

# WHAT IS THE SBA HUBZONE

The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) Historically Underutilized Business Zone program has been institutionalized as a result of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1999 to stimulate economic development. The SBA creates jobs in both urban and rural communities, providing Federal contracting preferences to small businesses. These program preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone certification in part by employing 35% of their staff who live in a HUBZone. The company must also maintain their "principal office" in one of these specially designated areas. Environment International Ltd. (EI) is a Seattle based HUBZone firm

## Benefits of Contracting with a HUBZone Business

Environment International Ltd. (EI) can provide you with high-quality environmental consulting services while also helping you meet your contracting goals for both **Women-Owned** and **HUBZone Small Businesses**. EI has experience successfully managing and providing services as the prime contractor on multi-million dollar environmental service contracts. Our multi-disciplinary professionals also prove highly valuable as productive members of large prime contractor teams in a subcontractor capacity.

Under formal contracting goals, **3%** or more of both prime contracts and subcontracts awarded by each federal agency are expected to be made with HUBZone small businesses every year. Both the SBA and FAR contracting procedures prioritize contracting with HUBZone small businesses. These acquisition regulations create several convenient contracting mechanisms. A **sole source HUBZone** contract of up to **\$3.5 million** can be awarded if the contracting officer does not have a reasonable expectation that two or more qualified HUBZone small businesses will submit offers, determines that the qualified HUBZone small business is responsible, and ensures that the contract can be awarded at a fair price. A **competitive HUBZone set-aside** contract can be awarded if the contracting officer has a reasonable expectation that at least two responsible HUBZone small businesses will submit offers and that the resulting contract can be awarded at a fair market price. [Contact us](#) today to learn more!