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The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is dedicated to supporting the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program by actively seeking HUB participation in all procurement opportunities. As a result of our good faith efforts in soliciting HUBs, the TWDB sought out HUB vendor participation as required in various procurement categories. The TWDB continues to seek opportunities to increase HUB participation, such as:

- Participate in economic opportunity forums and business networking sessions.
- Emphasize and increase outreach and marketing efforts to educate current HUB vendors on specific Board procurement opportunities.
- Assist interested HUB vendors with the state’s HUB certification process and with the processes of other recognized certification programs.
- Attend pre-bid meetings to ensure that potential responders understand and comply with applicable HUB subcontracting plan requirements.
- Post to the agency’s website information and guidance related to the HUB program.
- Educating agency staff via training on the HUB program and goals/reporting requirements.
- In a renewed push to increase HUB participation in TWDB procurement efforts, the TWDB Assistant HUB Coordinator increased vendor outreach during fiscal year 2023.

In addition, the TWDB reports non-treasury HUB data via the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Program’s Historically Underutilized Business Annual Report. This information is reported to the SWIFT Advisory Committee, according to Texas Water Code §15.438 (n). The non-treasury data for fiscal year 2023 is unavailable at this time, however, based on the most recent data available, the SWIFT Program HUB expenditures amounted to over \$93 million in fiscal year 2022. More information on the SWIFT Program and the TWDB non-treasury numbers is available at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SWIFT>.

The TWDB fully supports and is committed to increasing the potential for HUB participation in all TWDB expenditures. We will continue current efforts that have proven successful and explore new opportunities wherever possible. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 936-6090 or Cameron.Turner@twdb.texas.gov for additional information or clarification.

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