

Texas Workforce Commission Teacher Retirement System of Texas Press Release

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Agencies Host Forum for Historically Underutilized Businesses

TRS, TWC to present 10th Annual Purchasing and HUB Connection in February

AUSTIN – The 10th Annual Purchasing and HUB Connection, a networking forum for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), will be presented by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. The free forum will be held at the Teacher Retirement System Cafeteria, 1000 Red River St., in Austin.

A HUB is a profit-making corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, or joint venture in which at least 51 percent of the shares or stock or other equitable securities are owned by one or more persons who are members of specific groups such as women of any ethnicity, and Americans whose origins represent various minority ethnic populations.

TRS and TWC staff will focus on the “Secrets of Selling to the State” by identifying and capitalizing on contracting and subcontracting opportunities with all state agencies. The event will inform vendors about state purchasing needs, thereby enhancing opportunities for vendors to obtain contract awards.

Representatives from TRS, TWC and other state agencies will discuss their contracting opportunities. A networking session will allow vendors to meet with purchasing staff, key agency decision-makers, and potential partners and subcontractors. Representatives from Texas State University Small Business Development Center will discuss the variety of services they provide to support small businesses.

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TRS delivers retirement and related benefits that have been authorized by the Texas Legislature and manages a nearly \$94 billion trust fund established to finance member benefits. Nearly 1.3 million public education employees, higher education employees and retirees participate in the system. For additional details on TRS, visit www.trs.state.tx.us.

TWC is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.