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AGENCY 727 – FISCAL 2015 ANNUAL HUB REPORT SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) remains committed to the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. The agency goal is to provide procurement and contracting opportunities for qualified businesses through a competitive procurement process. TTI continues efforts to diversify the vendor base and build on successful in-reach and outreach programs. TTI's Leadership Team is supportive of the HUB Program and insists on accountability agency-wide of each of its organizational units. In addition, the agency partners with other Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) members to maximize HUB participation through collaborative efforts to identify, educate and assist current and potential HUB vendors.

A service agency within The Texas A&M University System, TTI's mission is to solve transportation problems through research, to transfer technology and to develop diverse human resources to meet the transportation challenges of tomorrow. As a research agency, there are occasions that TTI must expend funds for unique proprietary items and services for which there are no HUB sources. These types of expenditures significantly reduce TTI's HUB participation percent.

TTI's good faith efforts to insure an increase in the HUB participation level and the diversification of vendors include the following in-reach and outreach initiatives:

- ◆ Continuous promotion of the HUB Program and assistance in identifying and use of HUB vendors for spot purchases through an open door policy for HUB vendor visits and certification assistance to vendors
- ◆ Identification of subcontracting opportunities in contracts over \$100,000
- ◆ Membership in the (TAMUS) Cooperative Mentor Protégé Program – a sponsoring agency
- ◆ Participation in the HUB Discussion Workgroup, the Texas University HUB Coordinators Alliance (TUHCA) and host of TUHCA Central/Gulf Coast Chapter website
- ◆ Advertisement in Minority Business Organization publications through TUHCA membership
- ◆ Participation and training at TAMUS HUB Coordinators meetings
- ◆ Participation in the Texas State Use Program Overview Training – Austin – Sept. 18, 2014
- ◆ Participation in various Specialized Vendor Forums and Economic Opportunity Forums including:
 - ◆ 26th Annual TIBH Products and Services Expo – Austin – Sept. 18, 2014
 - ◆ HUB Fairs at: University of Houston, Oct. 8, 2014; Stephen F. Austin State University, Oct. 30, 2014; Sam Houston State University, March 24, 2015; the Taking Care of Business HUB Vendor Fair hosted by various State Agencies, Austin, Apr. 2, 2015
 - ◆ 14th Annual Small, Minority, Women & Veterans Business Owners Contracting Conference (also on Planning Committee) – San Antonio – Dec. 10, 2014
 - ◆ Precision Task Group and Diversity and Inclusion Training, Dr. Ian Barrett – Webster – Jan. 29, 2015
 - ◆ Eixsys and Integrated Human Capital Specialized Forum – Feb. 13, 2015
 - ◆ Golden Triangle HUB Procurement Connection Seminar & Expo – Beaumont – Feb. 19, 2015
 - ◆ Shelton Keller & Eagle Pride Group Specialized Forum – Teleconference – Apr. 30, 2015
 - ◆ Doing Business Texas Style Spot Bid Fair – Irving – May 11-12, 2015
 - ◆ Mack Bolt and Steel Specialized Forum – co-hosted – College Station – July 24, 2015
 - ◆ Texas Assn. of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce Presentation – Austin – July 28, 2015
 - ◆ 2015 Procurement Connection Seminar & Expo – Austin – July 29, 2015
 - ◆ Wilton's Specialized Forum – Bryan – July 30, 2015
 - ◆ GMC Consultants & First Nations Communications Specialized Forum – Teleconf. – Aug. 27, 2015

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