



## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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### Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement Between Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce and Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement is entered into by and between the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC), an outreach affiliate and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) effective March 30, 2017 and terminating on March 30, 2019, or until one or both parties agree not to continue or renew; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this agreement is to create a relationship between TAAACC and the TDCJ that encourages, educates, and assists Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) vendors in contracting with the State of Texas;

**NOW THEREFORE**, TDCJ and TAAACC agree to the following:

**OUTREACH INITIATIVES (each initiative below to reference Action Items as submitted by TDCJ and TAAACC):**

- 1) Identification of procurement opportunities for TAAACC members in order to enable vendor matching.
- 2) Increase HUB certification of TAAACC membership. Target opportunities for the TDCJ HUB staff to provide assistance and education regarding HUB certification to TAAACC members.
- 3) Provide linked access to websites that would include specifics and detail in regard to pre bid conferences, bid due dates, bid specifications, etc.
- 4) Identification of potential chamber member protégés, to assist in the formation of successful TDCJ sponsored mentor protégé relationships.
- 5) Update contact information to enable expansion of communication regarding current procurement opportunities. TAAACC to improve their communication with chamber HUB members.
- 6) TDCJ will sponsor and organize vendor fairs in strategic locations throughout the state.
- 7) TDCJ will provide bid award information to the TAAACC annually and semi-annually. The information will be provided in report form to identify HUB African American businesses by name, vendor identification number (VID), and purchase order/contract number.

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- 8) TDCJ to provide educational programs regarding the specifics of doing business with the TDCJ and the State of Texas.
- 9) TDCJ and the TAAACC will meet to develop manageable and obtainable participation goals that will assist both entities in improving HUB participation with African American businesses.

**EDUCATION OF BUSINESSES:**

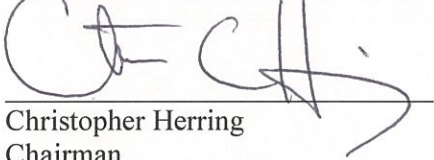
The TDCJ staff will continue to provide education to TAAACC chambers regarding business opportunities and how to access them at chamber functions, quarterly board meetings, and the annual convention.

**REPORT OF MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT:**

The TDCJ will develop an annual report to be distributed which will include summaries of the activities and accomplishments of this Memorandum.

**TAAACC:**

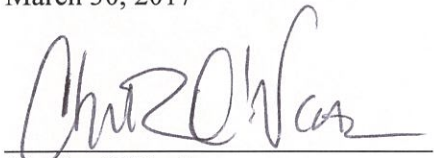
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