



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

717 – Fiscal 2019 Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

Texas Southern University (TSU) is fully committed to providing procurement and contracting opportunities to Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). Therefore, Texas Southern University will make a *Good Faith Effort* to meet or exceed the award of goods, services, and construction contracts to HUBs in accordance with the Texas Gov't Code § 2161.252 and Texas Administrative Code § 111.14.

Good Faith Efforts include; however, are not limited to:

- Participation in local area HUB events with Community Partners and State Organizations
- Attended multiple Regional HUB Conferences, Expos, Conferences, Workshops and Outreach Opportunities.
- Participated as panelist, presenters or facilitators in multiple HUB related forums. One being in the field of Construction and invited five Prime Contractors to participate with the Greater Houston Black Chamber.
- Continued to gain momentum and obtain community/agency partnerships to give the HUB Program more notoriety, outreach and mentor assistance.
- Completed several training sessions offered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to increase knowledge on HUB utilization methods and objectives.
- Attended multiple HDWG conference calls and trainings and received ideas to better serve HUBs.
- TSU has received multiple awards in relation to its continued commitment to HUBs and diverse businesses.

Texas Southern University held its 2nd Annual Red Carpet Training, HUB Fair and Vendor Expo. This was a two-part experience. The series began with a training sessions specifically for staff that have a fiduciary responsibility to TSU as being good stewards of monetary spend of state funds. The training consisted of all subdivisions of the Office of Procurement Services. Staff received training on the *Good Faith Effort* that the University must adhere as an attempt to meet or exceed state HUB percentage goals.

The entire University, community partners and Houston Community also participated in the HUB Fair and Vendor Expo. There were over 200 attendees and over 60 vendors had an opportunity to exhibit their goods or services. Several TSU departments, such as, Facilities, Maintenance and Construction, IT, Procurement also had exhibit booths to interact with the HUB vendors and attendees.

TSU completed the construction of the multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art, Library Learning Center where many HUBs were used in both the Tier I and Tier II operatives. This led to a great reporting of HUB spend with the hope of exceeding the HUB percentage goals during the semi and annual reporting periods.

The Texas Southern University is currently working on a strategic plan with its community partners, Government Purchasing Organizations, and local universities. This is an effort to provide more trainings, mentoring and events that will assist the continued growth of opportunities for the HUBs in Houston and the Greater Third Ward Area.

Texas Southern University submits this supplemental letter to provide additional information and background related to its HUB Program. Please address inquiries to the Office of Procurement Services, Purchasing Division's HUB Program at HUBDocuments@TSU.EDU.



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