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FY 2024 Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter for Teacher Retirement System Agency #323

Teacher Retirement System (TRS) promotes full and equal opportunity for all businesses to supply the goods and services needed to support the TRS mission, administrative and logistical operations. Due to TRS' unique needs as a pension fund and health insurance administrator, the agency expends the majority of its funds on highly specialized services.

Accomplishments

- Hired a full-time HUB Coordinator
- Conducted thirteen one-on-one vendor meetings with purchasing staff, HUB vendors and TRS business units.

Outreach

- "Houston Minority Supplier Diversity Council Expo," Houston, October 11-12
- "Texas DLR's First Annual Breaking Boundaries Expo" Austin, October 23
- "Bexar County Business Conference" SMWVBO, San Antonio, December 6
- "Building Your Dream HUB Expo" GTMBC, Beaumont, March 14
- "Celebrate TxDMV Marketing for Success, HUB Vendor Fair' Co-host, Austin, April 4
- "Doing Business Texas Style, Spot Bid Fair" Irving, May 14-15
- "Growing Your Business with HUB Certification" Texas Women's University, Virtual, June 27
- "HUB Pre-Certification Workshop" Co-hosted with Comptroller's Office, TRS, July 11
- "1st Annual Central Health HUB Connection" Austin, August 2

Teacher Retirement System paid certified HUB subcontractors \$922,674.45 in non-reportable object codes which are not included in the Annual HUB Report. TRS will continue to promote purchasing practices and outreach activities that foster and strengthen relationships among HUB vendors, prime contractors, and purchasers.

Should you have any questions regarding TRS' HUB outreach efforts, please contact me at Blender.Hill@trs.texas.gov or at 512.542.6867.

Respectfully,

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