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Texas A&M AgriLife Research is dedicated to providing full and equal opportunities to minority, women, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. We are committed to increasing the participation of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in our procurement opportunities and making a good-faith effort to meet or exceed HUB goals.

Mentor Protégé Agreement:

AgriLife is proud to have fostered a new Mentor Protégé Agreement between Commonwealth Trading Company, Inc. and Best Buy, with an effective date of 1/25/2024.

Additional outreach and participation include:

- 2023 TOAL Regional Conference Vendor Expo (HUBs Present), 10/2/2023
- 2023 HMSDC Spot Bid Fair, 10/11-12/2023
- October 2023 HDWG, 10/12/2023, Virtual
- TDLR's 1st Annual Breaking Boundaries HUB Event 10/12/2023
- November 2023 HDWG Austin Training, 11/10/2023
- December 2023 HDWG San Antonio Training, 12/5/2023
- 2023 SMWBE Bexar County, 12/06/2023
- TUHCA Meeting, 1/12/2024
- January 2024 HDWG, 1/18/2024, Virtual
- Texas A&M Forest Service and TEEX Meet the Vendor Forum, 1/29/2024
- 2024 HDWG, 2/15/2024, Virtual

Of the 266 bids solicited to vendors, 132 of these vendors were HUBs (49.62%), with 16 responses from HUBs, for an overall yield rate of 12.12%.

Despite the highly specialized nature of agricultural research equipment and services, Texas A&M AgriLife Research is committed to increasing opportunities for HUB vendors to participate in our procurements.

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