
Texas Government Code 2161.181-182

State of Texas agencies will make a good faith effort to utilize HUBs in contracts for constructions services, professional services, consulting services, and commodities.



Texas Government Code 2161.003

State of Texas agencies are mandated to adopt the Comptroller of Public Accounts' (CPA) HUB rules as its own rules, which encourages the use of HUBs by implementing these policies through race-ethnic and gender-neutral means.

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Historically Underutilized Business Program

*"Working for the growth of
minority and women owned
businesses."*



HUB Program



What is a HUB?

A HUB is a business formed for the purpose of making a profit where at least 51% is owned and operated by an Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, and/or American woman who resides in Texas.

Purpose

The purpose of the State of Texas HUB Program is to increase an agency's use of minority and women owned businesses. State agencies are required to make a good faith effort to provide bidding opportunities to HUBs. Opportunities that result in state contract awards, either directly or indirectly through subcontracting. Once certified, HUBs gain access to resources to help their business grow.



Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL)

The Centralized Master bidders List (CMBL) is used by state agencies to identify vendors for the solicitation of goods and services. HUBs are encouraged to register on the CMBL to receive automatic bid opportunities through email notification for bids over \$25,000. To learn more about CMBL registration, visit the CPA's website at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/cmb/>.

Increase Subcontracting Opportunities

In accordance with sections 2161.252 - 253 of the Texas Government Code, solicitations with an expected value of \$100,000 or more, shall contain a HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) when the agency makes a determination of probable subcontracting opportunities. Respondents are required to solicit HUB vendors for potential subcontracting opportunities and their proposed solicitation response must contain a HSP.

Networking Opportunities

The Health and Human Services (HHS) System sponsors HUB forums for certified HUBs, in which HUBs meet agency purchasers, other HUBs, and prime contractors. To view a schedule of upcoming events visit the CPA's website at: <http://hub.cpa.state.tx.us/eof/>.

Mentor Protégé Program

The Mentor Protégé Program was developed to foster long-term relationships between prime contractors and HUBs. The intent of the program is to provide professional guidance and support to the protégé to facilitate their development and growth. For information about the Mentor Protégé program visit: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/>.

Impact on Texas Economy

When HHS utilizes Texas-owned and operated small businesses such as certified HUBs it helps to strengthen the Texas economy, which increases opportunities to create jobs within Texas.

HUB Coordinator List

HUB coordinators act as liaisons for HUB vendors on behalf of agencies and institutions of higher learning. They offer valuable guidance on procurement opportunities and how to do business with the organizations they represent. To view a complete list visit: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/contactlist/>.

Certifying Entities

To enhance the HUB directory, the CPA maintains agreements with other certifying entities. HUBs who certify with these entities automatically receive state HUB certification. Their links are available at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/certagreements/>.

Useful Business Information

More information and resources, such as National Women Business Owners Corporation as well as the Houston Minority Business Council, can be found at the Health and Human Services Commission Web site at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mwb-links-1/>.

Apply For Certification Today!

HUB Certification is **FREE** and valid for four years. Applications are available at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-certification/>.