



HUBZone EMPOWERMENT CONTRACTING PROGRAM

<http://www.sba.gov/hubzone>

PROGRAM SUMMARY

MISSION:

- Provide Federal contracting opportunities for certain qualified small business concerns located in distressed communities in an effort to promote private sector investment and employment opportunities in these communities. Fostering the growth of Federal contractors in these areas and ensuring that these contractors become viable businesses for the long term will help to empower these areas.

BACKGROUND:

- Over the past several years, the Administration and Congress have advanced proposals to improve economic opportunities in distressed communities throughout the country. Both the Administration and Congress have sought to promote economic development and employment growth in such communities through access to Federal contract opportunities.
- This program seeks to encourage economic development in historically underutilized business zones – or HUBZones – through establishment of preferences for award of Federal contracts to small businesses located in these areas. The HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program was enacted into law as part of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997. The program falls under the auspices of the U.S. Small Business Administration. The final rule to implement the Program was issued on June 11, 1998.

QUALIFICATION:

- A concern may be determined to be a “qualified HUBZone small business concern” if it is:
 - 1) small by SBA standards;
 - 2) located in an “historically underutilized business zone;”
 - 3) owned and controlled by one or more U.S. citizens, a Community Development Corporation or Indian tribe; and
 - 4) at least 35% of its employees reside in a HUBZone.

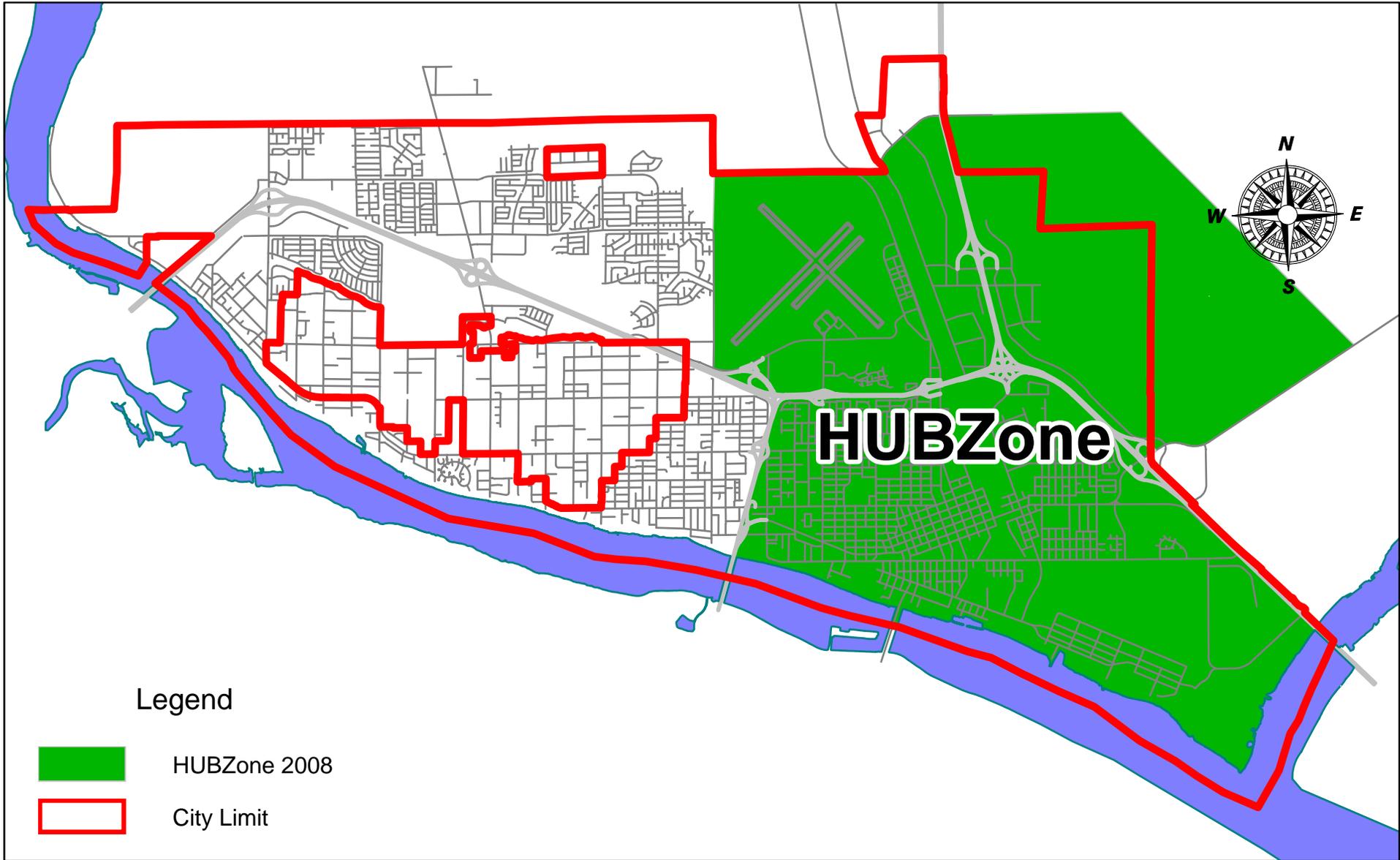
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City of Pasco HUBZones Map

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