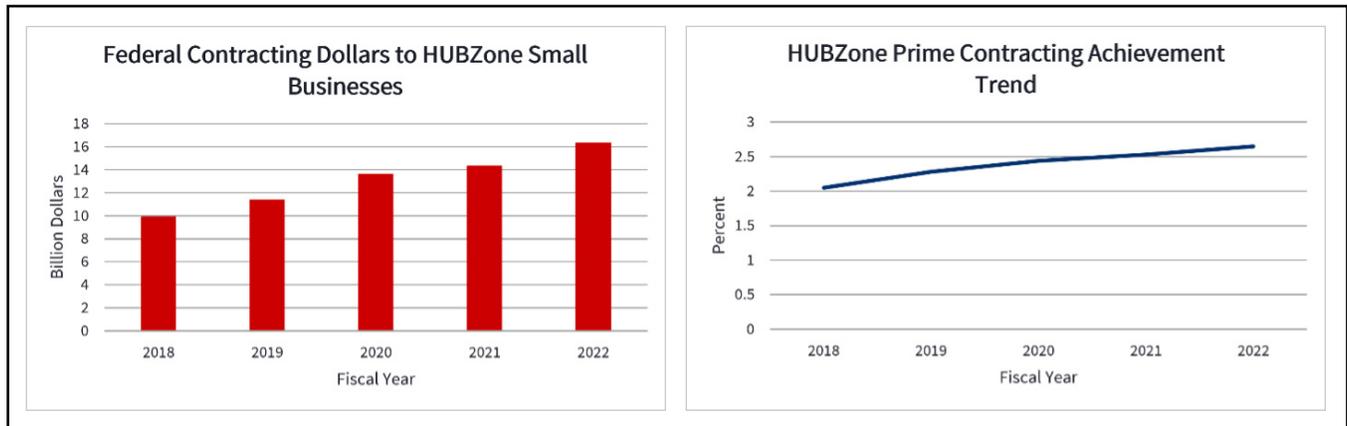
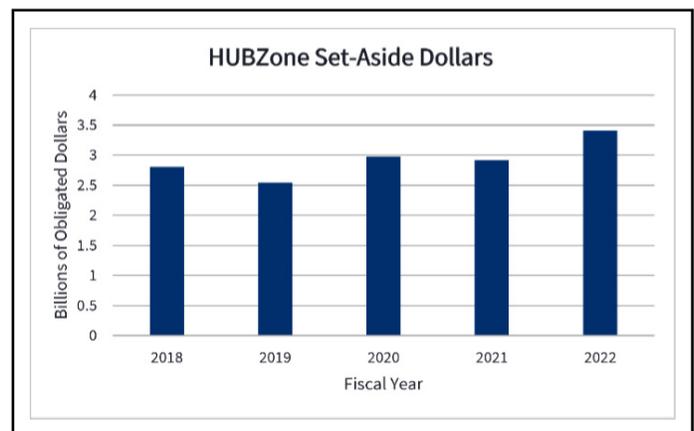


HUBZone Small Business FY2022 Prime Contracting



In Fiscal Year 2022, the government made several exciting changes to level the playing field for businesses in Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZones) in the federal marketplace:

- The SBA announced that a map with updated HUBZone designations and census tract boundaries resulting from the 2020 Census would take effect on July 1, 2023. The revised HUBZone map highlights **growth opportunities for small businesses in more than 20,000 HUBZone areas** across the United States and Territories, including **3,732 newly qualified communities**. In addition, thirteen states have added 234 SBA-approved rural HUBZone designations through a new Governor-Designated Covered Area HUBZone designation.
- A FAR rule issued in FY22 reflects changes made to the HUBZone regulations, effective January 1, 2020, to introduce annual recertification, which allows HUBZone firms to remain certified for a full year, rather than having to represent their certification at the time of each offer. The FAR rule also provides that HUBZone firms only need to prove certification at the time of an offer, rather than two times (once at offer and once at award), reducing the burden on HUBZone businesses, and contracting officers, to repeatedly prove, and check, HUBZone status.
- A comprehensive outreach campaign to educate the procurement community across government about the HUBZone Program, helped drive a record level of contracts to HUBZone certified firms and a five-year high in HUBZone set-aside dollars.
- OMB issued new guidance granting agencies automatic “credit” under category management for all awards given to socioeconomic small businesses.



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