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## **State Agencies to Host Forum for Historically Underutilized Businesses**

AUSTIN – The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will present the 8th Annual Purchasing and HUB Connection, a forum for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The free forum will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the TRS cafeteria, 1000 Red River St. in Austin.

The event will inform vendors about the purchasing needs of TRS and TWC, thereby enhancing opportunities for vendors to obtain contract awards. Representatives from both agencies will discuss their contracting opportunities. Representatives from other state agencies also will be on hand. Networking sessions also are scheduled to allow vendors to meet with purchasing staff, key agency decision-makers, and potential partners and subcontractors. Information on the state of Texas HUB program and on information technology contracting processes with the Department of Information Resources also will be available.

A HUB is defined as at least 51 percent owned by an African American, Asian-Pacific American, Hispanic American, Native American and/or American woman residing in Texas. The owner must demonstrate active participation in the operations and management of the business.

TRS delivers retirement and related benefits that have been authorized by the Texas Legislature and manages a \$114 billion trust fund established to finance member benefits. More than 1.2 million public education employees, higher education employees and retirees currently participate in the system. For additional details on TRS, visit [www.trs.state.tx.us](http://www.trs.state.tx.us).

TWC is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

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