SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT ATTESTATION

FIRE INSURANCE EXCHANGE (21660)

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BACKGROUND OF FEDERAL SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT

The NFIP is a Federal program. The US Federal Government does not want to do business with persons who show evidence of not be responsible, such as committing a crime, not paying taxes, or fraud. A person can be debarred or suspended for the following reasons:

- Commission of fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal laws, receiving stolen property, an unfair trade practice
- Violation of antitrust statutes
- Willful, or a history of, failure to perform
- Violation of the Drug-Free Workplace Act
- Delinquent Federal taxes (more than $3,000)
- Knowing failure to disclose violation of criminal law
- Any other cause that affects present responsibility

PROJECT SUMMARY

Farmers & Foremost requires that their agents certify annually that are not currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government. If the agent does not attest that they are not suspended or debarred the agent must be prevented from logging in. If a user indicates they are suspended or debarred, NFS Agency Services should be notified so that NFS can work with Farmers WYO contacts to take actions such as stopping commission checks and moving policies to an agent in good standing.

This feature will be applicable to only Fire Insurance Exchange (21660) agents; commonly referred to as Farmers and Foremost agents.

USER JOURNEY

1. Farmers or Foremost (21660) agent enters Trident
   - Foremost agents will login from the login page
   - Farmers agents bridge from the Farmers agent dashboard
2. Trident will determine if the agent has attested within the past 365 days that they are in good standing and are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government.
3. If the agent has not attested to being in good standing within the past 365 days, an attestation window will appear.
   - This window allows the agent to attest that they either (1) in good standing and are not suspended or debarred or (2) that they are currently suspended or debarred.
     - If the agent indicates they are in good standing and are not suspended or debarred, the agent can proceed to enter Trident uninterrupted.
       - The agent's attestation will be valid for 365 days; after which they will be asked to again attest that they are in good standing and are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government.
     - If the agent attests that they are currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government; they are unable to proceed to enter Trident.
       - The agent sees an "access denied message". This message provides a link to FAQ about suspension or debarment.
       - If the agent made the selection in error, they can close their browser and try again.
     - If the agent attests that they are currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government; a system email will be sent to the Agency Services shared email; who will work with Farmers WYO representative to take the appropriate actions. The procedures and appropriate actions to follow will be forthcoming.

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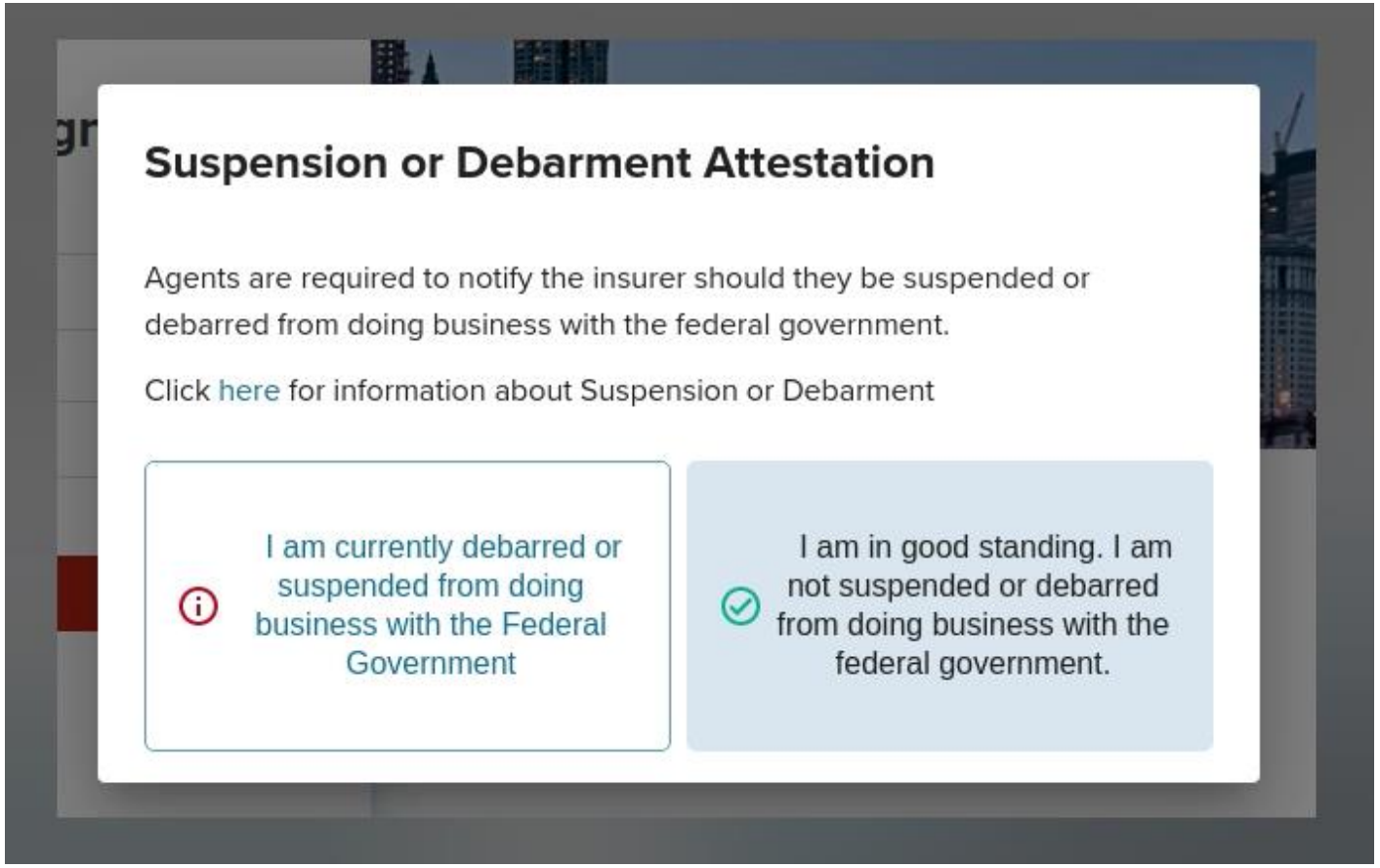

