

HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program

this new program allows small firms located in many urban or rural areas to qualify for sole-source and other types of federal contract benefits. HUBZone stands for "historically underutilized business zone."

For more information on the benefits of the HUBZone program, visit https://eweb1sp.sba.gov/hubzone/internet/download/may-1_hubzone_fact_sheet.htm

Additional information of the Hub Zone program

- **Competitive** HUBZone contracts can be awarded if the contracting officer has a reasonable expectation that at least two qualified HUBZone small business concerns (SBCs) will submit offers and that the contract will be awarded at a fair market price.
- **Sole-source** HUBZone contracts can be awarded if the contracting officer determines that:
 - one qualified HUBZone SBC is responsible to perform the contract,
 - two or more qualified HUBZone SBCs are not likely to submit offers and
 - the anticipated award price of the proposed contract, including options, will not exceed:

--- \$5,000,000 for a requirement within the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for manufacturing or

--- \$3,000,000 for a requirement within all other NAICS codes

Full and open competitive contracts can be awarded with a price evaluation preference. The offer of the HUBZone small business must not be 10 percent higher than the offer of a non HUBZone firm.