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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

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### **Supplemental Summary for Fiscal Year 2023 Annual HUB Report for Agency 582**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is dedicated to supporting the goals and intent of the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program. Accomplishments during FY23:

- Participated in 58 Economic Opportunity Forums at which HUBs received information on how to do business with TCEQ.
- Maintained sponsorship of two Mentor-Protégé agreements.
- Provided information to HUBs on state procurement requirements and how to do business with TCEQ through one-on-one meetings, email, and by phone.
- Held workshops for HUB vendors on the HUB program and on state and agency procurement requirements.
- Presented HUB-related information at all pre-solicitation conferences, covering areas such as HUB subcontracting plan compliance, the selection of HUBs, the procedure for searching the Central Master Bidders List, and the Mentor-Protégé program.
- Assisted in development of solicitations that emphasized regional service areas, as opposed to the solicitation of service contracts on a statewide basis.
- Ensured specifications did not include unnecessary requirements that would impede HUB participation by, for example, reviewing bond and insurance requirements.
- Provided information regarding TCEQ procurement opportunities, HUB certification and state purchasing requirements to the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce and the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce.
- Participated on CPA Statewide Procurement Division (SPD) HUB trainings.
- Invited the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) and the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAACC) to TCEQ pre-proposal conferences via webinars in accordance with the previous Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) agreement.
- Participated in statewide HUB Discussion Workgroup legislative subcommittee and outreach subcommittee meetings.
- Identified a total of \$4,374,874 payments to governmental entities (i.e., federal agencies, municipalities, etc.). Factoring out these expenditures the actual HUB performance will be higher.
- TCEQ continues its efforts to maximize HUB participation in the Professional Services category, recognizing constraints due to the specialized nature of the agency's engineering contracts and limited vendor availability.

Should you have any questions, please contact TCEQ HUB Coordinator Claribel Diaz via email at [claribel.diaz@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:claribel.diaz@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Elder".

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