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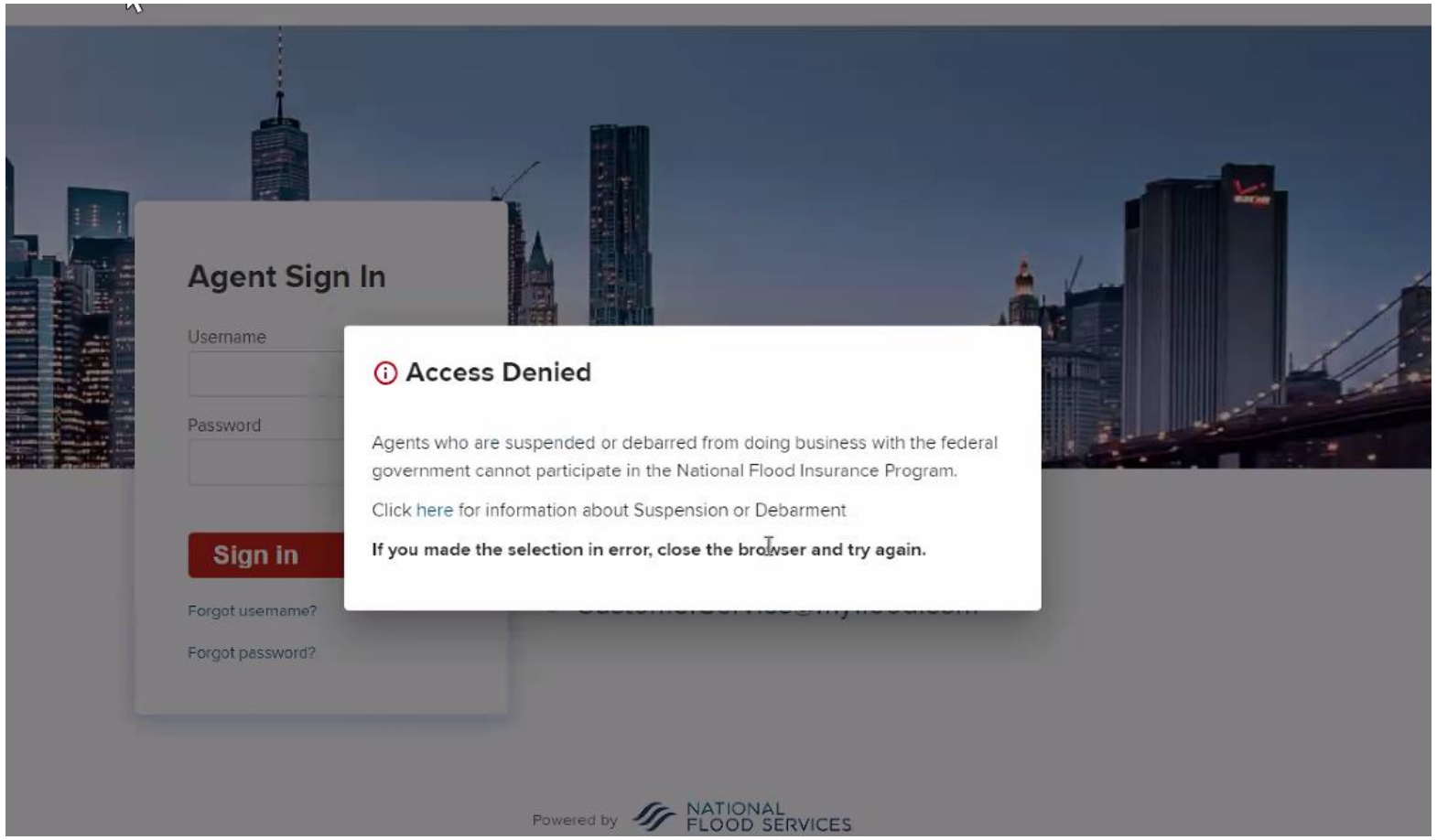

