

Dear Business Owner:

Are you looking to grow your business by bidding on contracts with cities, counties, non-profits, housing authorities and others that receive HUD funds? Our Section 3 program is a great way to do that.

Under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, HUD and its partners are charged with ensuring that HUD-funded jobs, training and contracts are provided to local low-income residents, particularly those that reside in public housing, and to businesses that substantially employ them. Under that law, “Section 3 Businesses are eligible to receive notice of and preference for contracts for HUD-funded projects. If your business: a) is 51 percent or more owned by public housing residents or individuals who meet HUD’s definition of low-income, b) has 30 percent or more employees who are public housing residents or meet HUD’s definition of low-income, or c) can commit to providing 25 percent of total subcontracts to businesses that fall into category a or b, you are a Section 3 Business.

If you do own a Section 3 Business, I urge you to take advantage of HUD’s online resources, which are designed to help Section 3 Businesses find contracting opportunities and search for residents to fill positions. Using these on-line tools, you can:

SIGN UP FOR HUD’S SECTION 3 BUSINESS REGISTRY

HUD’s Section 3 Business Registry is a listing of firms that have self-certified that they meet one of the regulatory definitions of a “Section 3 Business” and are included in a searchable online database that can be used by agencies that receive HUD funds, developers, contractors, and others to facilitate the award of certain HUD-funded contracts. The database can also be used by Section 3 residents to identify businesses that may have HUD-funded employment opportunities. You can learn how to qualify and register here ([click here](#)).

VISIT HUD’S SECTION 3 OPPORTUNITY PORTAL

In addition, HUD’s new Opportunity Portal matches Section 3 Residents to jobs and training opportunities and Section 3 Businesses to contracting opportunities ([click here](#)). The Opportunity Portal is intended to help HUD grantees and Section 3 businesses meet their Section 3 obligations for employment and contracting. Section 3 residents can use the site to Search for Jobs and post their profile/employment history for companies to search. Employers may use the site for posting job/contract opportunities or search for residents to fill positions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SECTION 3

More information on HUD’s Section 3 Registry can be found here ([click to open](#)).

If you have questions about HUD’s Section 3 Business Registry or Opportunity Portal, please contact Antonia Gale at Antonia.S.Gale@hud.gov or (907) 677-9832.

Thank you.