25.06 Participation by Historically Underutilized Business

Policy Statement

This policy establishes the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program for The Texas A&M University System (system).

Reason for Policy

This policy complies with Section 2161.003, Texas Government Code, which requires that “A state agency, including an institution of higher education, shall adopt the commission’s rules under Section 2161.002 as the agency’s or institution’s own rules.”

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. It is the policy of the system to involve qualified HUBs to the greatest extent allowed by law in the system’s procurement and contracting of construction, professional services, and purchase, lease or rental of all supplies, materials, services and equipment. The system, its contractors and subcontractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political belief or affiliation in the awarding of contracts. Every system employee responsible for conducting business with outside vendors has the responsibility of making a good faith effort of ensuring that HUBs are afforded an equitable opportunity to compete for all procurement and contracting activities of the system.

2. Each member’s chief executive officer (CEO) will designate an employee as HUB coordinator or director who will have responsibility for implementing all programs dealing with HUB activities for that member and for carrying out the requirements of this policy. The chancellor will designate a System Offices employee to serve in the role of HUB coordinator for the system. The system HUB coordinator will provide guidance for the system and support the activities of the members’ HUB coordinators/directors.

3. The system adopts the rules as specified in Title 34 Texas Administrative Code Part 1, Chapter 20, Subchapter B, relating to the HUB Program for application to all construction projects and purchases of goods and services.
4. The chancellor shall report to the board annually on the progress made by the system and each member regarding HUB participation.

**Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

- **Tex. Gov’t Code Ch. 2161, Historically Underutilized Businesses**
- **34 Tex. Admin. Code Part 1, Ch. 20, Subch. B, Historically Underutilized Business Program**
- **Office of HUB & Procurement Programs**

**Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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