



Prospective Business Vendor:

Enclosed, you will find a variety of forms regarding Section 3 (Housing & Urban Development Opportunities Act of 1968, as amended). Please complete and attach the Section 3 forms with your bid submission. **Failure to submit the appropriate forms may jeopardize the proposal/bid up to and including the possibility of said proposal/bid being deemed non-responsive**

Anyone claiming to be a Section 3 Business Concern shall be required, as set forth by procedure, to provide evidence of such status. Section 3 Business Concerns claiming Section 3 Preference status must meet that status at the time the bid, quote or proposal is submitted to CMHA.

Section 3 Required Forms:

- 1) Section 3 Assurance of Compliance & Section 3 Clause
- 2) Section 3 Action Plan
- 3) Section 3 Certification for Preference
- 4) Preference Category Acknowledgement S3 Residents

If you need any assistance or help regarding Section 3, feel free to contact us. We look forward to assisting you with Section 3 implementation.

Sincerely,

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CMHA
Section 3 Assurance of Compliance Form

Training, Employment, and Contracting Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns

- A. The project assisted under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 170u. Section 3 requires that to the *greatest extent feasible, newly created opportunities* that are generated by the awarding of this contract be given to:
- Section 3 Residents (30% minimum goal of new hires) upon their qualifications.
 - Section 3 Business Concerns (10% of total construction subcontracting dollar amount awarded – based upon their qualifications).
 - Section 3 Business Concerns (3% of total non-construction subcontracting dollar amount awarded- based upon their qualifications).
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, the applicant shall carry out the provisions of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Secretary issued thereunder prior to the execution of this contract. The requirements of said regulations include but are not limited to development and implementation of a Section 3 Action Plan/Strategy for utilizing Section 3 Business Concerns; the making of a good faith effort, as defined by the regulation, to provide training, employment and business opportunities required by Section 3; and incorporation of the “Section 3 Clause” specified by Section 135.20 (b) of the regulations in all contracts for work in connection with the project. The applicant and recipient agency, certifies and agrees that it is under no contractual or other disability which would prevent it from complying with these requirements.
- C. Compliance with the provision of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Secretary issued thereunder prior to approval by the Government of the application of this contract, shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors, and assigns to the sanctions specified by the contract, and to such sanctions as are specified by 24 CFR Section 135.

Applicant: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Section 3 Clause

All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the "Section 3 Clause"):

- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, [12 U.S.C. 1701u](#) (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
- C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.
- E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- G. In the event of a determination by the Executive Director or his/her designee that the Contractor is not in compliance with the section 3 clause or any rule, regulation, or report submission requirements of the CMHA, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further CMHA contracts for a period of one to three years.



Contractor Section 3 Action Plan Submission

The Section 3 Action Plan is a requirement for contracting opportunities with CMHA. The Section 3 Action Plan must indicate/describe the proposed strategies for achieving the Section 3 training and/or employment goals, and subcontracting numerical goals, when and if **newly created opportunities** are generated upon awarding of contracts. **Failure to submit the Section 3 Action plan may jeopardize the proposal/bid up to and including the possibility of said proposal/bid being deemed non-responsive.**

Please review the Section 3 Action Plan information attached. **All Sections need to be completed and signed.** This information will help to assist you in formulating your Section 3 Action Plan. You will need to address each question and check the appropriate boxes in regards to how your company will strive to achieve Section 3 Compliance to the “**greatest extent feasible**”.

Please identify individual(s) responsible for planning, implementing and tracking the projects' Section 3 training, employment and/or contracting goals:

Name(s): _____

Contact Info: _____

Title(s): _____

Section 3 Hiring/Training Opportunity Strategies

Please check any and all efforts from the below mentioned categories that your company will utilize to recruit, solicit, encourage, facilitate and hire Section 3 Residents when new hiring/training opportunities are generated through the awarding of the contract. **Some of the items will be mandatory as indicated with **.** Your acknowledgement is still needed, so please check accordingly.

The Section 3 Action Plan is subject to audit at anytime during the awarding of the contract through the duration of the contract by the Section 3 Compliance Coordinator.

