

SECTION 3 PLAN

FOR

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
FAIR HOUSING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

Table of Contents

General Policy Statement..... 4
Purpose 5
Section 3 Contracting Policy & Procedure..... 6
Section 3 Action Plan..... 7
Employment and Training Goals..... 8
Certification Procedure for Section 3 Program Participants..... 9
Resident Hiring Requirements..... 10
Assisting Contractors To Achieve Section 3 Goals..... 11
Preference for Contracting with Section 3 Business Concerns..... 12
Section 3 Business Certification..... 13
Resident Owned-Business Contracting..... 14
Contracting with Section 3 Business Concerns..... 15
Section 3 Recruitment, Training, and Employment 16
Employment of Section 3 Program Participants..... 17
Contractor Requirements in Employing Section 3 Participants..... 18
Internal Complaint Procedure..... 20
Definitions..... 21
Section 3 Contract Clause..... 24

Exhibits/Forms

- Exhibit 1: Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference
- Exhibit 2: Certification of Residents Seeking Preference in Training and Employment
- Exhibit 3: Contracting Policy & Procedure
- Exhibit 4: Special Conditions

General Policy Statement

It is the policy of Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII (MRHA VIII) to require its contractors to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, veteran's or marital status, or economic status and to take affirmative action to ensure that both job applicants and existing employees are given fair and equal treatment.

MRHA VIII implements this policy through the awarding of contracts to contractors, vendors, and suppliers, to create employment and business opportunities for residents and other qualified low- and very low-income persons residing:

The policy shall result in a reasonable level of success in the recruitment, employment, and utilization residents and other eligible persons and business by MRHA VIII contractors working on contracts partially or wholly funded with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monies. MRHA VIII shall examine and consider a contractor's or vendor's potential for success by providing employment and business opportunities to residents prior to acting on any proposed contract award.

Section 3 Purpose

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) requires MRHA VIII to ensure that employment and other economic and business opportunities generated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, are directed to public housing residents and other low-income persons, particularly recipients of government housing assistance, and business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons.

Section 3 Contracting Policy and Procedure

MRHA VIII will incorporate Section 3 in its existing Procurement Policy and adopt a Section 3 Contracting Policy and Procedure to be included in all procurements generated for use with HUD funding. This policy and procedure contains goal requirements for awarding contracts to Section 3 Business Concerns.

All contractors/businesses seeking Section 3 preference must before submitting bids/proposals to MRHA VIII be required to complete certifications, as appropriate, as acknowledgement of the Section 3 contracting and employment provisions required by this section. Such certifications shall be adequately supported with appropriate documentation as referenced in the form.

The existing Procurement Policy also contains goal requirements for awarding contracts to Small Disadvantaged Businesses, formerly Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE).

Section 3 Plan

MRHA VIII, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, will develop a Section 3 Action Plan to identify the goals, objectives, and actions that will be implemented to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 3.

MRHA VIII's intent to develop this plan is to include input from various city departments to include and, as well as HUD. Where applicable, input from other agencies and companies will be included and required.

Section 3 Employment & Training Goals

It is the policy of MRHA VIII to utilize residents and other Section 3 eligible persons and businesses in contracts partially or wholly funded with monies from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). MRHA VIII has established employment and training goals that contractors and subcontractors should meet in order to comply with Section 3 requirements. (Reference 24 CFR 135.30 – Numerical goal for meeting the greatest extent feasible requirement). The numerical goal is:

- Thirty percent (30%) of the aggregate number of new hires in any fiscal year.

It is the responsibility of contractors, vendors and suppliers to implement progressive efforts to attain Section 3 compliance. Any contractor that does not meet the Section 3 numerical goals must demonstrate why meeting the goals were not feasible. All contractors submitting bids or proposals to MRHA VIII are required to certify that they comply with the requirements of Section 3.

The Section 3 Contract Clause specifies the requirements for contractors hired for Section 3 covered projects. The Section 3 Clause must be included in all Section 3 covered projects. The Section 3 Contract Clause is included in Exhibit 3.

