



# 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 2024:

- October 22-25, 2023 – Cohosted the “2023 University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance Power of Collaboration Conference” in conjunction with the University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance at South Padre Island, TX
- October 27, 2023 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting – Q1 FY24
- December 5, 2023 - Attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting – Q2 FY24, in San Antonio, TX
- December 6, 2023 – Participated in the “Bexar County SMWBE Business Opportunity Forum” in San Antonio, TX
- December 9, 2023 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting - Q2 FY23
- January 18-19, 2023 – Hosted the “UTRGV Vendor Fair” in Edinburg, TX and Brownsville, TX
- February 22, 2024 – Presented at the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program “Bid Academy” in Brownsville, TX
- February 28, 2024 – Attended the “UTRGV New Student Housing Pre-Proposal Meeting & Outreach Mixer” in McAllen, TX
- March 23, 2024 – Participated in “Let’s Get Down to Business” Small Business Training and Outreach in Harlingen, TX
- March 24, 2024 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting - Q3 FY23
- April 4, 2024 – Attended the “Governor’s Small Business Summit” in Weslaco, TX
- April 24, 2024 – Virtually participated in the “4th Annual UT Systemwide HUB Procurement Opportunities Webinar”
- April 28-30, 2024 – Attended the “University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance Travel Council Collaboration Conference” in San Antonio, TX
- May 8, 2024 – Presented at “RGV Startup Week” Small Business Outreach in Brownsville, TX
- May 14-15, 2024 – Participated in the “Access 2024 Business Expo and Spot Bid Fair” in Irving, TX
- May 30, 2024 – Presented at the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program “Bid Academy” in Mercedes, TX
- June 5, 2024 – Hosted the “UTRGV/Keystone Live Trailer Expo” in Edinburg, TX
- August 1, 2024 - Virtually participated in the 4th Annual UT Systemwide HUB Construction Opportunities Webinar
- HUB Coordinators current areas of engagement:
  - Current President of the South Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance.
  - HUB Coordinator Mentor to the South Texas APEX Accelerator Program, formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Center.
- In addition to seminars and conferences attended and sponsored by our office, we have also met virtually with over twenty-five 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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