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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 2023:

- October 21, 2022 – Virtually attended the Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting - Q1 FY23
- October 23-25, 2022 – Attended the Power of Collaboration Virtual Conference in Tyler, Texas
- November 2-3, 2022 – Hosted the UTRGV Vendor Fair in Edinburg, TX and Brownsville, TX
- November 10, 2022 – Presented at the APEX Accelerator Program Bonfire Event in Edinburg, Tx
- November 17, 2022 – Presented at the APEX Accelerator Program PTAC Rfx Training Event in Edinburg, TX
- December 7, 2022 – Participated in the Bexar County SMWBE Business Opportunity Forum in San Antonio, TX
- December 9, 2022 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting - Q2 FY23
- February 21, 2023 – Presented at the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program Bid Academy in Mercedes, TX
- March 24, 2023 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting - Q3 FY23
- April 18, 2023 – Virtually participated in the 3rd Annual UT Systemwide HUB Procurement Opportunities Webinar
- May 12, 2023 - Virtually attended Systemwide HUB Coordinators Meeting – Q4 FY23
- May 23-24, 2023 – Participated in the Access 2023 Business Expo and Spot Bid Fair in Irving, TX
- June 14, 2023 - Virtually participated in the 3rd Annual UT Systemwide HUB Construction Opportunities Webinar
- HUB Coordinators current areas of engagement:
 - Current President of the South Texas Universities HUB Coordinators Alliance.
 - HUB Coordinator Mentor to the South Texas APEX Accelerator Program, formerly Procurement 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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