

306 - Fiscal 2023 Semi-Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is committed to providing procurement and contracting opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). TLSAC is devoted to providing opportunities to HUBs for all procurement needs.

Our good faith efforts include the following:

- Utilizing HUB vendors for spot, service, and catalog purchases, whenever possible;
- Attending HUB events to network and gain insight from HUB vendors;
- Providing guidance to prime vendors in completing their HUB Subcontracting forms and reports.

TSLAC currently has no expenditures in the "Heavy Construction" or "Building Construction" categories during this period.

TSLAC has very few expenditures in the "Professional Services" categories. The "Special Trade" expenditures are for services at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, some of which have been reimbursed by local support organizations from that area. Our agency has found it challenging to locate responsive Vendors that are willing to provide services in this area and the selection of HUB vendors has been limited.

The "Other Services" category continues to be an area in which TSLAC struggles to meet the State Agency Goals. TSLAC provides online direct publications and resources to academic and public libraries throughout Texas as part of the resource-sharing consortium established under Texas Government Code §441.222. These resources are very costly.

The "Commodities" category is an area that also proves challenging as there are very few HUB Vendors that provide archival supplies and library-specific subscription services. We also find it difficult to locate HUB vendors who can provide the specialized library applications and software licenses needed for our programs. All other commodities can typically be purchased by required sources such as WorkQuest or through statewide term contracts.

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The Texas State Library and Archives Commission continues to increase our HUB participation at every opportunity. Please contact me should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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