

## **Historically Underutilized Business Program - HUB**

The Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) is in charge of administering the HUB Program for the state. TBPC is responsible for facilitating the statewide use of HUBs through effective promotion of procurement opportunities and ensuring the integrity of the HUB program through certification, compliance, and reporting functions.

Education and outreach activities play a key role in TBPC's administration of the HUB Program. TBPC is required to report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the state legislature and its caucuses on education and outreach efforts executed by TBPC and its state agencies stipulated by Texas Government Code, Section 2161.126.

The mission of Lamar Purchasing is "to encourage and effectively promote the utilization of HUB's. In brief, a HUB is considered to be any business that has been formed for the purpose of making a profit in which at least 51% of ownership is held by an "economically disadvantaged person" identified as members of the following groups – Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Women, Asian Pacific Americans, and Native Americans.

For future requirements when procuring commodities and services, Lamar Purchasing would like to encourage each department to provide procurement opportunities for the small, minority, and women-owned businesses. Purchasing can assist by reviewing the Centralized Master Bidder's List (CMBL) online identified by class and item from the TBPC state website where many of these businesses are registered with the state.

If assistance is needed, contact Jack Tenner at (409) 880-1783.