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**Supplemental Summary Letter – FY 2021 Annual HUB Report for Agency #448**

The Office of Injured Employee Counsel is administratively attached to the Texas Department of Insurance and therefore TDI procures goods and services for OIEC. OIEC and TDI are committed to including Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in procurements by providing opportunities for both direct contracting and subcontracting.

OIEC and TDI's "Good Faith Efforts" to ensure continued HUB participation during FY21 included:

- Continued support of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC) and the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC).
- Attended several virtual HUB forums sponsored by organizations, businesses, and governmental entities to locate businesses that would provide goods and services for the agency.
- Attended and actively participated in quarterly HUB Discussion Workgroup meetings.
- Ensured that contract specifications, terms, and conditions reflected the agency's actual requirements, were clearly stated, and did not impose unreasonable or unnecessary contract requirements.
- Prepared and distributed information on procurement procedures in a manner that encouraged participation in agency contracts by all businesses.
- For informal purchases, encouraged purchasing staff to procure items from a HUB if the HUB's bid was within 10 percent of the lowest bid and the HUB was able to meet the procurement need.
- In accordance with Section 2161.252 of the Texas Government Code, required respondents to solicitations with an expected value over \$100,000 to complete and submit a HUB Subcontracting Plan. The agency also requested and encouraged respondents to solicitations with an expected value under \$100,000 to complete and submit a HUB Subcontracting Plan.
- Upon request, provided a list of HUBs by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) class and item code to vendors to assist the vendors in locating potential subcontractors to respond to solicitations.
- Assisted potential respondents with the HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) process by offering courtesy reviews of draft HSPs prior to final proposal submission.

OIEC and TDI support the Texas HUB Program and will continue to pursue HUB participation in the agency's procurement process. Questions regarding the OIEC and TDI HUB Program can be forwarded to me at 512-676-6609 or [Melissa.Burkhart@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:Melissa.Burkhart@tdi.texas.gov).



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