



U.S. Small Business Administration

# 2015 Mississippi Statewide 8(a) Application AND Destination HUBZone Conferences

*Presented by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Mississippi District Office*



Wednesday, July 1, 2015  
Mississippi e-Center @ JSU  
1230 Raymond Road – Convention Hall  
Jackson, MS 39204

## 8(a) Application Conference

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Destination HUBZone Conference

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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



**In national and statewide efforts, SBA is seeking firms that may be eligible for its 8(a) and HUBZone Programs for two primary purposes: To increase applications and to expand the number and types of businesses certificated in these highly sought-after federal programs.**

Did you know the federal government is the *world's* largest buyer of goods and services? In 2014, \$213.2 million\* in goods and services were purchased from Mississippi 8(a) and HUBZone certified small businesses. If you are interested in SBA's 8(a) Business Development and/or HUBZone Contracting Programs being a key to your success, then these events are for you. These conferences are solely for **Mississippi** firms interested in certifying their business as 8(a) and/or HUBZone, as well as Mississippi HUBZone firms interested in recertification. In addition to other eligibility criteria, those pursuing 8(a) must be organized for profit, at least 51% owned/controlled/managed by socially and economically disadvantaged persons, and in business for a minimum of two years. NOTE: The 8(a) Application Conference is not intended for current or previously certified 8(a) firms. Also, those pursuing HUBZone certification must have their principal place of business located in a designated HUBZone in Mississippi (click [HERE](#) to view the HUBZone map) must be organized for profit 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 HQ, 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 and \$4.0 million for all other industries). Higher amounts for both 8(a) and HUBZone competitive projects
- Mentor-Protégé Opportunities; Joint Ventures/Teaming Opportunities on contracts
- 24 Major Federal Buying Agencies have a 5% statutory contracting goal for SDB (8(a) qualifies as SDB automatically) and a 3% statutory goal for HUBZone
- And more!

You **cannot** apply for 8(a) or HUBZone certification without a current SAM 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 SAM, 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) Application Conference:** <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/jacksonmssbagov-7746052449?s=37419802>

**Destination HUBZone Conference:** <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/jacksonmssbagov-7746052449?s=38416250>

Click [HERE](#) for directions to the conference site.

**Questions? Call the SBA Mississippi District Office at (601) 965-4378, ext. 17, 13, or 14**

\*Source: Federal Procurement Data System - Next Generation (FPDS-NG). \*\*SBA does not guarantee contracts. All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.