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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (TAAACC)

AND

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TCEQ Contract Number 582-17-73080

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 or) renew the Memorandum by and between the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC), an outreach affiliate and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), 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 TCEQ 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, TAAACC and TCEQ enter into this Memorandum effective March 30, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, TCEQ 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 TCEQ. TCEQ will communicate electronically with TAAACC to relay purchasing and HUB vendor information that could be used to help improve HUB participation.
3. TCEQ, through the Comptroller's Office, will assist TAAACC members to become certified HUB firms. TCEQ will make electronic contact with TAAACC, advising TAAACC of existing or potential contracting opportunities; and will provide information and presentations to TAAACC regarding the TCEQ HUB program and the bidding process to maximize their members' opportunities to do business with the state.

4. TAAACC will promote this initiative by providing ongoing advocacy, publicizing success stories and serving as a point of contact for their member chambers. TAAACC will work with TCEQ 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. TCEQ will provide TAAACC with expenditure data every six months via Excel spreadsheet in the requested format by TAAACC. In addition, TAAACC may request bid award information for specific contracts, which TCEQ may provide in accordance with its rules and procedures.
6. TCEQ will identify representatives / staff to confer with and (if and when appropriate) serve as resources for TAAACC Economic Development Committee related to ongoing HUB Program issues.
7. TCEQ will provide TAAACC information concerning HUB forums.
8. TCEQ will provide TAAACC with a roster of procurement contacts (resource guide).
9. TCEQ will participate in TAAACC-related functions throughout the state in accordance with its strategies and budget allocation.
10. TCEQ will provide after business hours workshops through TAAACC chamber members on "How to do Business with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality."
11. TAAACC will encourage HUB certified members to conduct more business with TCEQ.
12. TCEQ and TAAACC will discuss the development of internal manageable and obtainable performance measures.

Education of Businesses:

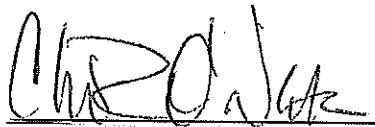
TCEQ staff will continue to provide education to TAAACC chambers regarding business opportunities and how to access them at chamber functions, quarterly board meetings and annual conventions.

Report of Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement:

TCEQ will develop an annual report, to be distributed, which includes summaries of the activities and accomplishments of this Memorandum.


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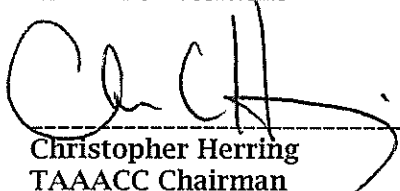
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