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## Help Us Diversify Business!

The commitment to the "Think HUB First" initiative supported by Chancellor Williams leads the HUB team to explore new, innovative, and solution-oriented practices in supporting the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. The UNT System and its component institutions have a duty to also join in the commitment! One way to evaluate progress is through the amount of time spent with our HUB partners and that brings focus to the purpose of this letter.

**DID YOU KNOW**??? - UNT System has contracted with HUB vendors and encourages the use of preferred partners for the following services:

COMMODITY/SERVICE	PREFERRED VENDORS (HUBs)	
Office Supplies	BE Business Essentials – coming soon	
Air Gas	Cuevas - shop in UNT Marketplace	
Apple Products	SHI - shop in UNT Marketplace	
Lab Supplies	VWR International Summus - shop in UNT Marketplace	
Industrial/Janitor Supplies	Grainger/Mavich - shop in UNT Marketplace	
Technology, and Healthcare Professional Services	CDW/mPulse - shop in UNT Marketplace	
Laboratory Equipment and Supplies.	Fisher Scientific/Possible Missions- shop in Marketplace	
Dell Products	Summus, Dell	

UNTS Marketplace webpage: <u>https://finance.untsystem.edu/procurement/marketplace/index.php</u>

This letter also serves as an instructional guide for how you can improve your impact toward the "Think HUB First" initiative:

- Purchase from the preferred partners for the aforementioned services
- When making purchases for other goods and services, you are strongly encouraged to acquire quotes from 3 HUB vendors, with the intent of consideration, for all requirements between \$15K and \$25K; exceptions being approved by the HUB Coordinator.
- When making purchases for other goods and services, you are strongly encouraged to acquire quotes from 1 HUB vendor for all requirements under \$15K; exceptions being approved by the HUB Coordinator.

We hope you willingly join our commitment to support the "Think HUB First" initiative. The <u>HUB team</u> is a partner to help connect you to qualified and responsive HUB vendors for your commodity or service.

Should you require additional information, training or have other concerns, please contact us.

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