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Thank you for your letter asking our agency to take a close look at our participation in the Historically Underutilized Business purchasing program. We have examined our history of purchasing from HUB vendors and although we have not seen an increase in participation at our agency, due to the nature of our business we have extremely limited opportunities to increase that participation.

As a law library, the vast majority of our purchases are made directly from the publishers of specialized legal resources. As a result, we do not have alternative sources from whom we can procure those products. The large legal publishing companies unfortunately do not participate in Texas's HUB program, preventing us from increasing our participation in the Other Services category.

The only other HUB category that our agency purchases in is Commodities. As required by state purchasing procedures, we prioritize purchasing from the State Use program and term contracts. We seek out HUB vendors when the items we need are not available through these sources, but many of the commodities we purchase are specialized library supplies which are not widely available. Like legal publishers, library supply companies do not participate in the HUB program either. These reasons combined with our very low annual spending in the Commodities category (\$3,077 in FY22) make it difficult to meaningfully increase our purchases from HUB vendors.

Our agency values the HUB program and the opportunities it provides for small businesses across Texas. We regret that the nature of our business prevents us from participating more fully, but we commit to doing so whenever we have the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Amy Small
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