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## National Preparedness Month



National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family, community and business disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, hurricanes and wildfires, there is no better time to be involved this September.

[Learn more](#)

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## SBA Elevates Women-Owned Small Businesses

By SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza

Did you know that just three decades ago, women were still required to have a male cosigner on a loan?

While women business owners still face some barriers and challenges, tremendous inroads have been made in the struggle for equal rights and access to opportunity. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is proud to have played a role in supporting women entrepreneurs and helping to enable women-owned businesses to grow at twice the rate of all businesses nationwide.



[Learn more](#)

A graphic for the HubZone Program. The left side is a dark blue rectangle with a red-bordered box containing the text "HUBZONE PROGRAM:" in white. Below this, the text "WHAT TO KNOW FACT SHEET" is written in large white letters. At the bottom left is the SBA logo (the letters "SBA" in a square) and the text "U.S. Small Business Administration". The right side of the graphic is a photograph of a woman with glasses working on a circuit board.

Did you know that the federal government has a goal to award at least 3% of all federal contracting dollars to certified small businesses in historically underutilized business zones?

[Learn more](#)

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# Join the SBA Team:

Employment opportunities  
to support SBA's COVID-19  
pandemic response



The SBA is hiring temporary employees to assist with disaster relief efforts during these unprecedented times. The positions include:

- Call Center Customer Service Representative
- Document Preparation/Legal Review/Loan Closings
- Loan Processing/Credit Analysis/Mortgage Underwriting
- Program Support

[Apply today](#)

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## Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **[disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **[sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert](https://sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert)**



### Federal Coronavirus Resources

State, local, and federal agencies are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Check out [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov) for updates from the White House's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force. Go to [cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov) for detailed information about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[Learn more about the federal government's response](#)



### Virtual Mentoring and Training

Offices around the country may be closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, Veterans Business Outreach Centers and other resource partners are providing free business mentoring and training by phone, email, and video.

[Find an SBA resource partner near you](#)

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