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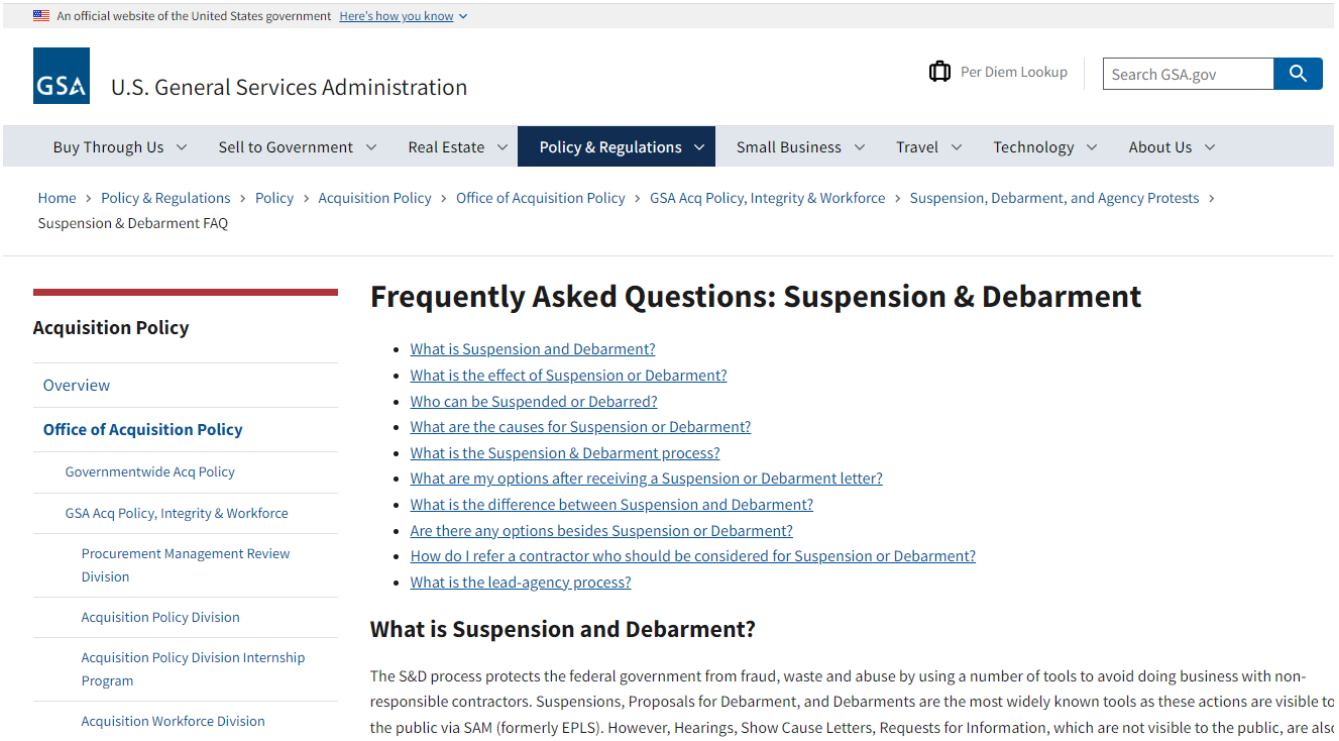

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EMAIL TO AGENCY SERVICES

If the agent attests they are currently suspended or debarred; Agency Services will be notified via email at agency.services@nationalfloodservices.com

Email subject line: User is suspended or debarred from federal government

Email Body:

- NFS System Username
- Agent last name
- Agent first name
- Agent email address
- Agent phone
- Agent Address