****☐ Commit that when new workers are hired by the company and/or subcontractors as a result of the contract, 30% of those hired will be Section 3 Residents.**

****☐ Contact the CMHA Section 3 Compliance Coordinator regarding new hiring and training opportunities.**

****☐ Provide the CMHA Section 3 Compliance Coordinator with a monthly report listing all hiring and training opportunities.**

****☐ Post notice (placards) at the worksite where the work is being done, indicating any new hiring and training opportunities**

☐ Facilitate or co-facilitate Hiring Halls within close proximity to where the work is being done for Section 3 Residents.

☐ Contact/Meet with Resident Associations informing them of new training and hiring opportunities.

☐ Advertise new training and hiring opportunities in community and diversity newspapers/websites.

☐ Sponsor or participate in job informational meetings or job fairs in the neighborhood or service area of the Section 3 covered project.

☐ Establish an internal training program (pre-apprenticeship) that is consistent with Dept. of Labor requirements to provide Section 3 Residents with the opportunity to learn skills and job requirements.

☐ Distribute flyers to CMHA owned sites indicating the number and types of jobs that will be offered with contact information.

☐ Maintain a file of eligible qualified Section 3 Residents for future employment opportunities.

☐ Incorporate into contract (after selection of bidders but prior to the execution of contracts), a negotiated provision for a specific number of Section 3 Residents to be trained and/or employed during the contract.

☐ Other:

Note: You are required to provide opportunities to "the greatest extent feasible" in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3. In the event that you are not able to hire/train and/or contract with Section 3 Residents and/or Section 3 Business Concerns, you will be required to document why you were unable to meet the numerical goals.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 3 Subcontracting Opportunity Strategies

Please check any and all efforts from the below mentioned categories that your company will utilize to recruit, solicit, encourage, facilitate and contract with Section 3 Business Concerns when new subcontracting opportunities are generated through the awarding of the contract. **Some of the items will be mandatory as indicated with **.** Your acknowledgement is still needed, so please check accordingly.

The Section 3 Action Plan is subject to audit at anytime during the awarding of the contract through the duration of the contract by the Section 3 Compliance Coordinator.

****☐ Commit that when subcontracting occurs, 10% of the total dollar amount subcontracted out by the company and/or by subcontractors will go to Section 3 Business Concerns.**

****☐ Contact the CMHA Section 3 Compliance Coordinator regarding all new subcontracting opportunities.**

****☐ Provide the CMHA Section 3 Compliance Coordinator with a monthly report listing all subcontracting opportunities.**

☐ Advertise new contracting opportunities in community and diversity newspapers/websites.

☐ Maintain a file of eligible qualified Section 3 Business Concerns for future contracting opportunities.

☐ Incorporate into contract (after selection of bidders but prior to the execution of contracts), a negotiated provision for a specific amount of work to be contracted with Section 3 Business Concern(s) during the contract.

☐ Sponsor or participate in minority, women, small business expositions and or conferences in the Cincinnati, Ohio area to network and promote contracting opportunities with Section 3 Business Concerns.

☐ Outreach to business assistance agencies, minority contracting associations, community organizations, to network and promote contracting opportunities with Section 3 Business Concerns.

☐ Contact/Meet with Resident Associations informing them of new contracting opportunities.

☐ Outreach to trade/labor organizations to network and promote contracting opportunities with Section 3 Business Concerns.

☐ Host/Facilitate workshops geared to Section 3 Business concerns on contracting procedures and opportunities.

☐ Become an active mentor to Section 3 Business Concerns.

☐ Other:

Note: You are required to provide opportunities to "the greatest extent feasible" in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3. In the event that you are not able to hire/train and/or contract with Section 3 Residents and/or Section 3 Business Concerns, you will be required to document why you were unable to meet the numerical goals.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority Section 3
CERTIFICATION FOR PREFERENCE**

Please note that a contract with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended **AND** to the Section 3 Action Plan submitted with the proposal for this project.

