Supplemental Summary for Fiscal Year 2024 Semi-Annual HUB Report for Agency 743

The University of Texas at San Antonio remains steadfast in its dedication to serving the diverse community of San Antonio and the broader State of Texas. Our ongoing commitment to providing contract opportunities and support to historically underutilized businesses (HUBs), as well as those striving to achieve HUB certification, underscores our mission to foster economic empowerment.

In recent years, we have encountered challenges with major HUB contracts due to various factors such as vendors failing to re-certify, graduation from the program, and decertification. However, despite these obstacles, UTSA remains resolute in its support of the HUB program.

Our HUB Program takes pride in its legacy of collaboration, working diligently to engage with existing HUBs and nurture the growth of new ones not only in San Antonio but across Texas. To enhance partnership opportunities, we actively collaborate with entities such as San Antonio's Chambers of Commerce, the Contractors Association of San Antonio, and the UT System to organize events, speaking engagements, and training sessions. Additionally, in partnership with SAISD Procurement Services and Alamo Colleges Procurement Services, we host quarterly workshops aimed at helping businesses improve their contracting skills.

Our outreach efforts, which encompass proactive engagement and communication initiatives, are strategically designed with dual objectives:

Firstly, to heighten awareness and broaden the pool of vendors proficient in delivering crucial materials, supplies, equipment, and services.

Secondly, to empower the vendor community with comprehensive knowledge of business opportunities at UTSA and the requisite procedures and protocols through targeted communication and educational activities.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your continued leadership and advocacy on behalf of HUB businesses and the State of Texas. With your ongoing support, we are confident in our ability to further expand UTSA's HUB program, thereby creating even more opportunities for HUBs throughout our city and state.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to promoting the HUB Program,

Warm regards,

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