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October 15, 2008

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor, State of Texas
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The Honorable David Dewhurst
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The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House
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Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit the fiscal 2008 Annual Report for the Statewide Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. The HUB Program is a component of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Texas Procurement and Support Services Division. Texas Government Code §2161.121 requires us to submit this report, which includes a summary and analysis of expenditures made to certified HUBs by state agencies and institutions of higher education for Sept. 1, 2007, through Aug. 31, 2008.

While the percent of statewide expenditures made to HUBs decreased slightly in fiscal 2008, the total dollars spent with HUBs were almost 2.7 percent higher than in fiscal 2007. Our report also notes an increase in statewide expenditures with HUBs in four of the six main procurement categories and three of five ethnicity/gender categories.

The HUB Report also includes state agency rankings, expenditure data, supplemental reports and letters from various state agencies documenting their efforts to educate HUBs about their procurement opportunities.

The fiscal 2008 Annual HUB Report is also available online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-reporting/hub-report-FY08/>.

If you have questions or require additional information regarding the fiscal 2008 Annual HUB Report, please contact me via e-mail at paul.gibson@cpa.state.tx.us, or by telephone at (512) 305-9071.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Gibson
Manager, Statewide HUB Program

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Susan Combs
Comptroller of Public Accounts