



Fact Sheet: HUBZone Program

HUBZone Program Overview:

- The Historically Underserved Business Zones (HUBZone) Program helps small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. These preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone certification. The program encourages economic development in historically underutilized business zones.
- SBA does the following:
 - Determines which businesses are eligible to receive HUBZone contracts;
 - Maintains a listing of qualified HUBZone small businesses that federal agencies can use to locate vendors;
 - Adjudicates protests of eligibility to receive HUBZone contracts.

Eligibility for HUBZone Program:

- To qualify for the program, a business (except tribally-owned concerns) must meet the following criteria:
 - Must be a small business by SBA standards;
 - Must be owned and controlled at least 51% by U.S. citizens, or a Community Development Corporation, an agricultural cooperative, or an Indian tribe;
 - Principal office must be located within a “Historically Underutilized Business Zone,” which includes lands considered “Indian Country” and military facilities closed by the Base Realignment and Closure Act;
 - And at least 35% of its employees must reside in a HUBZone.
- For more information, visit www.sba.gov/content/applying-hubzone-program and check out the HUBZone Map at www.sba.gov/content/hubzone-maps.

Benefits of the HUBZone Program:

- Benefits for HUBZone-certified companies include:
 - Competitive and sole source contracting,
 - And 10% price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions, as well as subcontracting opportunities.
- The federal government has a goal of awarding 3% of all dollars for federal prime and sub contracts to HUBZone-certified small business concerns.

Application Process:

- To apply for the HUBZone program, create an account with the SBA General Login System at https://eweb.sba.gov/gls/dsp_addcustomer.cfm?imappsystypnm=SBG.
- You must have the following to login and apply for the application:
 - An active up-to-date Dun and Bradstreet profile and Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number that represents the business for which you are seeking HUBZone Program certification, recertification, program examination, decertification, etc.
 - An active Central Contractor Registration (CCR) and SBA’s Dynamic Small Business Search (DSBS) profile for each of the businesses location(s). A business is identified using your Employer Identification Number (EIN). Learn about and register with CCR at www.ccr.gov.