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## HUBZone Council Chair Meets HUBZone Program Acting Director



Newlan (left) and Bouchard-Hall

WASHINGTON -- HUBZone Council Chair Ronald Newlan held his first meeting with newly-appointed HUBZone Program Acting Director Derek Bouchard-Hall on January 25 at the Small Business Administration's (SBA) headquarters in Washington, D.C. They discussed issues of interest to HUBZone Council member companies and strategies for improving the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program.

"It was a productive meeting," said Newlan. "Acting Director Bouchard-Hall communicated his intention to improve the program's application process and customer service quality while expanding fraud detection and monitoring controls. The HUBZone Council enthusiastically supports his initiatives."

Council Secretary and Legal Counsel David Taylor and Council Executive Director Mark Crowley also participated in the meeting. A number of issues impacting HUBZone-certified companies were addressed and a cooperative working foundation between the SBA and the Council was reconfirmed.

### ***About the HUBZone Council***

*The HUBZone Contractors National Council is a bi-partisan, volunteer membership, trade association that represents companies certified as HUBZone firms by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) Empowerment Contracting Program provides access to federal contracts to companies located in designated areas, often inner cities and rural regions, to promote job growth and prosperity in these locations.*

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