



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 and participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts relating to all of the Department's procurement activities.

This fiscal year, the HUB program continues to work closely with internal business units to further the mission towards increasing HUB and MWBE expenditures with the Department. These efforts have resulted in an increased number of bids submitted to the agency by diverse vendors for procurement opportunities.

The HUB office strives towards improving its overall efficiency and knowledge base by attending CPA sponsored events such as the virtual "HUB Talk Presentation" and the "HUB Mentor/Protege Forum" during this fiscal year.

The agency continues to foster business relationships by providing additional technical assistance to HUB and MWBE vendors that are qualified to do business with TDA.

Good faith efforts outreach activities:

- Participated in the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Annual Conference And Spot Bid Fair
- Represented TDA as a vendor at The Small, Minority, Women and Veteran Business Owners Conference
- Attended the 2021 University of North Texas HUB Vendor Fair and Government Agency Mixer
- Participated in the virtual Tyler Metro Chamber of Commerce Small Business Expo
- Participated in the virtual The 3rd Annual Houston Business Matchmaker event
- Continuously provided correspondence to HUB vendors inquiring about doing business with TDA

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