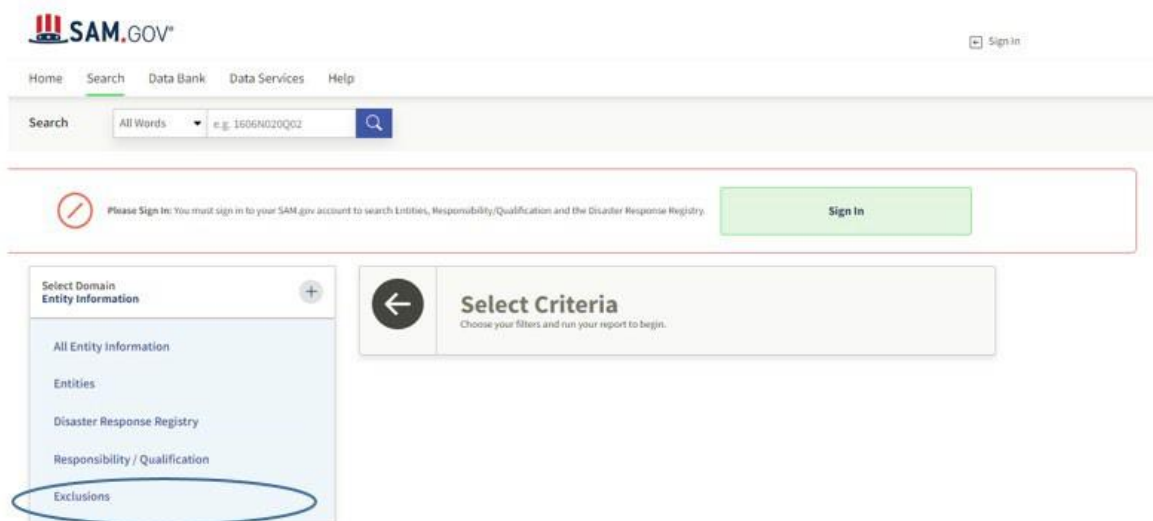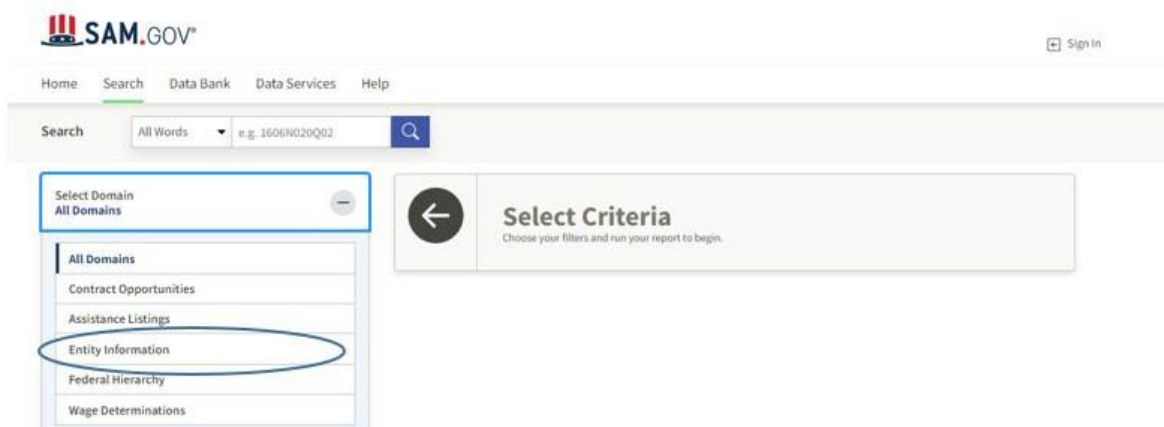# Checking SAM.gov for Suspension and Debarment

Step 1: Go to SAM.gov to check the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) for entities that have been suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government. This must be done for each grant cycle and/or program. State agencies must check this list annually as part of their subrecipient monitoring. A log-in is not required to search for exclusion data.

Step 2: Click on "Search" from the header menu

Step 3: Using the filters, under "Select Domain," select "Entity Information" then select "Exclusions."

Step 4: Use additional filters and/or keywords to enter search criteria.

Step 5: Document the search by printing the results of the search from the web browser. Printing the results from the web browser will show the query criteria and the date/time stamp.