

## ***Supplemental Letter - Annual FY21 HUB Report for Agency 738***

The University of Texas at Dallas continues our commitment to expanding our good faith efforts to offer contracting opportunities to qualified HUB vendors. Supplier Diversity Programs partners closely with the University's Purchasing office, the UT System Administration, campus stakeholders, local Chambers of Commerce, and vendors to increase HUB participation and enhance competition.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the winter storms of last February continue to impact our program. Discretionary spending was curtailed for most of FY21, and re-opening campus has been slow. However, we were able to heavily leverage HUB suppliers to meet videoconferencing and other IT needs. UT Dallas spent over \$10 million dollars with HUB suppliers in this area. We also continue to look to HUB suppliers for PPE and sanitization services. The pandemic has also curtailed the number of events we were able to participate in, though we took advantage of virtual events whenever possible.

In the area of construction and related trades, many of our construction resources have focused on damages from the winter storms – where we were forced to use available vendors who were not HUBs. This left us slightly short of our goals in these areas.

Despite the impact of the pandemic and the winter storms on spending, UT Dallas maintained 28% HUB spend overall, steady from last year.

### ***Supportive services offered to vendors:***

- Attendance at vendor expos
- Hosting annual HUB vendor fair
- Oversight of Mentor-Protege program
- "Matchmaker" between vendors and campus decision-makers

### ***Outreach Activities***

- HMSDC Expo and Spot Bid Fair
- UT Systemwide HUB Construction Opportunities Forecast, Goods & Services Outreach webinar, and Contractor Guide training events.
- Senator Royce West's Spot Bid Fair and HUB Expo
- HDWG and DIR webinars
- Sponsored "Meet and Greet" event for Chartwells and food service vendors

### ***Campus Inreach Activities***

- Provided updates on HUB program to large meetings of campus stakeholders
- Conducted data-focused stakeholder meetings to review past use of HUB vendors and identifying upcoming projects. SDP staff met with representatives from every school and division at least once during the fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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