

THE HUBSTER

NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES

February 2022 Edition

A Message from the Director



Director Tammie Hall

In honor of Black History Month, the NC Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses is proud to carry forth the legacy of advocacy and fostering the growth and success of historically underutilized businesses as set forth by trailblazers like the late [Andrea Harris](#). We pause to celebrate the contributions you make, and join Governor Cooper in acknowledging the work left to be done!

Vendor Spotlight: Karma Contracting

In 2001 during fall football camp at Appalachian State, I had a career ending knee injury. During the four months on crutches, I decided to become an advocate for underprivileged youth and individuals struggling to maintain in society. The goal was to help individuals focus on business careers instead of entertainment or sports. This marked the beginning of my entrepreneurial journey. In 2018 Karma Contracting was the first black business to win minority business of the year for the city of High Point and HUB business of the year for the state of North Carolina.



Karim Razzak



Celebrating Black History Month

Governor Roy Cooper acknowledged and honored the contributions of black North Carolinians in the STEM fields, highlighting the critical work of black mathematicians, scientists, doctors and engineers, and how their hard work benefits everyone.

He also paid tribute to the important role of North Carolina's 12 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in shaping future leaders and cultivating our talented, diverse workforce.

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Vendor Spotlight: (cont'd)

Karim Razzak (cont'd) I'm honored to have the opportunity to share during Black History month what HUB certification means for my business. HUB certification may be obtained by any minority business. Once certified, the company's information is entered into a statewide data base that's accessed by general contractors on all state or public projects. Projects must have a certain amount of minority participation. Having my HUB certification opens up business opportunities that wouldn't exist for small underutilized businesses. The HUB office is a vital component to the diversity and inclusion of businesses in the state of North Carolina.

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Throughout the growth of Grace Federal Solutions, LLC (Grace), there have been mentors who helped and encouraged me along the way. Director Tammie Hall and her wonderful team at NC HUB are among those mentors.



Iris Phillips, Founder and President

She and her team consistently aid and provide words of encouragement that allow me to focus on my vision of Grace as a company that improves the quality of life for those in North Carolina and beyond. With HUB's support, Grace has become a recognizable and respected name in the health care, clinical research and information technology arenas, known for quality, professionalism, and positive results. Since its inception, HUB has been at the forefront in ensuring historically underutilized businesses are provided a fair playing field on which to highlight their services. Growing up in a small town in Eastern NC during the 1960's, it was rare that I saw business owners who looked like me represented in the businesses my family patronized. While my parents encouraged their children to follow their dreams, the lack of representation made them somewhat difficult to visualize. As I reflect during this Black History Month, I am encouraged that organizations like HUB exist. I hope my certification and visibility within HUB helps future generations visualize their dreams and know that they are possible.

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Calling all HUB Vendors: Remember to keep your IPS profile updated! Please ensure your contact information and email address is correct—this is how HUB is able to contact you about events and how you learn about bid opportunities. Update your IPS profile [here](#).

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The Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses would like to welcome our certified vendors from January 2022!

HighImpact	T & M DECKING INC	CES MAIL COMMUNICATIONS, INC
KEEP TRUCKIN' LLC	Calvin L. Sexton Transportation LLC	Costoonz LLC
Create Auto Body Shop	Mother Murphy's Laboratories, Inc	The Cavali Group LLC
Jordan's Specialties Inc.	Blackowned CLT Inc	Rooms, Vroom and Zoom, LLC
Elle Rae Photography, LLC	C.W. Transport Group, LLC	Olus LLC
The Klean Team	Harmony Financial Resource Center, LLC	Vertical Affirmations Construction, LLC
Topknot salon Llc	KEA Contracting, Inc.	MJK TRANSPORTATION LLC
Time Management Global llc	ASG Construction Services, LLC	P.Sharelle & Co. Hair Studio
Baby Gooroo	AOA Signs Inc	Speech Tactics, PC
T. A. Rupert Waterproofing, Inc	DroneScape, PLLC	Full Time Fitness
A & D Enterprises, Inc	The Edmunds Group	RusMed Consultants
DOGON Market, INC	Forward Transport Solutions LLC	Gupton Trucking LLC
Stay With Family Home Care LLC	King's Consultant LLC	Wilburn Medical USA
Visions of Hope Therapeutic Services PLL	K-mans Logistics LLC	McCall Commercialized Consulting
Root Cause Collective	Tameran Baxter Inc	Open Door Home Solutions LLC
Paige Moore	Lions Turf Landscaping & sons	Frankel Staffing Partners
Robert L Young, DDS. P.L.L.C.	SNK Engineering PLLC	J.E.T. Construction Llc
Vaccinated Enthusiast	Pineland Contracting LLC	Touch of Class LLC
Howard Brothers Electric of Charlotte LLC	MyETC	Leading Legacies Consulting Services LLC
Advanced Traffic Worx LLC	Main-One (M-1) Security, Inc	CORPORATE DISTRIBUTION SERVICE
Carolina Online Institute	BHSC	Watana Engineering PLLC
Semaphore Software llc	Apex Logistics & Transports LLC	WIDJIT Service Group LLC
Garmon & Company, Inc	Kleen Bill LLC	
MENDEZ WELDING LLC	ConnectDotsSolution LLC	
DESCO INC	Actus Policy Research, LLC	
VIDEO is Vital, LLC	Cisco Site Service, LLC	
Grace Federal Solutions, LLC	Koded Wines & Spirits, LLC	
Miles Enterprise Solutions	af2d trucking inc	
ShareBiz Group, LLC	Black Pearl Global Investments	
Smallcakes Hickory Corporation	EOS Remediation, LLC	
Law Office of Ticora E. Davis, PLLC	Wrightsville Beach Plumbing	
SneakyPutter, LLC	ESRA Facility Management & Con	
US Supply LLC	Quantum Insulation Inc	
Family for Families	DBS Consulting	
Pure Grind Fitness	AlphaGraphics Cary - N. Raleigh	
DTW ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS LTD	Made You Look Salon	
Vick Companies, LLC	Racial Equity Institute, LLC	
Symmetry Behavioral Health Systems LLC	Vick Trucking, LLC	
Jr Auto Style	Comenzar Inc dba ATG	
MIIlden Pressure Washing	Stafford Act and Disaster Recovery Service	

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