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Agency 727 – Fiscal 2017 Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) remains committed to the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. The agency goal is to provide procurement and contracting opportunities for qualified businesses through a competitive procurement process. TTI continues efforts to diversify the vendor base and build on successful in-reach and outreach programs. In addition, the agency partners with other Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) members to maximize HUB participation through collaborative efforts to identify, educate and assist HUB and potential HUB vendors.

A service agency within The Texas A&M University System, TTI's mission is to solve transportation problems through research, to transfer technology and to develop diverse human resources to meet the transportation challenges of tomorrow. As a research agency, there are occasions that TTI must expend funds for unique proprietary equipment and commodities for which there are no HUB sources. These types of expenditures significantly reduce TTI's HUB participation percentage.

TTI's good faith efforts to increase the HUB participation level and the diversification of vendors include the following in-reach and outreach initiatives:

- Continuous promotion of the HUB Program and assistance in identifying and use of HUB vendors for spot purchases through an open door policy for HUB vendor visits and certification assistance to vendors.
- Identification of subcontracting opportunities in contracts over \$100,000.
- Member of the TAMUS Cooperative Mentor Protégé Program – sponsoring agency for mentor/protégé agreement.
- Participation and training within the HUB Discussion Workgroup and the Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance (TUHCA). Host of TUHCA Central/Gulf Coast Chapter website.
- Advertisement in Minority Business Organization publications through TUHCA membership.
- Participation and training at TAMUS HUB Coordinators meetings and Texas State Comptroller events.
- Participation in local Specialized Forums and individual meetings to promote the HUB Program.
- Participation in various Specialized Vendor and Economic Opportunity Forums including:
 - 28th Annual TIBH Products and Services Expo – Austin – Sept. 22, 2016
 - Co-sponsored A&M System-wide HUB Fair & System Meeting – College Station – Oct. 05, 2016
 - Stephen F. Austin State University HUB Event – Nacogdoches – Oct. 20, 2016
 - Dallas/Ft. Worth Minority Supplier Development Council – San Antonio – Dec. 06, 2016
 - Bexar Co. Small, Minority, Women & Veteran Business Owners Conf. – San Antonio – Dec. 07, 2016
 - Golden Triangle HUB Procurement Connection Seminar & Expo – Beaumont – Feb. 17, 2017
 - Texas Department of Motor Vehicles HUB Event – Austin – Apr. 04, 2017
 - University of Houston HUB Event – Houston – Apr. 05, 2017
 - TAMUS Procurement & HUB Workgroup & Training/Presentation – College Station – Apr. 19, 2017
 - Access 2017 HUB Fair – Irving – May 08 – 09, 2017

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