

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **Historically Underutilized Business Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Ranked Among Top 25 in State**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Historically Underutilized Business Program (HUB) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has been ranked among the top 25 in the state by Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS).

TPASS, a division of the state comptroller's office, awards and manages hundreds of statewide contracts on behalf of more than 200 state agencies and 1,700 local government agencies. According to a report recently released by TPASS, during fiscal year 2008, the University spent 31.7 percent of its budget with historically underutilized businesses, far exceeding its goal of 20 percent. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi was ranked number 13 on the list.

The statewide HUB program provides information on the procurement process to minority and woman- owned businesses and facilitates the use of those underutilized businesses. A "Historically Underutilized Business" is an entity that operates principally in Texas, with ownership that is at least 51 percent Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American and/or American woman. Owners must reside in Texas and have and participate actively in the control, operations and management of the entity's affairs.

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