potentially misrepresented themselves. In such situations, HUD will request documentation to verify the businesses' eligibility. Businesses that are found to have misrepresented themselves will be removed from the Section 3 Business Registry and penalized (see HUD's Section 3 Business Registry webpage for more information).

To search for Section 3 businesses in your community, register your business, or learn more about HUD's Section 3 Business Registry, please visit: www.hud.gov/Sec3biz

SECTION 3 AND HUD-FUNDED CONTRACTS

Section 3 requirements provide preference but not a guarantee to Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses when new jobs, training, or contracting opportunities are created as a result of HUD funds. Section 3 residents and businesses are not entitled to jobs or contracts simply because they meet the eligibility criteria. Section 3 residents and businesses may need to demonstrate that they have the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of proposed contracts and meet the qualifications for jobs or contracts they are seeking.

Section 3 residents or businesses that believe that they have been denied employment, training, or contracting opportunities associated with HUD-funded projects are encouraged to file a complaint with HUD at the appropriate Regional Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO). A copy of the Section 3 Complaint Form (HUD-958) and a list of FHEO Regional Offices can be found online at: www.hud.gov/Section3

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HUD SECTION 3
BUSINESS REGISTRY

WHAT IS SECTION 3?

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood improvement, and individual self-sufficiency.

HUD investments in local communities represent one of the largest sources of federal funding, and the expenditure of these funds typically results in new contracts and jobs. The Section 3 requirements stipulate that local low-income persons, and businesses that substantially employ those persons, receive priority consideration for a percentage of new training, employment, and contracting opportunities that are created from certain HUD funds.

Please visit www.hud.gov/section3 for more information on the requirements of Section 3.

WHAT IS A SECTION 3 BUSINESS?

If your business meets one of the following criteria, you may be eligible to receive priority consideration when bidding on certain HUD-funded contracts or subcontracts:

1. It is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons;
2. Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers; or
3) It is a business at least 51 percent owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.

WHO ARE SECTION 3 RESIDENTS?

If you meet one of the following criteria, you may be eligible to receive priority consideration when applying for certain HUD-funded jobs and training opportunities:

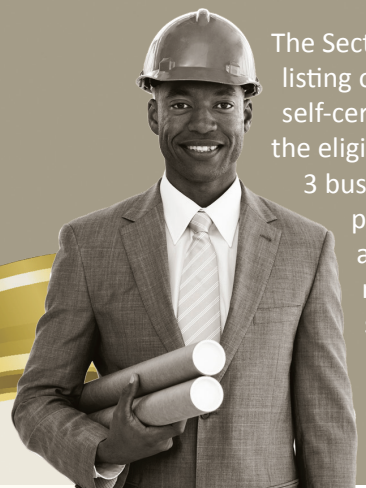
1) A resident of public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;

2) A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance; or

3) A YouthBuild participant.

To determine income eligibility in your community visit: http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html

WHAT IS THE SECTION 3 BUSINESS REGISTRY?



The Section 3 Business Registry is a listing of businesses that have self-certified that they meet one of the eligibility criteria of a Section 3 business, and have submitted publicly available information about their firm (i.e. business name, address, type of services provided, etc.) to be included HUD's online database.

The Section 3 Business Registry will be used by Public Housing Authorities (PHAs); State, County, and local government agencies; property owners; developers; contractors; and others as a resource for finding local Section 3 businesses to be notified about HUD-funded contracting opportunities. Section 3 residents are also encouraged to use the registry to locate Section 3 businesses that may have new HUD-funded jobs as a result of recently awarded HUD-funded contracts.

HUD will maintain the Section 3 Business Registry to assist agencies that receive HUD funds with meeting their Section 3 obligations. However, HUD does not verify information submitted by businesses and does not endorse the services they provide. Therefore, grantees and other users should perform due diligence to confirm eligibility before awarding contracts to firms in the Section 3 Business Registry.

Contact HUD at sec3biz@hud.gov if you believe firms in HUD's Section 3 Business Registry have

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