Small Business Certifications



SBA Certifications: Apply Online.

Applying to SBA is the only way to qualify.

8(a) Business Development

HUBZone

One-time certification; 9 year program term with annual reviews www.sba.gov/8abd

Must recertify every 3 years; can be certified indefinitely www.sba.gov/hubzone

Benefits

- \$ Obtain management & technical assistance through the 7(j) Management and Technical Assistance Services Program.
- \$ May be able to receive 8(a) set-aside and sole source contracts
- \$ Assigned a Business Opportunity Specialist to assist you with your business's growth and contracting needs
- Form joint ventures & teams via Mentor-Protégé Program
- \$ 5% government-wide contracting goal as a small disadvantaged business

- Be eligible for HUBZone set-aside and sole source contracts
- \$ 10% price evaluation preference under full and open competition
- \$ 3% government-wide contracting goal

Eligibility The business (except entity-owned firms*) must:

- I. be small by SBA standards at time of application and throughout the 9 year program term
- be at least 51% unconditionally and directly owned and controlled by one or more socially disadvantaged individuals who are US citizens and are economically disadvantaged
- show potential for success (generally by being in business for two years) and have the necessary financial capacity to successfully perform on federal contracts.
- have all its principals demonstrate good character including not owning any outstanding federal financial obligations.

*Requirements are different for firms that are owned by Entities such as: Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs), Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and Community Development Corporations (CDCs).

All firms that are current Participants in the SBA's 8(a) BD program are automatically deemed to be certified Disadvantaged Business.

The business* must:

- I. be small by SBA standards
- be owned and controlled at least 51% by U.S. citizens; wholly owned or owned in part by one or more Indian Tribal Governments or by a corporation that is wholly owned by one or more Indian Tribal Governments; an ANC owned and controlled by Natives or a direct or indirect subsidiary corporation, joint venture, or partnership of an ANC; wholly owned or owned in part by a CDC; or a small agricultural cooperative or a small business concern wholly owned or owned in party by one or more small agricultural cooperatives
- 3. have a principal office located in a qualified HUBZone (except for certain concerns owned by Indian Tribal Governments)*
- 4. must have at least 35% of its employees reside in a HUBZone. Reside means to live in a primary residence at a place for at least 180 days, or as a currently registered voter, and with intent to live there indefinitely.

*Requirements are different for firms that are owned in whole or in part by Indian Tribal Governments or corporations wholly owned by Indian tribal Governments. See the website for more details.

Self-Certifications: Self Certify at SAM.gov.

Evidence of status will be reviewed if a vendor protests.

Woman Owned Small Business

Must submit eligibility documents to WOSB Repository www.sba.gov/wosb

Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business

Must submit eligibility documents to WOSB Repository www.sba.gov/wosb

Benefits

- \$ 5% government-wide contracting goal
- \$ Eligible for set-aside contracts in certain very underrepresented industries
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- \$ Eligible for set-aside contracts in certain additional underrepresented industries

Eligibility

The business must be:

- I. small by SBA standards
- not less than 51% unconditionally and directly owned and controlled by one or more women who are US citizens

The business must be:

- I. small by SBA standards
- not less than 51% unconditionally and directly owned and controlled by one or more women who are US citizens and are economically disadvantaged

Small

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Small Disadvantaged

www.sba.gov/sdb

- Benefits
- 23% government-wide contracting goal
- **\$** Be eligible for small business set-aside contracts
- 5% government-wide contracting goal

Eligibility

The business must be small according to the SBA standard for its industry (NAICS code)

The business must be:

- small by SBA standards, in its primary industry (NAICS code)
- not less than 51% unconditionally and directly owned and controlled by one or more socially disadvantaged individuals who are US citizens and are economically disadvantaged

Self-Certifications: Self Certify at SAM.gov.

Evidence of status will be reviewed if a vendor protests.

Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business

https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/veteran-contracting-assistance-programs

Benefits

- \$ Preference for VA contracts over all other types of business*
- \$ 3% government-wide contracting goal
- **\$** Be eligible for service disabled veteran set aside contracts from any agency

*firms that wish to contract with VA and/or FAA must apply for certification through the VA website:

Eligibility

The business must be:

- I. small by SBA standards, at time of offer
- not less than 51% owned and controlled by a service-disabled Veteran(s) who has a serviceconnected disability that has been determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense

Glossary

The following individuals are presumed Socially Disadvantaged for 8(a):

Black Americans
Hispanic Americans
Native Americans
Asian Pacific Americans
Subcontinent Asian-Americans

Individuals who establish Social Disadvantage by a preponderance of the evidence (13 CFR 124.103)

Economic Disadvantage thresholds for 8(a), SDB, and EDWOSB:

	8(a) Initial Eligibility (Applicants)	8(a) Continuing Eligibility (Participants), WOSB and SDB
Net worth Assets Average Gross Income	< \$250,000 < \$4 million < \$250,000	< \$750,000 < \$6 million < \$350,000

OWNERSHIP & CONTROL ARE DIFFERENT.

Control for 8(a), HUBZone, WOSB, SDB, & SDV

Means both the long-term decision making and the day-to-day management and administration of the business operations.

Additional Control element for 8(a), WOSB, SDB, SDV

The individual upon whom eligibility is based must hold the highest officer position and have managerial experience of the extent and complexity needed to run the firm.

Additional Control element for 8(a), WOSB

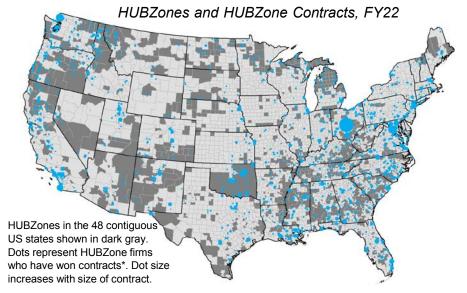
The individual, upon whom eligibility is based, must devote full-time to the business; outside employment may be permissible only after obtaining prior written approval from SBA.

HUBZone Quick Facts

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!

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/hubzone

The HUBZone Program Office holds virtual Office Hours every week. Check out the HUBZone website for details: www.sba.gov/hubzone

Meet with your local SBA District Office to discuss opportunities for contracting. Find your District Office:

http://www.sba.gov

For more information about Government Contracting, visit http://www.sba.gov/contracting
The HUBZone Helpdesk can be reached at:

hubzone@sba.gov

*Source: FPDS-NG, December 4, 2022

U.S. Small Business Administration

Lists for contracting

Top 10 agencies that buy small business.

Agency	Total
DEPT OF THE ARMY	\$21,877,091,413
DEPT OF THE NAVY	\$9,776,050,696
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	\$8,229,748,321
DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE	\$7,782,572,333
VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF	\$7,176,731,073
NATIONAL AERONA TICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION	\$5104,196,982
UNITED STATES MINT	\$4,963,070,878
FEDERAL ACQUISITION SERVICE	\$4,146,679,219
STATE, DEPARTMENT OF	\$4,114,532,963
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION	\$1,925,475,249

Top 10 industries for small business contractors.

NAICS Code 236220	NAICS Description COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	Total Small Business \$11,349,132,885
541712	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHYSICAL, ENGINEERING, AND LIFE SCIENCES (EXCEPT BIOTECHNOLOGY)	\$9,022,658,559
541519	OTHER COMPUTER RELATED SERVICES	\$8,843,769,388
541330	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$8,764,866,894
541512	COMPUTER SYSTEMS DESIGN SERVICES	\$8,658,906,763
541611	ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES	\$8,234,128,149
561210	FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES	\$8,207,913,239
423940	JEWELRY, WATCH, PRECIOUS STONE, AND PRECIOUS METAL MERCHANT WHOLESALERS	\$7,848,477,849
541511	CUSTOM COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SERVICES	\$7,630,079,521
562910	REMEDIATION SERVICES	\$7,270,695,253

Top 10 industries for HUBZone contractors.

NAICS		Total HUBZon
Code	NAICS Description	e
236220	COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$5,268,259,049
237990	OTHER HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTR CTION	\$916,914,401
541519	OTHER COMPUTER RELATED SERVICES	\$890,526,378
237310	HIGHWAY, STREET, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	\$878,841,840
561210	FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES	\$702,230,884
541330	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$446,740,265
561612	SECURITY GUARDS AND PATROL SERVICES	\$312,619,554
541712	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHYSICAL, ENGINEERING, AND LIFE SCIENCES (EXCEPT BIOTECHNOLOGY)	\$203,246,340
541611	ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES	\$115,259,608
315211	MEN'S AND BOYS' C T AND SEW APPAREL CONTRACTORS	\$95,707,542

Source: FPDS; FY19 data current as of 9.15.22