HUB or HUBZone: What is the difference?

The UT Austin Historically Underutilized Business/Small Business Office is charged with administering both the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Program as well as the Federal Small Business Program for the university. Although the two programs share a common goal of promoting job growth, capital investment, and economic development through contracting opportunities, some are often under the misperception that the two programs are identical or that certification is reciprocal. The State of Texas HUB program provides certification and information to minority and women owned businesses with their principal place of business in Texas. The federal HUBZone program, offers information and assistance to small businesses in economically distressed communities, referred to as HUBZones, throughout the nation. In addition to the HUBZone designation, the Federal Small Business Program also assists other categories of business concerns such as 8(a), veteran, minority, women, and Small Disadvantaged owned businesses. As a major research university, as well as a university of first class we strive to provide opportunity to all business concerns in a fair and equitable manner. If you are a business interested in contracting with the university please do not hesitate to contact our office concerning opportunities on the State or the Federal level. We are more than willing to assist you in both areas. If you are a department concerned with contracting goals for your department using State funds, Federal funds, or a combination of both, we are more than happy to offer assistance in planning and goal setting as well.

For more information on State of Texas HUB Program:
http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/

For more information on the US Small Business Administration HUBZone Program
http://www.sba.gov/hubzone/