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### **554–Fiscal Year 2020 Semi-Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter**

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is dedicated to the utilization of Texas certified Historically Underutilized Business' (HUBs) in its procurement process by providing contracting opportunities directly and indirectly to HUBs. The agency promotes HUB inclusion by actively seeking HUB vendors throughout the State and encouraging prime contract vendors to extend opportunities to HUBs.

The TAHC increased the total dollars spent with HUBs from \$166,473 reported in the FY19 Semi-Annual Report, to \$235,794 reported during the first six months of the FY20 Semi-Annual Reporting period. This reflects a 41.6 percent increase in the TAHCs overall HUB performance and good faith efforts in accordance with 34 Texas Administrative Code Rule §20.284.

During this FY20 Semi-Annual Reporting period, TAHC HUB outreach included the following:

- Adjusted the agency HUB goals for FY20 based on historical trends;
- Updated the agency's external websites to provide an overall working knowledge of the HUB and Procurement programs within the agency;
- Participated in monthly statewide HUB Coordinators Discussion Workgroup meetings;
- Participated in Economic Opportunity Forums (EOF) and HUB related events throughout the State to share bid opportunities with the HUB vendor community;
- Followed up with HUB vendors after HUB events to extend bidding opportunities for the TAHC's procurement initiatives; and
- Provided information to vendors on state procurement requirements and how to do business with the TAHC through one-on-one meetings, email, and by telephone.

The TAHC is strongly committed to the State of Texas HUB Program and will continue efforts to increase the TAHC's HUB participation as it relates to contracting and subcontracting opportunities. Should you have any questions regarding the agency's program, please contact Marita Washington at (512) 719-0762 or [Marita.Washington@TAHC.texas.gov](mailto:Marita.Washington@TAHC.texas.gov).

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