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UTSA RANKS IN TOP 25 OF STATE AGENCIES IN MINORITY BUSINESS EXPENDITURES

(San Antonio) — The University of Texas at San Antonio ranks 19th among the top 25 historically underutilized business (HUB) programs in the state. The ranking is up from 25th last year.

In fiscal year 2006, UTSA spent more than \$10.3 million (27.73 percent of total purchases) with HUB vendors, which are minority- and women-owned businesses certified by the state.

“UTSA continues its support of historically underutilized businesses, and I thank everyone at the university for taking part in the HUB program,” said UTSA President Ricardo Romo. “As one of the fastest growing universities in the state, it is important for UTSA to take a leadership role in supporting HUBs. Because of this program, many of the university’s purchasing dollars stay in the local community.”

The ranking is according to the Texas Building and Procurement Commission, which lists the top 25 agencies reporting expenditures in excess of \$5 million. UTSA’s expenditures were \$36 million with \$10.4 million spent with HUBs, a 2.4 percent-of-expenditures increase from fiscal year 2005.

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UTSA HUB ranking
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Other University of Texas institutions joining UTSA in the top 25 are UT Tyler (35.42 percent), UT Dallas (30.49 percent), UT El Paso (26.95 percent) and UT Brownsville (26.17 percent).

The top 5 Texas agencies in HUB utilization for 2006 were Texas A&M International University (\$3.3 million, 63.9 percent), Secretary of State (\$4.7 million, 41.8 percent), University of North Texas System Administration (\$4.4 million, 40.3 percent), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (\$12.7 million, 38.2 percent) and University of Houston - Clear Lake (\$3.1 million, 38.1 percent).

For more information, contact Yolanda Miller, UTSA director of materials management and HUB coordinator, at (210) 458-7537 or visit the UTSA HUB Web site at <http://www.utsa.edu/hub>.

Access the Texas Building and Procurement Commission HUB reports at <http://www.tbpc.state.tx.us/communities/procurement/prog/hub/hub-reporting/reporting>.

The University of Texas at San Antonio is the premier institution of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. Celebrating its 37th year, UTSA serves more than 28,000 students enrolled in 62 undergraduate, 43 master's and 19 doctoral programs. The second-largest institution in the University of Texas System, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.