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UT SOUTHWESTERN INCREASES BUSINESS WITH MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS TO MORE THAN \$8 MILLION IN 1994

DALLAS — February 7, 1995 — UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas conducted more than \$8 million worth of business with minority- and women-owned firms in fiscal year 1994, accounting for 12.6 percent of all purchases.

The university participates in the UT System Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program which aims to increase the amount spent on goods and services provided by firms owned by minorities or by women. Throughout the UT System, which includes 15 institutions, HUB purchases surpassed \$90 million in fiscal year 1994 — 10.3 percent of System purchases.

UT Southwestern's HUB volume has grown steadily over the last six years, from 1.1 percent in 1989 to the current figure. The state goal is 30 percent.

The HUB progress at UT Southwestern will be recognized at an awards ceremony to be held at 8 a.m. Feb. 7 in the University Cafeteria. UT Southwestern departments with outstanding participation in the HUB program and vendors offering competitive prices and exceptional customer service will be honored.

Tom Lazo, president of the Dallas/Fort Worth Visitors and Convention Bureau, and chief executive officer of Custom Programming, will be guest speaker. Lazo is also a member of UT Southwestern's Community Relations Advisory Committee.

Awards will be presented to Regional Health Supply, of Arlington; Cuevas Distribution Company, of Fort Worth; and Industrial Power & Hardware, of Dallas.

UT Southwestern's physical plant department will be recognized for distributing the highest monetary amount to minority- and women-owned firms. Other top departments include purchasing, animal resources, auxiliary enterprises, general store, human resources and the library.

A special "Helping Hand" award will be presented to William Garvin, stores and services supervisor in the physical plant.

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"Whenever I need someone to help with outreach activities to HUB vendors, Bill is always willing to help," said Linda Bell, senior buyer and HUB coordinator. "We really appreciate his help."

Others to be honored are Jesse Donias, Sylvia June Hyde, Joe Perez, Lonnie Campbell, and David Koller, all buyers in the purchasing department.

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