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October 17, 2023

Comptroller of Public Accounts  
TPASS Division  
Hub Reporting  
P.O. Box 13047  
Austin, TX 78711

*Re: Supplemental Letter for FY 23 Annual HUB Report for Agency # 592*

The Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is committed to making a good faith effort to increase economic opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB's). During FY 23 TSSWCB made the following good faith efforts:

- Increased the number of HUB vendors to our agency Vendor list
- Conducts in-house training classes with internal users to increase TSSWCB HUB utilization
- Conducts information sessions with TSSWCB management on current FY HUB utilization in order to promote and increase our HUB expenditures.
- Mentor/Protégé Program participants were Freese & Nichols, Inc and Auckland Consulting

Our HUB Outreach efforts:

- Participated in Sen. Miles' virtual Expo-Government Spot Bid Fair in September 2022.
- Co-hosted with Texas Department of Motor Vehicles the 2022 Marketing for Success-9<sup>th</sup> Annual HUB Vendor Fair on April 5, 2023.
- Participated in Sen. Wests' 2023 Doing Business Texas Style in Irving from May 23-24th  
\*We posted 5 solicitations, and awarded 2 contracts for a total of \$ 884.61

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The Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board fully supports the idea that all qualified businesses deserve the opportunity to compete in the State's procurement process and is committed to increasing the potential for HUB participation in all agency expenditures. To that extent, we will continue current efforts that have proven successful, and explore new opportunities wherever possible.

Sincerely,

Amy Devereaux  
Fiscal Services