

Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana) remains fully committed in its ongoing effort to assist Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) with both procurement and contracting opportunities regardless of dollar amounts or source of funds.

A&M-Texarkana supports many key initiatives of promoting the HUB Program with the goal of maximizing HUB participation and performance.

Fiscal Year 2016 outreach efforts include:

- Attendance at quarterly Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance (TUHCA) meetings with HUB vendor presentations (September, 2015 - August, 2016)
- Charter member of Northeast chapter of TUHCA
- Introduction of University HUB program @ New Hire Orientations (September, 2015 – August, 2016)
- Attended Bexar County 15th Annual Small, Minority & Women Business Owners Conference & Vendor show in San Antonio, TX on 12/9/2015
- Attended TAMUS HUB Coordinators meeting in San Antonio, TX on 12/8/2015
- Attended and awarded purchase orders @ the 2016 Access and Senator West Spot Bid Fair in Irving, TX on 5/9 -5/10/2016
- Attended the UNT-Dallas Public Entity Reverse Vendor Fair on 5/25/16
- Attended TAMUS Procurement / HUB Coordinators meeting @ PVAMU in Prairie, TX on 6/14/16; Attended TAMUS HUB Fair @ PVAMU on 6/15/16
- Provided University account managers and administration with departmental monthly HUB progress reports
- Continued education of the University community about the State of Texas HUB program
- Maintain an open door policy in which minority businesses are welcomed to call or visit the Purchasing and departmental buying personnel
- Director of Purchasing also serves as University's HUB Coordinator and Procurement Card Administrator which provides additional opportunities to educate, promote, and provide additional oversight for use of the State of Texas HUB program.

The University was included in an A&M System-wide initiative to outsource our facilities department. Because of this, we are seeking to find alternative methods for seeking HUB participation by continuing education, and attending vendor fairs to find qualified businesses. In addition, our Procurement Card training continues to focus and instruct cardholders on the HUB program.

A&M-Texarkana continues to actively promote the State of Texas HUB program within our University community. We are committed in making a good faith effort to increase purchases and contract awards with HUB vendors.

Respectfully submitted,



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