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As a result of the new Executive Order 150, the HUB Office was established in the Office of the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Administration to initiate more outreach to women, minority and disabled owned businesses. This office will encourage increased participation by businesses as well as State Agencies, Community Colleges, Universities and Public Schools in the State's procurement process.

The new Office For HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES adheres to G.S. 143-48 through 143-128 and the new Executive Order reflecting **new goal (8%)**. In accordance with G.S. 143-48, all agencies are required to report (HUB Purchasing Report) the amount of purchases made through these identified HUBs (*women, minority and disabled owned businesses, disabled business enterprises, Nonprofit workcenters for the blind and severely disabled*) to HUB Office.

The HUB Office serves as a resource to provide HUBs with assistance in doing business with the State as well as to agencies. The office seeks to identify capable HUBs in areas of construction, commodities and services that could do business with the State and provide accurate information to businesses. This office also directs these businesses to the agencies that could best use their products or services and serves as information resources to aid agencies and businesses in becoming more active participants in the State's public contracting process.

Doing business with firms owned by minorities, women, persons with disabilities, disabled business enterprise and nonprofit workcenters for the blind and severely disabled will increase the number of suppliers, thereby increasing competition. Increased competition should result in higher quality goods, lower prices and better serves. The net result will benefit businesses as well as the taxpayers of North Carolina.

The HUB Office is responsible for certifying HUBs via on-line vendor registration. For more information about the office, please contact us at (919) 807-2330.