

WHAT IS HUB?

A Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) is a corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership or a joint venture formed for the purpose of making a profit in which at least 51 percent ownership of the business is by a woman, minority and/or service-disabled veteran.

How to Become a HUB

1. You must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **A business must be at least 51% owned by an Asian Pacific American, Hispanic American, Native American, African American an/or American woman, or a Service-Disabled Veteran**
- **Must be a U.S. citizen**
- **Must be a Texas Resident**
- **Principal place of business must be located in the State of Texas**
- **The eligible owner must have proportionate interest and demonstrate active participation in the control, operations, and management of the entity's affairs**

2. Complete the HUB Certification Application located at [the Texas Procurement and Support Services website](#).

Under "HUB Certification Application Forms" download and complete the form labeled "All Business Structures". Upon completion, return the application along with the appropriate business documentation requested in the application, to: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Statewide HUB Program, 1711 San Jacinto Blvd., P.O. Box 13186, Austin, Texas 78711-3047. NOTE: Please allow 2-4 weeks to process you HUB Certification Application. Questions regarding the completion of the HUB Certification Application should be directed to 512-463-5872 or 888-863-5881.

Benefits of Becoming a HUB

- **HUB Certification is free of charge**
- **Certification is valid for four (4) years, provided that the business continues to meet the eligibility requirements**
- **Your business is registered on the web-based HUB directory. State agencies including institutions of higher education use the HUB Directory to solicit bids from certified HUBs. Prime contractors also use the HUB directory to identify HUBs to whom they will send notification of their subcontracting opportunities**
- **Opportunity to do business with approximately 300 state agencies including institutions of higher education**
- **Increased exposure to the general public, as well as, other entities who have a supplier diversity program and are searching for HUB businesses**