



## 2013 Mississippi Statewide 8(a) Application and HUBZone Program Conferences

Presented by the Mississippi U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) District Office in  
Cosponsorship with the South Mississippi Contract Procurement Center

Thursday, July 25, 2013  
Lyman Community Center  
13472 Hwy. 49  
Gulfport, MS

### 8(a) Application Conference

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### HUBZone Conference

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**(Sign-in begins at 8:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. respectively)**



If you are interested in SBA's 8(a) and/or HUBZone Program being a key to your success, then these **free** events are for you. Did you know the Federal Government is the world's largest buyer of goods and services? In 2012, almost \$235 million\* in goods and services were purchased from Mississippi 8(a) and HUBZone certified small businesses. These conferences are solely for **Mississippi** firms interested in certifying their business as 8(a) or HUBZone as well as HUBZone firms interested in recertification. In addition to other eligibility criteria, those pursuing 8(a) must be at least 51% owned/controlled/managed by socially and economically disadvantaged persons and in business for minimum of two years. Also, those pursuing HUBZone must have their principal place of business located in a designated HUBZone in Mississippi (click [HERE](#) to view the HUBZone map) and meet the 35% minimum employee residency requirement in a HUBZone.

#### Benefits:

- Attendees will have their questions answered by SBA 8(a) and HUBZone experts from Washington DC who review/decide upon applications and appeals.
- Approved firms become eligible for 8(a) and HUBZone contract opportunities\*\* (Max of \$6.5 million for sole source manufacturing HUBZone projects and \$4.0 million for all other industries). Higher amounts for both 8(a) and HUBZone competitive projects.
- Joint Ventures/Teaming Opportunities to bid on contracts.
- 24 Major Federal Buying Agencies have a 5% statutory contracting goal for SDB firms (8(a) qualifies automatically) and a 3% goal for HUBZone certified firms.
- And more!

You **cannot** apply for 8(a) or HUBZone certification without a current SAMS profile, DUNS number and GLS login password. Visit [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), <https://iupdate.dnb.com>, [https://eweb.sba.gov/gls/dsp\\_login.cfm](https://eweb.sba.gov/gls/dsp_login.cfm) or contact your local Mississippi SBA Office at [www.sba.gov/ms](http://www.sba.gov/ms) for assistance on SAMS, DUNS, and the SBA's GLS login registration. Go to [www.sba.gov/8a](http://www.sba.gov/8a) or [www.sba.gov/hubzone](http://www.sba.gov/hubzone) for more information regarding SBA's 8(a) and HUBZone programs.



### **SPACE IS LIMITED, SO PRE-REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

- 8(a) Conference - [HERE](#)
- HUBZone Conference - [HERE](#)

Visit <http://www.gulfcoast.org/hotels/> for local lodging options. Click [HERE](#) for directions to the conference site.

**Questions? Call the SBA Mississippi District Office at (601) 965-4378, ext. 10, 13, 14, or 17, the SBA Gulfport Branch Office at (228) 863-4449, ext. 225 or 223 or the South Mississippi Contract Procurement Center at (228) 396-1288.**