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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Fed Filing LLC's Deceptive Imposter Marketing

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Truth in Advertising, Inc. ("TINA.org"), a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization dedicated to protecting consumers from deceptive advertising. We have found that Fed Filing, LLC is deceptively disguising itself as a federal government agency when, in fact, it is a private for-profit company. Specifically, as the screenshots below illustrate, Fed Filing's website, <u>www.federalfiling.com</u>, poses as SAM.gov,¹ an official government website that provides assistance with government grants and contracts, among other things.



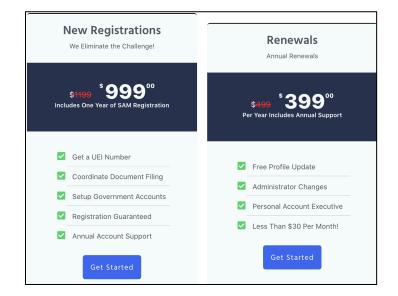
Screenshot from www.federalfiling.com

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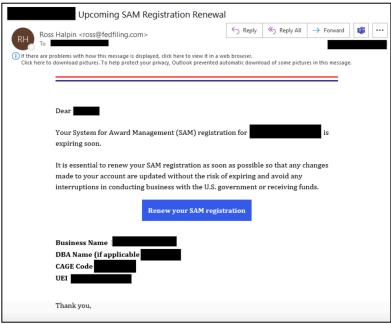
Screenshot from www.sam.gov

¹ SAM stands for System for Award Management.

Fed Filing charges consumers \$999 for new registrations and \$399 for registration renewals, without ever disclosing that such registrations can be completed for free directly with the U.S. government.²



In addition, upon information and belief, Fed Filing solicits business by, among other things, emailing SAM registrants about their upcoming registration expirations and prompting them to renew their registrations by clicking a link that brings them directly to Fed Filing's website, rather than SAM.gov, without ever disclosing the true identity of the email sender.



Screenshot of email received by a TINA.org reader

² https://www.federalfiling.com/.

Clicking on "Renew your SAM registration" in the email brings consumers to <u>https://www.federalfiling.com/checkout-page/?utm_source=sendgrid.com&utm_medium</u> <u>=email&utm_campaign=website</u>, where they are prompted to pay for a SAM registration renewal through Fed Filing.

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Based on this information, we intend to notify federal and/or state regulatory agencies that Fed Filing is engaged in a deceptive marketing campaign unless you appropriately address the issues described above and take steps to ensure that there is no future deception that misleads consumers into thinking Fed Filing is related to, or part of, SAM.gov.

Sincerely,

Laura Smith, Esq. Legal Director Truth in Advertising, Inc.