

580-Fiscal 2021 Semi-Annual HUB Report Supplemental Letter

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is dedicated to supporting the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program by actively seeking HUB participation in all procurement opportunities. As a result of our *good faith efforts* in soliciting HUBs, the TWDB sought out HUB vendor participation as required in various procurement categories. The TWDB will also put forth the following efforts to increase HUB participation as the opportunities arise throughout fiscal year 2021:

- Participate in economic opportunity forums and business networking sessions held around the state.
- Emphasize and increase outreach and marketing efforts to educate current HUB vendors on specific Board procurement opportunities.
- Assist interested HUB vendors with the state's HUB certification process, and with the processes of other recognized certification programs.
- Attended pre-bid meetings to ensure that potential responders understand and comply with applicable HUB subcontracting plan requirements.
- Post to the agency's website, online information and guidance related to the HUB program.

In addition to participating in the activities above, and in a renewed push to increase HUB participation in TWDB procurement efforts, the TWDB met with the Comptroller of Public Accounts and HUB Coordinators with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to understand other strategies to increase HUB participation in TWDB procurement opportunities. Items discussed at these meetings that were identified as opportunities to increase TWDB HUB participation in 2021 include:

- Internal business area staff training on the HUB program and best practices.
- Increase current agency outreach efforts to vendors to promote the HUB program.
- Increase efforts to identify HUB opportunities in the other and Professional Service categories.

The TWDB fully supports and is committed to increasing the potential for HUB participation in all TWDB expenditures. We will continue current efforts that have proven successful and explore new opportunities wherever possible. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 936-6079 or jared.basurto@twdb.texas.gov for additional information or clarification.


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