

Office of the Controller

Re: Supplemental Letter for FY2019 Semi-Annual HUB Report for Agency Number 783

The University of Houston System (UHS) HUB Program is committed to expanding business opportunities available in order to promote the successful development of growing businesses, to have a positive impact on improving our local economy and to give back to our community. We encourage solicitations from HUB vendors in an effort to award more contracts to those businesses. The HUB Operations Department is responsible for compliance with state HUB requirements, ensuring the university meets its HUB goals, and conducting HUB outreach.

Good faith effort and key accomplishments for the UHS HUB Program during the reporting period (September 1, 2018-February 28, 2019) include:

- Hosted Construction HUB Fair (September 12, 2018) in which HUB vendors were invited to hear about upcoming construction projects and meet one on one with UH prime contractors.
- Hosted POSSIBLE HTX, a collaboration between the University of Houston System and Univision, American Spanish language broadcast television network. The goal of the summit was focused on promoting and growing new and seasoned business within the Hispanic Community.
- In concert with a prime contractor hosted an Advanced Construction College at UHS. The class consisted of three (3) day sessions designed to augment best construction industry principles. Participants studied various modules which highlighted the foundations of Project Management as it relates to day-to-day operations and multi-million dollar projects. Session tips, tools, resources and strategies were offered throughout the course. All classes were taught by industry experts.
- Hosted UH HUB Vendor Fair (October 3, 2018), in which 75 HUB exhibitors and over 300 university personnel were in attendance (annual event held in October)
- Attended various outreach events in Houston and around the state as a panelist or exhibitor.
- The University of Houston System renewed its marketing campaign with D-Mars Publications. Monthly advertising in D-Mars publications are sent on behalf of the University of Houston to various vendors informing them of solicitation opportunities and training seminars. The D-Mars publications are widely read by the Houston minority community.
- Host monthly meet and greets, every first Wednesday of the month. The University holds one-on-one meetings with HUB vendors and potential HUB vendors. The meetings provide HUB vendors with an opportunity to speak in depth with HUB Operations personnel about their business.

The HUB Program continues to be a priority at the University of Houston System. We will continue to identify and encourage HUB participation in the competitive bidding process with the objective of increasing the number of contracts and subcontracts awarded to HUB vendors.

Regards,



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