

HUBZone Council Industry Advisory



Legislative Update

DECEMBER 12, 2017

NDAAs Has Been Signed into Law: HUBZone Maps Will Not Change until 2020

The 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) has been approved by both houses of Congress and was signed into law on December 12, 2017. It includes important changes to the HUBZone Program which represent the culmination of the HUBZone Council's advocacy efforts in 2017.

The NDAA makes the following changes to the HUBZone Program:

- Freezes HUBZone maps until January 1, 2020, and transitions the program to map updates only every 5 years after 2020. (This means that redesignated areas that were set to expire in 2018 and 2019 will remain HUBZones at least until 2020.)
- Provides state governors with the ability to petition the Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator to designate areas that have an average unemployment rate at least 120% of national or state average, whichever is lower, as HUBZones. (Petitions require annual resubmission.)
- Removes the qualifier "nonmetropolitan" from "state median income" when determining HUBZone Program eligibility for counties, expanding the number of counties that qualify for HUBZone designation.
- Requires the SBA to process HUBZone certification applications within 60 days of receipt.
- Ensures that Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC) counties receive HUBZone eligibility for a full 8 years, beginning on the date they are designated a BRAC.
- Requires the SBA to conduct a study on small business participation on multiple award contracts (MACs).

Thanks to the grassroots advocacy of the Council and its members, we were able to focus Congressional attention on the vital need to reform the HUBZone Program and ensure that changes were included in the NDAA. HUBZone Council Chair Shirley Bailey and Council members Robert Schuerger and Dennis DuFour testified before Congress. In addition, Council members made calls, sent letters, and held a Legislative Fly-in event on Capitol Hill where these changes were discussed with lawmakers. And our advocacy professionals at Madison Services Group provided critical advice and support throughout the process.

Thank you to all Council members who assisted in this advocacy effort, especially the Council's Advocacy Team members. We look forward to building on our momentum and working toward more improvements in the HUBZone Program in 2018.

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

JOIN the ADVOCACY TEAM

This is a critical time for the HUBZone Program. The Council needs your support to encourage Congress to make needed improvements in the Program.

The Advocacy Team (A-Team) helps fund the Council's lobbying efforts.

Questions about the A-Team? Call 703-237-3674.



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