

## **A Message from the Director**



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

**Director Tammie Hall** 

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 atAppalachian State, I had a career ending kneeinjury. During the four months on crutches,I decided to become an advocate forunderprivileged youth and individuals strugglingto maintain in society.

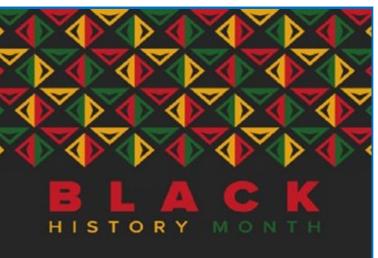
The goal was to help individuals focus on business

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.

View Governor Cooper's Speech Honoring Black History

### **Upcoming Events**

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### **HUB Resources**

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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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### Grace Federal Solutions, LLC (Grace)



Throughout the growth of Grace Federal Solutions, LLC (Grace), there have been mentors



Iris Phillips, Founder and President

who helped and encouraged me along the way. Director Tammie Hall and her wonderful team at NC HUB are among those mentors. 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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The Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses would like to welcome our certified vendors from January 2022!

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