

720 – Fiscal 2020 Semi-Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

It is the policy of The University of Texas System Administration to promote and encourage contracting and subcontracting opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in all contracts. Measurements of supply marketplace variables, including demand for goods and services for which no HUB suppliers are available, and payments to non-certified HUB firms are important considerations in evaluating HUB program performance. Most recently, UT System has delegated management of major capital projects to UT Arlington, UT San Antonio, UT Health Houston, and UT Health San Antonio thereby reducing total reportable expenditures in building construction, architecture, engineering, and office furnishings for UT System Administration. This reduction in expenditures has led to a decline in the overall HUB percentage and HUB percentage in professional services because HUB participation has been historically significantly higher in those areas.

Good faith efforts include but are not limited to:

- > Participation and facilitation of HUB forum events in all regions of the state.
 - Participated in 18 HUB advocacy group outreach events
 - Attended 13 HUB outreach events sponsored by government agencies and other private sector organizations
 - Facilitated 19 One-on-one meetings between HUB firms and U.T. System staff and/or prime firms
- > Sponsorship of technical assistance workshops by the HUB office.
 - Sponsored HUB outreach event at UT System with over 40 participants
 - Sponsored and facilitated How to Do Business with UT System panel discussion featuring UT San Antonio, UT Austin, UT Health San Antonio, and UT Rio Grand Valley at San Antonio Minority Enterprise Development Week Celebration
- Focus on Mentor Protégé Program
 - Currently there are 8 active partnerships: 4 Construction, 3 Professional Services, and 1 Commodities.

The University of Texas System Administration, in partnership with the institutions within The University of Texas System, is committed to maximizing HUB participation by fostering collaborative efforts and innovative approaches ensuring HUB inclusion in local communities throughout the state in an effort to facilitate economic development.

The University of Texas System Administration submits this supplemental letter to provide additional information and background related to its HUB program. Please address inquiries to the Office of HUB Programs, 512-499-4377 or e-mail to hhay@utsystem.edu.

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