

Supplemental Summary for FY 2023 Annual HUB Report for Agency 712

The Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) is the engineering service agency of the State of Texas. We partner with industries, communities, and academic institutions to solve problems to help improve the quality of life, promote economic development and enhance the educational systems of Texas. TEES is committed to the broad utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) and minority-owned firms in its procurement process.

TEES recently participated in four Economic Opportunity Forums and the *Doing Business Texas Style* Spot Bid Fair in Irving, Texas. Additional HUB-promotion endeavors include participation in the quarterly meetings of the Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance and the HUB Discussion Workgroup. TEES is also seeking a new Mentor Protégé Agreement. TEES also continues to provide training to the researchers and staff in an effort to increase their awareness and utilization of HUBs in the procurement of all goods and services.

TEES is continuing two major initiatives that began last fiscal year. The first is review of all Amazon purchases for office, information technology and book-related items prior to placing the orders. This process has diverted numerous Amazon orders to HUB vendors. The second is assignment of commodity codes to all requisitions to give procurement staff the opportunity to switch orders to HUB vendors.

While we continue to actively research and pursue potential HUB vendors, TEES has few opportunities for Heavy Construction, Building Construction, Special Trade, and Professional Service contracts. As a research entity, TEES also faces some unavailability in the areas of research/industrial laboratory equipment and supplies, as is evident by an average HUB response rate to bid requests of only 2%.

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