



# UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

## Historically Underutilized Business Program Office

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley continues its commitment to the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. Our University maintains an ambitious outreach program in the Rio Grande Valley. We assume a leadership position among other state and local agencies in promoting HUB issues in our area and encourage non-certified minority and women owned businesses to become HUB certified. An element of this effort is to facilitate the application process as much as possible for businesses through working closely with the Texas Procurement and Support Services Office. The University coordinated and/or participated in the following outreach activities during FY 2021:

- Participated in the virtual “Houston Minority Supplier Development Council (HMSDC) Virtual Procurement Spot Bid Fair” on September 15 - 16, 2021
- Participated in the virtual the University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance “Power of Collaboration” Annual Conference on October 15, 2021
- Participated in the virtual “UT Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting – Q1 FY22” on November 18, 2021
- Participated in the virtual “UT Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting – Q2 FY22” on January 6, 2022
- Hosted virtual “HUB Program Texas Education X Advocacy Series” in conjunction with UT System HUB Office on January 27, 2022.
- Participated in virtual “3rd Annual Houston Business Matchmaker” on March 4, 2022
- Participated in the virtual “2nd Annual UT Systemwide Goods & Services HUB Procurement Opportunity Webinar” on April 19, 2022
- Participated in “Doing Business Texas Style” Spot Bid Fair in Irving, Texas on May 2-3, 2022
- Participated in the virtual “2nd Annual UT Systemwide HUB Construction Opportunities Webinar” on June 15, 2022
- Currently hosts over 10 HUB supplier catalogs in the electronic procurement system and in the process of adding a new partner catalog
- HUB Coordinators current areas of engagement:
  - Current President of the South Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance.
  - HUB Coordinator Mentor to the South Texas Procurement and Technical Assistance Center.
- In addition to seminars and conferences attended and sponsored by our office, we have also met virtually with over thirty vendors on an individual basis to help with the HUB application and CMBL process.

We feel that these activities will help increase the number of HUB suppliers in our area. Although we make every effort to procure from HUBs, there are some goods and services for which there are no HUB suppliers available. As an institution of higher education with a medical school, we contract for highly specialized equipment, software and services (e.g., medical, engineering, scientific equipment) for which HUB supply sources do not exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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