

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Small Business Administration

Programs with PZ Benefits:

Historically Underutilized Business Zones

Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone)

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/hubzone/>

Benefit Type: Program Assistance

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal

Benefits to Promise Zone: The primary benefit of the HUBZone program is the ability of HUBZone-certified small businesses located within the Promise Zone to have preferred access to competitive and sole source contracting. SBA can increase its outreach to potential HUBZone businesses within each Promise Zone, providing them with training about the HUBZone certification process and helping them improve their access to federal contracts.

Program Description: The HUBZone program promotes economic development and employment growth in distressed areas by providing preferential access to federal contracting opportunities in Historically Underutilized Business zones - "HUBZones." This preferential access is reserved for HUBZone-certified firms and includes limited competition contracts and price evaluation preferences in full and open competitions. The federal government has a goal of awarding 3% of all dollars for federal prime contracts to HUBZone-certified small business concerns.

In order to be eligible for HUBZone certification, a small business must maintain a principal office within a HUBZone, maintain a staff in which at least 35% of the employees reside in a HUBZone, and meet other requirements. SBA maintains the list of HUBZone-certified businesses that it shares with federal agencies looking to procure goods and services. You can determine if an address or a particular area is designated as a HUBZone by using the [HUBZone Maps](#).

Additional Information: You can find an overview of the program by viewing SBA's [HUBZone Video](#). The HUBZone program offers eligibility assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-3pm ET via a toll free number: 1-888-858-2144 access code 1875223#. Access information is available at the [HUBZone website](#). Participants influence the topics by their questions. HUBZone staff facilitates the discussion by providing the answers and introducing specific topics as time allows. You can also request an appointment by completing the [HUBZone Analyst Appointment Form](#) or contacting hubzone@sba.gov.

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