

HUBZones

The HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program stimulates economic development and creates jobs in urban and rural communities by providing Federal contracting preferences for small businesses. These preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) certification in part by employing staff who live in a HUBZone. To qualify for the program, a business must meet the following criteria:

1. It must be a small business by SBA size standards.
2. Its principal office must be located within a HUBZone, which includes lands on federally recognized Indian reservations.
3. It must be owned and controlled by one or more U.S. citizens. Approved ownership can also be by a Community Development Corporation or Indian tribe.
4. At least 35% of its employees must reside in a HUBZone.

The following is a link to the Small Business Administration's HUBZone webpage as well as the HUBZone map for Springfield.

<https://eweb1.sba.gov/hubzone/internet/>