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## HUBZone Contracting

The Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program managed by the US Small Business Administration encourages small businesses to locate in and hire employees from economically disadvantaged areas of the county. Qualified HUBZone companies can receive competitive advantages in winning federal contracts. Virtually all federal agencies participate in the HUBZone program. Three percent (3%) of all federal contracting dollars should be awarded to HUBZone firms annually.

The federal government has set a goal of 3% of all Prime contracting dollars and 3% of all subcontracting dollars. In 2010, the latest year for which HUBZone statistics are available, 2.77% was awarded to HUBZone Primes and 2.00% was awarded to HUBZone subcontractors.

Matanzas Geosciences obtained its HUBZone certification in 2010 and is currently assisting Polu Kai Services with a bioremediation cleanup project for the US Army Reserves at the Orlando Airport. Matanzas is also on the Jacobs team that was awarded an Architect-Engineer Indefinite Delivery Contract with the Mobile District Corps of Engineers in August 2011.