



UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**

At Your Service: HUB &
Purchasing Departments

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Overview

The State of Texas requires

- Best value determination for procurements and consideration for Historically Underutilized Businesses
- Formal Bidding Required for Procurements valued > \$25k
 - Time consuming and delays implementation of the service or purchase of the required goods

Alternative Procurement Methods

- Purchasing organizations that allow UH to purchase without formal and informal bidding
- Allows for quick delivery of routine goods, services, and minor repairs
- May include HUB vendors to meet state goals

Texas: SmartBuy

- Texas SmartBuy (Excludes IT and Telecommunications)
- Set-Aside: State Use Program
 - WorkQuest (Formerly TIBH Industries)
 - Texas Correctional Industries
- Term and Managed Term
- Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS)

Texas: Department of Information Resources (DIR)

- DIR Cooperative Contracts Program
- DIR (TXMAS) Contracts
- A scope of work (SOW) summary helps locate and determine suitability of available contracts
- DIR will search its contract portfolio for a contract responsive to a SOW

Contracts Formally Bid by Other Texas Agencies

- Per TAC Title 34, Rule 20.236, a state agency may purchase goods and services under a contract made by another state agency
- UH Purchasing has contacts at other state agencies to help locate suitable contracts
- State Procurement Division must approve use

University of Texas Supply Chain Alliance

- University of Houston is an Affiliate Member
- Aggregates purchasing power of 15 UT System institutions and 17 affiliates: ~ \$450M/year
- Offers 69 contracts in commodity types supporting higher-education requirements.
- Offers HUB Opportunities
- Rebates: UH may receive 25% of administration fees generated from UH's contract use.

