The Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) Contracting program was enacted into law as part of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997. The program falls under the auspices of the U.S. Small Business Administration. The program encourages economic development in historically underutilized business zones - "HUBZones" - through the establishment of preferences:

**The federal government is required by statute to award 3% of all dollars for federal prime contracts to HUBZone-certified small business concerns.**

SBA’s HUBZone program is in line with the efforts of both the Administration and Congress to promote economic development and employment growth in distressed areas by providing access to more federal contracting opportunities.

### Benefits

- 10% price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions
- Eligibility for HUBZone set aside and sole source contracts
- Help create jobs where they are needed most!

### HUBZones and HUBZone Contracts, FY12

HUBZones in the 48 contiguous US states shown in dark gray. Dots represent HUBZone firms who have won contracts*. Dot size increases with size of contract.

### The Eligibility Requirements

- The business must be small by SBA standards according to the firm’s North American Industry Code System (NAICS code)
- It must maintain a principal office in a HUBZone. The firm’s principal office is the one where the greatest number of employees work (unless the firm is in services or construction).
- It must be owned and controlled at least 51% by U.S. citizens, or a Community Development Corporation, an agricultural cooperative, or an Indian tribe
- At least 35%, rounded up, of all of its employees must reside in a HUBZone.

### For More Information

- Find out if you are in a HUBZone at www.sba.gov/content/hubzone-maps.
- The HUBZone Program Office holds virtual Office Hours every week. Check out the HUBZone website for details: www.sba.gov/hubzone

For more information about Government Contracting, visit http://www.sba.gov/contracting

The HUBZone Helpdesk can be reached at: hubzone@sba.gov

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