

Fiscal Year 2017 Annual HUB Report Supplemental Summary for Agency 580

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) 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 TWDB solicited bids from approximately 800 HUB vendors and was able to award more than 160 transactions to HUB merchants in various procurement categories

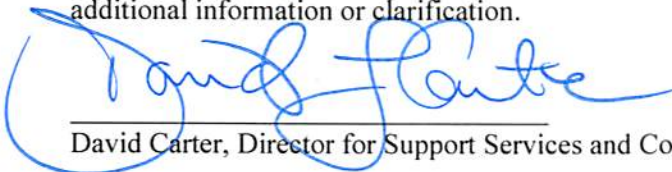
In addition, the TWDB also put forth the following efforts to increase HUB participation during the 2017 Fiscal Year (09/01/2016 – 08/31/2017):

- Successfully added new HUB Vendors to the TWDB's vendor pool;
- Participated in economic opportunity forums 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 TWDB also had additional minority and women owned business 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 TWDB implemented and currently administers the DBE program consistent with federal regulations.

The TWDB 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 TWDB 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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