



# UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

## Historically Underutilized Business Program Office

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### 746 – Fiscal 2025 Semi-Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

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 2025:

- October 20-23, 2024 – Cohosted the “2024 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
- December 10, 2024 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting
- January 28, 2025 – Presented at the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program “Bid Academy” in Brownsville, TX
- February 6, 2025 – Presented at the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program “Bid Academy” in Mission, TX
- HUB Coordinators current areas of engagement:
  1. Current President of the South Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance.
  2. 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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