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**Supplemental Summary for FY19 Annual HUB Report
Midwestern State University - Agency 735**

Midwestern State University (MSU) is committed to a “Good Faith Effort” to increase purchases and contract awards to Historically Underutilized Business firms consistent with the State’s goals for HUB participation and overall economic development. Purchasing will conduct its work in accordance with federal and state law and will perform socioeconomic programs mandated by the Texas Legislature. It is the intention of Midwestern State University to develop and expand a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program that will assist small, minority, and woman-owned businesses to do business with Midwestern State University and the State of Texas.

Our efforts are shown below.

- Attended a vendor fair hosted by a local vendor to encourage vendors to go to the state HUB vendor website to become certified HUB vendors on February 1, 2019.
- Attended a quarterly business seminar provided by MSU SBDC to create awareness with local vendors in community regarding HUB on July 17, 2019.
- Hosted first HUB vendor fair on campus on June 13, 2019 for MSU community awareness.

Ongoing Activities:

- Create an environment to adequately manage the HUB program.
- Training on the HUB program is implemented to faculty and staff throughout the year with our training processes.
- Continue to use the centralized master bidders list (CMBL) to increase the bids solicited from HUB’s.
- Continue to utilize Cooperative and purchasing contracts with HUB awarded vendors.
- Continue to introduce new HUB vendors to Midwestern State University for additional procurement opportunities.
- Maintain an open door policy in which minority businesses can come by and ask assistance in understanding the HUB certification, ESBD, and educate vendors on cooperative opportunities and “How to do Business” with Midwestern State University and the State of Texas.

Midwestern State University continues to outsource construction services. While being a cost savings to the University, this will have an adverse effect on our HUB program. The University still remains committed to growing the subcontracting opportunities for HUB vendors by reviewing the HSP plans for discussion of best value to the University.

Midwestern State University is located in the North Central Texas region of the State. With the 17 HUB vendors in this region (11 counties) makes it difficult to selecting a HUB vendor from a competitive standpoint. Most HUB vendors are located a minimum of 120 miles from the University. Their pricing of bids makes it extremely difficult to be competitive with local bidders. However, MSU continues to seek to increase HUB participation in awards and expenditures.

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