



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

June 11, 2012

The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senator
317 Federal Building, 220 E Rosser
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

Dear Senator Hoeven:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of Mr. Wayne Keplin, President of Keplin Construction, regarding the possibility of expediting his firm's HUBZone application.

The time to process a HUBZone application is generally 90 days. Please keep in mind, however, that processing times for individual applications can vary greatly depending on the complexity of a case and an applicant's responsiveness to any requests for additional information. The policy of the HUBZone Office is for applications to be reviewed as they are received and does not allow for the expediting of individual HUBZone applications. Mr. Keplin's application was received on May 25, 2012, and supporting documentation was requested May 29, 2012, with a due date of June 12, 2012. We have not received any of the requested documents from Mr. Keplin. Once we have the documents, we will review Mr. Keplin's HUBZone application, and he will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause Mr. Keplin, but assure you his application will receive the same fair and thorough review as all other HUBZone applications. Mr. Keplin may check the status of his application by contacting the HUBZone Helpdesk at hubzone@sba.gov, or by phoning (202) 205-8885.

We appreciate your continued support of the North Dakota small business community. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact our Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Mariana Pardo
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HUBZone Program