I. HUB Program-A HUB is defined as Texas corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership or joint venture formed for the purpose of making a profit in which at least 51% is owned or controlled by one or more of the following:

- Asian Pacific Americans
- African Americans
- Hispanic Americans
- Native American Indians
- Women
- Service Disabled Veterans

The Statewide Procurement Division (SPD) administers the HUB Program for the State of Texas. Register online as a Texas Vendor [https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/registration/](https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/registration/).

For more information, please visit the HUB Program at [https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/](https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/).

II. Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - is a master database used by State of Texas purchasing entities to develop a mailing list for vendors to receive bids based on the products or services they can provide to the State of Texas. Manufacturers, suppliers, and other vendors wishing to furnish materials, equipment, supplies, and services to the state should register for the CMBL to receive bidding opportunities. State of Texas purchasers are mandated to check the CMBL first when sourcing vendors. Annual registration/renewal fee is $70.00 and may be paid on-line by credit/debit card or check debit (US addresses only) or via a printable application [https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/cmbl/](https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/cmbl/).

III. Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) - The ESBD is an automated search engine used by vendors. Statewide procurement opportunities valued at $25,000 or more are posted on the ESBD. You can search by Agency, Requisition number, Class and Item Code, and keyword. To view the ESBD visit [http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/](http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/).

IV. Economic Opportunity Forums (EOF) are events sponsored by state and local government agencies, as well as minority/women development centers and trade organizations. EOFs provide numerous opportunities to disseminate and share information about public and private sector procurement, as well as increase networking opportunities with Texas-based small, minority, and women-owned businesses.

Please visit the CPA EOF website for a list of upcoming events [http://www.txsmartbuy.com/eof/index.html](http://www.txsmartbuy.com/eof/index.html).

V. Mentor Protégé Program - Mentor Protégé Programs are designed to foster long-term relationships between prime contractors and HUBs. The objective of a Mentor Protégé Program is twofold. One is for the mentor to provide the Protégé with professional guidance and support to facilitate growth and business development. The second is to provide the mentor with a strong and reliable subcontracting partner through increased exposure with the protégé. All participation is voluntary.

Learn more about this program by visiting [https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/mentor.php](https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/mentor.php).

VI. HUB Subcontracting Opportunities- In accordance with Texas Gov't Code §2161.252 and Texas Administrative Code §111.14, each state agency (including institutions of higher education) as defined by §2151.002 that considers entering into a contract with an expected value of $100,000 or more shall, before the agency solicits bids, proposals, offers, or other applicable expressions of interest, determine whether subcontracting opportunities are probable under the contract. If subcontracting opportunities are probable, each state agency's invitation for bids or other purchase solicitation documents for construction, professional services, other services, and commodities with an expected value of $100,000 or more shall state that probability and require a HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP). More subcontracting information is available at [https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php](https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php).