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Office of Purchasing

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY FOR FY2013 SEMI-ANNUAL HUB REPORT FOR AGENCY 761

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) remains committed to providing procurement and contracting opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses. The University continues fostering an environment that enhances Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) participation. TAMIU will continue to ensure that qualified minority and women-owned businesses are included in our procurement and contracting process.

Fiscal Year 2013 outreach efforts for TAMIU include:

October 21-24, 2012	National Procurement Institute Annual Conference, Houston, TX
December 3, 2012	SMWVBO 2012- Bexar County Contracting Conference, San Antonio, TX
December 4, 2012	HUB Coordinators Meeting, San Antonio, TX

TAMIU continues to maintain a proactive program to promote HUB awareness through contact with departments and staff. The Procurement Card Training continues to focus in large part on instructing cardholders on what a HUB is, the importance of allowing HUBs to bid/contract for goods/services and how to effectively search for them on the CMBL. Buyers also continue to communicate with departments on the importance of doing business with HUBs. Our Purchasing website is continuously being updated with new HUB vendor information to make it easier for departments to find a HUB they can use for common purchases.

We continually explore ways to increase our level of HUB utilization through peer networking. In addition, we continue to work closely with other State agencies to identify new HUB vendors, and actively participate in economic forums to increase our opportunities with minority and women-owned businesses.

Texas A&M International University supports the State of Texas HUB Program and will continue to work aggressively to identify, educate and assist HUB vendors in a manner designed to encourage participation. We will continue to work on identifying non-certified HUB vendors currently used by TAMIU to then encourage and aid them in the process of becoming certified HUBs.

We believe our good faith efforts have been successful in building our HUB volume. TAMIU has proudly taken an active ownership in the program. We will continue to work diligently to encourage and promote the opportunities the program makes possible.

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