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## HUB Expo Helps Businesses Compete For State Contracts

(AUSTIN) — Woman- and minority-owned businesses can improve their bottom line by seeking contracts to provide goods and services to state government, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

At the Comptroller's free 2008 Procurement Connection Seminar and Expo, owners of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) can get valuable information about the state procurement process and can also network with purchasers from state agencies, universities and state contracting partners. The event is scheduled Aug. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the State Capitol Extension auditorium, Room E1.004.

"I am committed to making Texas' HUB Program the premier program in the nation," said Combs, whose agency began managing state procurement and the Statewide HUB Program in September 2007. "I strongly encourage woman- and minority-owned businesses to become certified as HUBs and enroll on the state's Centralized Master Bidders List so they can be notified of state contract opportunities and have a chance to bid."

Approximately 11,600 businesses are certified in the Statewide HUB Program, and Texas awarded more than \$1.8 billion in contracts and subcontracts to certified HUBs in fiscal 2007. State agencies and higher education institutions are required to make a good-faith effort to contract with HUBs for construction, services and commodities purchases.

Visit [www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/hubexpo08.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/hubexpo08.html) to learn more about the HUB Expo and to register online.

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