



## **Judge Reinstates Texas HUB Certifications Pending Trial**

An Austin district court judge has entered an injunction reinstating the Texas Comptroller's Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) certification pending trial.

On March 2, 2026, several minority- and women-owned Texas small businesses and a nonprofit trade association filed suit in Travis County District Court challenging the Texas Comptroller's December 2025 emergency regulation that dismantled the state's Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program. The regulation stripped HUB certifications from over 15,000 minority- and women-owned businesses, limiting the program exclusively to disabled veteran-owned firms. The plaintiffs allege the Comptroller exceeded his statutory authority, violated the Texas Constitution's separation of powers, and bypassed required rulemaking procedures. They seek declaratory and injunctive relief to void the regulation and reinstate their certifications.

After a hearing on Monday, April 13, 2026, Judge Amy Meachum issued a temporary injunction. Judge Meachum's order reinstates the HUB program but is only applicable to the plaintiffs in this case. The judge also set a trial date for the suit for November 9, 2026. The Comptroller's office has not commented on the injunction. It is likely that they will appeal the judge's decision.

As this is a developing matter, any contracting involving HUB/DBE standards should be reviewed carefully. As discussed in prior alerts on this topic, public works construction stakeholders should be diligent in record keeping and selection communication. Keep up to date on the litigation and the expiration or renewal of the injunction. Keep all compliance documentation so that if there is a reinstatement, your firm can reenter the HUB directory.

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