



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

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The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is committed to creating a level playing field on which Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) and Minority and Women-Owned Businesses (MWBEs) can compete fairly in the solicitation of contract and subcontract opportunities posted by its procurement team.

In efforts to increase HUB and MWBE expenditures, the TDA HUB program coordinated with its procurement team to ensure solicitations are compliant with the standards set forth by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) Statewide HUB Program. The TDA HUB program also expanded on these efforts by working closely with other TDA divisions to encourage participation in Spot Bid Fairs hosted by the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council, the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council, and ensuring accurate expenditure reporting of HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) Progress Assessment Reports (PARs).

Over the course of FY22, TDA's HUB program has continued its efforts towards improving its overall efficiency and knowledge base by attending CPA and other Texas agency sponsored events including the:

- HUB Talk Presentation
- HUB Mentor/Protege Forum
- Texas Statewide HUB Program/HUB Certification Webinar
- Health and Human Services Annual HUB Forum
- University of Houston HUB Forum

Major *good faith effort* outreach events attended by TDA included:

- Participation in the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Annual Conference And Spot Bid Fair
- Representing TDA at The Small, Minority, Women and Veteran Business Owners Conference
- Attendance at the 2021 University of North Texas HUB Vendor Fair and Government Agency Mixer
- Participation in the virtual Tyler Metro Chamber of Commerce Small Business Expo
- Participation in the virtual The 3rd Annual Houston Business Matchmaker event

The TDA HUB Office sought to improve its outreach knowledge and experience by serving as co-host for:

- The Teacher Retirement System of Texas 20th Annual Purchasing and HUB Connection Forum
- The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Marketing For Success Forum and Expo

The TDA HUB program continues to foster business relationships with HUB and MWBE vendors that are qualified to do business with TDA by providing additional technical assistance whenever the opportunities present themselves. The HUB program also seeks to expand its outreach by hosting its own HUB forum and expo in the new fiscal year.

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