## **FRAUD ALERT**

Attention Vendors:

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) has received multiple reports from vendors who have been receiving fraudulent emails from individuals posing as employees of TAMIU. These individuals are attempting to purchase items on behalf of TAMIU and, when required, submit credit applications to vendors.

Please note that:

- All communication from TAMIU will come from an e-mail address ending in tamiu.edu.
- TAMIU will always issue a standard TAMIU Purchase Order. We will never ask for goods to be shipped using text in the body of an e-mail.
- Delivery of goods will be to Texas A&M International University, 5201 University Blvd., Laredo, TX.
- Purchasing and University Staff can be verified via our Employee Directory (<u>https://www.tamiu.edu/directory</u>).

TAMIU cannot be held liable for fraudulent purchase requests that are fulfilled without a valid TAMIU authorizer. Vendors who ship products to a fraudulent requestor should report the incident to their local police department.

Please review documentation or e-mail requests cautiously when received, paying attention to grammar and sentence structure, links, and attachments. If there is a question regarding the validity of the request, please contact the Purchasing Office at 956-326-2350 or e-mail information to purchasing@tamiu.edu to confirm.

For additional information, please visit our dedicated Purchasing website at <u>https://www.tamiu.edu/adminis/purchasing/</u>.

Best Regards,

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