

#### 710 - Fiscal 2023 Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) remains committed to making a good faith effort to provide equal access and opportunity to Historically Underutilized Businesses within the State of Texas. It is the policy of the A&M System to promote and encourage the use of HUBs for the acquisition of all goods and services through outreach in the State of Texas, and to encourage the development of meaningful relationships with HUBs. Led by the Chancellor of the A&M System, this is a top-down administrative commitment for success. Below are examples of outreach efforts made throughout the year in support of the HUB Program.

- Identified, promoted, and recruited HUBs for use throughout the A&M System and the System Offices by hosting, sponsoring, and attending forums, fairs, and events:
  - Participated at the Greater Houston Business Procurement Forum (GHBPF) in September 2022, October 2022, January 2023, February 2023, July 2023, and August 2023.
  - Participated at the Texas A&M University SSC HUB Construction Expo, October 2022
  - Hosted, recorded, and posted webinars explaining HUB processes with the A&M System, January 2023 & April 2023
  - Participated at the D/FWMSDC HARDHAT Construction Expo in Irving, TX, March 2023
  - ➤ Participated at the Texas A&M University System-wide HUB Expo, April 2023
  - Participated at the Dallas Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council (DFWMSDC) 2023 Doing Business Texas Style Spot Bid Fair, May 2023
  - Participated at the University of Houston system (UHS) Virtual HUB Forum, June 2023
  - > Participated at the Statewide HUB & TXDOT DBE Certification Expo in Austin, TX, July 2023
  - > Sponsored and participated at the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA) Build Fort Worth Expo, August 2023
  - ➤ Developed the A&M System HUB Program Office webpage to increase resources and information available to businesses.
- Organized and visited the headquarters of a HUB supplier.
  - ➤ IDM Products, October 2022
- Worked closely with the Office of Facilities Planning & Construction (FP&C) and the System members to provide
  opportunities to HUBs for A&M System construction projects by posting, distributing, and promoting major construction
  projects and encouraging joint ventures with HUBs.
- Collaborated with general contractors who have been awarded contracts on capital projects to host pre-bid and outreach meetings to promote the projects to HUBs and encourage the use of HUBs in subcontracting.
- Hired a HUB Coordinator to support the A&M HUB Program Office full-time, increasing the number of full-time HUB staff to two individuals.

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