



SPECIAL INTERESTS

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Participation

The University has taken several proactive measures in reaching its HUB goals. A HUB alliance has been formed to work through these issues as well. For detailed information on the University of North Carolina's HUB Plan, please see

http://www.northcarolina.edu/docs/vendors/HUB_Plan_Final.pdf

It is the policy of the University of North Carolina to provide businesses owned by minority persons equal access and opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the university construction program; to prohibit discrimination against business on the basis of race, color, national origin, or gender; to promote and encourage full and open competition; and to promote equal access to contracting opportunities among the various contractors and vendors that do business with the University. (The Statement of Policy of the North Carolina Board of Governors, October 2001)

The North Carolina Community College System Office and the Community College Presidents Association have embraced the 10% HUB goal and are constantly looking for ways to increase HUB participation. While some colleges continue to struggle to increase HUB participation, there are some colleges that have found much success in hiring HUB vendors and have had participation as high as 100%. The Community Colleges plan to rely on various efforts to make HUB participation a success, including the use of the newly revised Department of Administration Vendor-Link website (<http://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/vendor/vndpubmain.asp>), hosting business fairs, utilizing local cable-access programs, and even hiring consultants.

It is the intent of the State Board of Community Colleges to encourage and promote equal opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) in order to foster more diverse participation in all aspects of procurement and contracting opportunities at the North Carolina Community College System Office. Further, it is the policy of the State Board of Community Colleges to prohibit discrimination against any person or business on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. (Mission Statement of the State Board of Community Colleges, August 15, 2001)

HUB Academies take place on a regular basis at university and community college sites across the state. The Department of Administration offers training and support services for HUBs. For more information, see: <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/hub/index.htm>.

Construction Law Changes

The passage of Senate Bill 914 brought about changes to North Carolina's construction laws that affect both the universities and community colleges. These changes include increasing the threshold for requiring a construction procurement process from \$100K to \$300K, and now allow construction manager at risk contract agreements. For more information please see:

<http://www.ncleg.net/html2001/bills/CurrentVersion/ratified/senate/sbil0914.full.html> or <http://www.iog.unc.edu/faculty/bluestein/senatebill914/FraydaBluestein.ppt>