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## *The SBA to Hold Seminar for Small Business Owners in Federally Designated HUBZones*

**New York, NY-** “**The HUBZone Program: Explore the Possibilities,**” is a free half-day seminar sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. General Services Administration. At the event, representatives from the city, state and federal governments will provide instruction on taking advantage of HUBZone certification and be on hand to provide one-to-one counseling.

The event will take place on Wednesday, **September 15, 2004**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 26 Federal Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference center in downtown Manhattan.

Small business owners will also learn if they are located in a HUBZone and have the opportunity to network with decision makers and businesses owners located in HUBZones. As an added benefit, attendees will also learn about selling to GSA as well as SBA loan programs.

“HUBZone certification can translate into lucrative federal government contracting opportunities,” said Jose Sifontes, district director of the SBA’s New York District Office. In fact, HUBZone-certified companies were awarded \$2.44 billion in federal contracts in the last fiscal year.” “There are quite a number of HUBZones in New York, and some business owners don’t even know they’re located in them. This seminar is the perfect opportunity to learn about them,” added Sifontes.

For more information or to register, call 212-264-8265 or e-mail to [R2.SBUC@gsa.gov](mailto:R2.SBUC@gsa.gov). The media is invited to attend.

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