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The Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program was established in accordance with statutory requirements for the purpose of enhancing and expanding business opportunities for disadvantaged business enterprises with the objective of making a good faith effort to assist HUBs to receive a percentage of the total value of all awards for goods and services procured during a fiscal year.

The policy on contracting with Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) firms was approved by The University of Texas Board of Regents in August 1990 pursuant to action by the 71st Legislature. Subsequent actions by the Texas Legislature, the Texas General Services Commission TAC rules and Texas Government Code Title 10 define program eligibility, criteria, and administrative rules.

It is the policy of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (Health Science Center) to promote full and equal opportunity for all businesses to supply the goods and services needed to support the mission, administrative, and logistical operations of the Health Science Center. The Health Science Center commits to a good faith effort to increase purchases from and contract awards to Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) firms consistent with the state’s goals for HUB participation and overall economic development.

As a public entity, the Health Science Center has a compelling interest to assure that procurement funds always are expended in an equal-business-opportunity context. To meet that obligation, the Health Science Center shall establish and maintain procurement systems and procedures that are nondiscriminatory with respect to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. That obligation also encompasses procurement systems and procedures of business firms under contract with the Health Science Center in order to preclude the Health Science Center’s passive participation in an unlawfully discriminatory marketplace.
Therefore, the guidelines and related rules of the General Services Commission (GSC) *(Texas Administrative Code, Sections 111.11 through 111.28)* are hereby adopted.

**Scope**

This policy applies to acquisition of materials, supplies, equipment, professional consulting, or other services, and capital improvements by the Health Science Center, regardless of funding source (treasury or non-treasury funds).