

Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement Between Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce and Texas State University

This Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement (Memorandum) is amended and extended to cover the timeframe from March 31, 2017 to March 31, 2019, or until one or both parties agree not to continue the Memorandum by and between the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC), an outreach affiliate and Texas State University, for the purpose of creating a relationship that will encourage and assist the development of participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in contracting opportunities within the State of Texas. TAAACC and Texas State University will cooperate in the dissemination of information regarding purchasing procedures and procurement opportunities extended to HUB vendors in an attempt to increase the level of HUB contractual agreements.

WHEREAS, Texas State University and TAAACC enter into this Memorandum effective March 31, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, Texas State University and TAAACC agree to the following:

Outreach Initiatives:

- 1.) TAAACC will solicit its respective member chambers in an effort to identify and develop a listing of African American businesses that are HUB certifiable and qualify as HUB firms but are not currently certified by the state. TAAACC will encourage these African American business firms to obtain HUB certification.
- 2.) Once these lists are compiled they will be submitted to Texas State University. Texas State University will communicate electronically with TAAACC to relay purchasing and HUB vendor information that could be used to help improve HUB participation.

- 3.) Texas State University, through the Comptroller's Office, will assist TAAACC members to become certified HUB firms. Texas State University will make contact with TAAACC, advising TAAACC of existing or potential opportunities; and will provide information to TAAACC regarding Texas State University's HUB program and the bidding process to maximize the opportunity to do business with the state.
- 4.) TAAACC will promote this initiative by providing ongoing advocacy, publicizing success stories and serving as point of contact for their member chambers. TAAACC will work with Texas State University on suggestions and recommendations for improving the process. As a sign of good faith and to serve as role models, TAAACC will request that their executive officers (where applicable) go through the HUB certification process.
- 5.) Texas State University will provide to TAAACC, upon request, bid award information, in accordance with Texas State University rules and procedure and applicable state laws.
- 6.) Texas State University will identify representatives to confer with and (if and when appropriate) serve as resources for TAAACC Economic Development Committee related to ongoing HUB Program issues.
- 7.) Texas State University will provide TAAACC information concerning HUB forums.
- 8.) Texas State University will provide TAAACC with a roster of procurement contacts (resource guide).
- 9.) Texas State University will participate in chamber-related functions throughout the state in accordance with its strategies and budget allocation.
- 10.) TAAACC will encourage HUB certified members to conduct more business with Texas State University.
- 11.) Texas State University and TAAACC will discuss the development of measurable goals that will assist both entities in improving HUB participation.

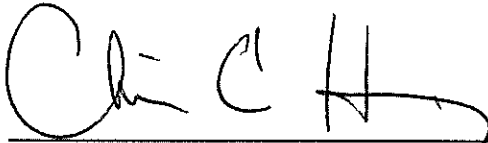
Report of Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement:

Texas State University and TAAACC will mutually develop an annual report, to be distributed, which includes summaries of the activities and accomplishments of Memorandum.

**Texas Association of African
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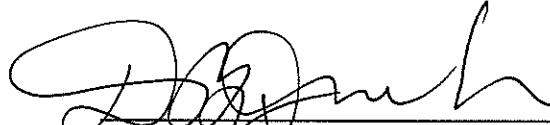


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