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Mr. Paul Gibson
Statewide HUB Program Manager
Texas Procurement and Support Services Division
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
1711 San Jacinto Blvd.
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

The Office of the Governor is committed to providing Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) the opportunity to participate in the Office's procurement process for all goods and services. At every opportunity, the Office of the Governor contracts with vendors who are either HUBs or who sub-contract with HUBs.

Not reflected in our expenditure totals and percentages are the many small business forums that our office of Economic Development and Tourism – Small Business Development performs. The office has helped to increase contracting opportunities for Texas small businesses by educating them through forums held statewide in collaboration with the Texas Workforce Commission. The forums provide a great opportunity to network and connect with industry specialists, government officials, service providers and other regional businesses.

During FY13, there were 21 forums held in every region of the State. This effort led to successfully conducting outreach to numerous small businesses across Texas who benefitted from educational seminars and training. An additional 21 forums are scheduled for FY14 focusing on minority and woman owned businesses.

The Office of the Governor will continue its' commitment to the State's HUB program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Reid".

Liz Reid
Purchaser