

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

This Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement (Memorandum) is amended and extended to cover the timeframe from March 30, 2017 to March 30, 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 the Texas State University System (TSUS), 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 TSUS 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, TSUS and TAAACC enter into this Memorandum effective March 30, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, TSUS and TAAACC agree to the following:

**Outreach Initiatives:**

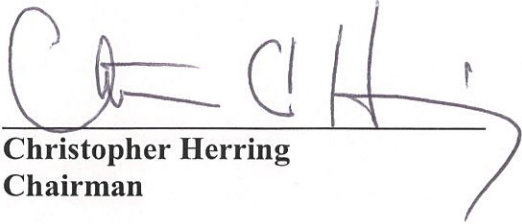
- 1.) TAAACC will solicit its respective member chambers in an effort to identify and develop a listing of African American businesses that are HUB certified and qualify as HUB firms but are not currently certified by the state. TAAACC will encourage these African American business firms to obtain HUB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

- 3.) TSUS, through the Comptroller's Office, will assist TAAACC members to become certified HUB firms. TSUS will make contact with TAAACC, advising TAAACC of existing or potential opportunities; and will provide information to TAAACC regarding TSUS'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 TSUS 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.) TSUS will provide to TAAACC, upon request, bid award information, in accordance with TSUS rules and procedure and applicable state laws.
- 6.) TSUS 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.) TSUS will provide TAAACC information concerning HUB forums.
- 8.) TSUS will provide TAAACC with a roster of procurement contacts (resource guide).
- 9.) TSUS 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 TSUS.
- 11.) TSUS and TAAACC will discuss the development of measurable goals that will assist both entities in improving HUB participation.

**Report of Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement:**

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

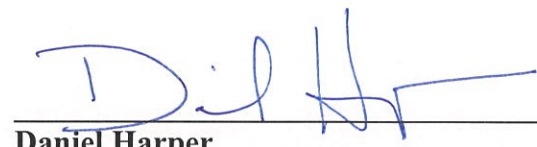
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**Date:** March 30, 2017