

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Benefits of Certification

What is a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)?

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2161.htm#2161>

The term “Historically Underutilized Business” is fully defined in the State of Texas Government Code Chapter 2161. The definition can be roughly simplified to state that a HUB is a company that is owned by one or more economically disadvantaged persons, including Asian Pacific Americans, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, service-disabled veterans, and women.

Why Register as a HUB?

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.252.htm>

The State of Texas Local Government Code Sec. 252.0215 requires municipalities to contact at least two Historically Underutilized Businesses, based on information provided by the comptroller, for any purchase between \$3,000 and \$50,000. Other types of government agencies, such as counties and school districts, have requirements to contact HUBs included in other State statutes.

What are the benefits of HUB Certification?

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/certification-process.php>

- HUB certification is **free of charge and good for up to four years**, provided that the business continues to meet the eligibility requirements.*
- Only certified HUBs are listed in the online Texas HUB Directory. State agencies use the HUB Directory in conjunction with the Comptroller's Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) to solicit bids from certified HUBs for state purchasing and public works contracts. Prime contractors also use the HUB Directory to identify HUBs to whom they will send notification of their subcontracting opportunities.
- The Texas HUB Directory is also searched by vendors looking for certified HUBs to include in their subcontracting plans for projects of \$100,000 or more.
- Increased exposure to the general public as well as other entities that have a supplier diversity program, and are searching for minority-owned, woman-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

*Vendors may also receive HUB certification by way of a certification memorandum of agreement the Statewide HUB Program has entered into with other local governments or nonprofit organizations (<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/certification-agreements.php>).

Where can I register as a HUB?

- Texas Statewide HUB System: <https://texashub.gob2g.com/>
- Dallas Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.: <https://dfwmsdc.com/>