Type of Business: Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Joint Venture LLC MBE WBE
(check all that apply)

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

You *self-certify* that your business is registered as a Section 3 Business Concern based on one of the below eligibility criteria's..
(Check the one that qualifies your business):

Category 1 **(Please check one):** ____ CMHA Resident (ROB) or ____ Income eligible)

51 percent or more of the business is owned by Section 3 residents (Public Housing residents or persons who live in or nearby HUD-assisted projects are located and household income falls below HUD-income limits); **or**

Category 2

At least 30 percent or more of the business permanent full-time, part-time or seasonal employees include Section 3 Residents; **or** they met the definition of a Section 3 Resident within 3 years of date of first hire; **or**

Category 3

HUD Youthbuild programs being carried out in the metropolitan area (or Nonmetropolitan County) in which the section 3 covered assistance is expended; **or**

Category 4

A business that notes a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the total dollar awarded of HUD funded subcontracts to a Section 3 business concern that meets one of the first two qualifications above to the greatest extent feasible.

OR

My business does not meet the Section 3 eligibility criteria and wishes to forgo Section 3 preferences in the awarding of this contract, but understand that we are still responsible for meeting Section 3 compliance.

"I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct, and understand any falsification of any of the information could subject me to punishment under the law."

Signature _____ Date _____

Authorized Signer

Title: _____

If you would like more information or to register your business in the Section 3 program, please call Jacquetta Brown, at **(513) 977-5683**, or send an email to Section3@Cintimha.com.

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low-or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.



Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority

Section 3 Preference Categories: Section 3 Residents

CMHA's preference is to ensure as many CMHA residents as possible are employed. In an effort to further that goal, CMHA has created the following preference priority category structure for Section 3 Residents (Reference 24 CFR Part 135.34). Vendors are asked to comply with this priority preference to the greatest extent feasible. If the vendor cannot meet its Section 3 goal in this manner and needs to move onward to the next category, the vendor should document this inability to comply with the preference priority and the need to move onward to other categories.

Section 3 Resident Preference Priority Categories

- Category 1-Section 3 Resident Priority Definition:
CMHA Public Housing Residents of the housing development or developments for which the section 3 covered assistance is expended;
- Category 2-Section 3 Resident Priority Definition:
Residents of other housing developments managed by CMHA which is expending the section 3 covered housing assistance;
- Category 3-Section 3 Resident Priority Definition:
Participants in HUD Youthbuild programs being carried out in the metropolitan area (or non-metropolitan county) in which the section 3 covered assistance is expended;
- Category 4-Section 3 Resident Priority Definition:
Other Section 3 Residents who qualify under the low-income guidelines of HUD.

Signature: _____
Company Representative

Date: _____



Section 3 Preference Categories: Business Concerns

CMHA's preference is to ensure as many Section 3 Business Concerns as possible are afforded opportunities by contracting and/or subcontracting. In an effort to further our goal, CMHA has adopted the following preference priority category structure for Section 3 Business Concerns (Reference 24 CFR Part 135.36). Vendors are asked to comply with this priority preference to the greatest extent feasible. If the vendor cannot meet its Section 3 goal in this manner and needs to move onward to the next category, the vendor should document this inability to comply with the preference priority and the need to move onward to other categories. Vendors will receive a Section 3 Business Concern listing.

Section 3 Business Concern Preference Priority Categories:

- Category 1-Section 3 Business Concern Priority Definition:
Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by CMHA residents of the housing development or developments for which the section 3 covered assistance is expended, or whose full-time, permanent workforce includes 30 percent of these persons as employees.
- Category 2-Section 3 Business Concern Priority Definition:
Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of other housing developments or developments managed by CMHA that is expending the section 3 covered assistance, or whose full-time, permanent workforce includes 30 percent of these persons as employees.
- Category 3-Section 3 Business Concern Priority Definition:
HUD Youthbuild programs being carried out in the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the section 3 covered assistance is expended.
- Category 4-Section 3 Business Concern Priority Definition:
Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by section 3 residents, or whose permanent, fulltime workforce includes no less than 30 percent section 3 residents; or that subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the total amount of subcontracts to section 3 business concerns.

Signature: _____
Company Representative

Date: _____