

Fiscal Year 2013 Annual HUB Report Supplemental Summary for Agency 580

The Texas Water Development Board (Board) is dedicated to supporting the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program by actively seeking HUB participation in all procurement opportunities. As a result of our *good faith efforts*, the Board conducted more than 1,130 individual transactions with HUB vendors in various procurement categories. In addition, the Board also put forth the following efforts to increase HUB participation throughout fiscal year 2013:

- Participated in economic opportunity forums, spot bid fairs, and business networking sessions held around the state;
- Emphasized and increased outreach and marketing efforts to educate current HUB vendors on specific Board procurement opportunities;
- Assisted interested HUB vendors with the state's HUB certification process, and with the processes of other recognized certification programs;
- Attended pre-bid meetings to ensure that potential responders understand and comply with applicable HUB subcontracting plan requirements;
- Served as a liaison between the Board's purchasing staff and interested HUB vendors interested in introducing and showcasing their goods and services;
- Posted to the agency's website, online information and guidance related to the HUB program.

The Board also had additional HUB use and participation in other areas of business, which is not reflected in the agency's HUB expenditure report. This includes:

- Administration of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a recipient of EPA federal loans and grants, the Board implemented and currently administers the DBE program consistent with federal regulations. Between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013, approximately \$40,163,442 was awarded to disadvantaged businesses through the DBE program;
- Utilization of minority owned underwriting firms for the issuance of bonds.

The Board fully supports the idea that all qualified businesses deserve the opportunity to compete in the State's procurement process, and is committed to increasing the potential for HUB participation in all Board expenditures. To that extent, we will continue current efforts that have proven successful, and explore new opportunities wherever possible. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 936-6079 for additional information or clarification.



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