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Historically Underutilized Business Program Office

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley continues its commitment to the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. Our University maintains an ambitious outreach program in the Rio Grande Valley. We assume a leadership position among other state and local agencies in promoting HUB issues in our area and encourage non-certified minority and women owned businesses to become HUB certified. An element of this effort is to facilitate the application process as much as possible for businesses through working closely with the Texas Procurement and Support Services Office. The University coordinated and/or participated in the following outreach activities during FY 2021:


- Participated in the Virtual the University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance “Power of Collaboration” Annual Conference on October 09, 2020.
- Presented at the Virtual Outreach Collaboration for UTRGV Job Order Contract(s) (JOC) RFP in conjunction with the UTRGV Procurement Technical Assistance Program on October 15, 20210.
- Participated in the Virtual Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Conference on November 18–19, 2020
- Presented at the Virtual UT System Construction Opportunities Conference on December 03, 2020
- Participated in the Virtual UT System Coordinators Meeting on January 06, 2021
- Participated in the Virtual HUB Discussion Workgroup Meeting on January 29, 2021
- Participated in the Virtual HUB Reporting 101 – 2021 (Live) on February 22, 2021
- Participated in the Virtual UT Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting on March 25, 2021
- Participated in the Virtual HUB Talk: Spot Bid Fair Questions and Answers – Agencies on April 07, 2021
- Presented at the Virtual UT System Institutions Goods & Services Procurement Webinar April 08, 2021
- HUB Coordinators current areas of engagement:
 - Current President of the South Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance.
 - HUB Coordinator Mentor to the South Texas Procurement and Technical Assistance Center.
- In addition to seminars and conferences attended and sponsored by our office, we have also met virtually with over twenty-five vendors on an individual basis to help with the HUB application and CMBL process.

We feel that these activities will help increase the number of HUB suppliers in our area. Although we make every effort to procure from HUBs, there are some goods and services for which there are no HUB suppliers available. As an institution of higher education with a medical school, we contract for highly specialized equipment, software and services (e.g., medical, engineering, scientific equipment) for which HUB supply sources do not exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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