Section 3 Program Participant Certification Procedure

MRHA VIII will certify Section 3 program participants who reside in Southern Mississippi Region and who are seeking preference in training and employment by completing and attaching adequate proof of Section 3 eligibility, as required (see Exhibit 3 – Section 3 Participant Eligibility for Preference form).

- All persons living in the Southern Mississippi Region who meet the Section 3 eligibility guidelines can, by appointment, visit with the Section 3 Coordinator to complete a job readiness assessment.
- Once this assessment is complete, the Section 3 Coordinator will determine if the individual meets the eligibility requirements and is job ready.

- If the individual is deemed eligible for Section 3 participation and deemed not ready for employment, a referral will be made to other agencies that are better equipped to address the individual’s needs, i.e., substance abuse providers, etc.
- The Section 3 job readiness component is a part of MRHA VIII’s commitment to provide economic opportunities and training to residents/eligible participants to become gainfully employed.

Resident Hiring Requirements

MRHA VIII has adopted the following scale for resident hiring that is to be used on all construction contracts, service contracts and professional service contracts that contain a labor component. It is expected that an appropriate number of residents with particular qualifications or a willingness to begin unskilled labor will be able to participate in contracted labor efforts. A prime contractor may satisfy resident hiring requirements through its subcontractors.

TOTAL LABOR DOLLARS USE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS	RESIDENT AS A % OF TOTAL LABOR DOLLARS
When the lowest responsive bid is \$25,000 but less than \$100,000.....	10% of that bid or \$9,000.
At least \$100,000, but less than \$200,000	9% of that bid, or \$16,000
At least \$200,000, but less than \$300,000	8% of that bid, or \$21,000
At least \$300,000, but less than \$400,000	7% of that bid, or \$24,000
At least \$400,000, but less than \$500,000	6% of that bid, or \$25,000
At least \$500,000, but less than \$1 million	5% of that bid, or \$40,000
At least \$1 million, but less than \$2 million	4% of that bid, or \$60,000
At least \$2 million, but less than \$4 million	3% of that bid, or \$80,000
At least \$4 million, but less than \$7 million	2% of that bid, or \$105,000
\$7 million or more	1 1/2% of the lowest responsive bid, with no dollar limit

Assisting Contractors to Achieve Section 3 Goal Hiring and Contracting Goals

MRHA VIII will assist contractors with little or no experience in achieving Section 3 hiring and contracting goals by:

Requiring the contractor to present a list, to the Section 3 Coordinator, of the number of subcontracting and/or employment opportunities expected to be generated from the initial contract

- Section 3 Coordinator will provide the contractor with a list of interested and qualified Section 3 residents for construction projects.

- Section 3 Coordinator will provide contractor with a list of Section 3 business concerns interested and qualified for construction projects
- Section 3 Coordinator will inform contractor of known issues that might affect Section 3 residents from performing job related duties.
- Section 3 Coordinator will review the new hire clause with contractors and subcontractors to ensure that the requirement is understood. It is not intended for contractors and subcontractors to terminate existing employees, but to make every effort feasible to employ Section 3 program participants before any other person, when hiring additional employees needed to complete proposed work to be performed with HUD (federal) funds.

Preference for Contracting with Section 3 Business Concerns

MRHA VIII, in compliance with Section 3 regulations, will require contractors and subcontractors (including professional service contractors) to direct their efforts towards contracts to Section 3 business concerns in the following order to priority:

- **Category 1:** Business concerns that are 51% or more owned by residents of the housing development for which the work is performed, or whose full-time, permanent workforce includes 30% of these persons as employees.
- **Category 2:** Business concerns that are 51% or more owned by residents of the Authority's public housing development(s) other than the housing development where the work is to be performed; or whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of these persons as employees.
- **Category 3:** HUD Youthbuild programs being carried out in the Southern Mississippi Region in which Section 3 covered assistance is expended.
- **Category 4:** Business concerns that are 51% or more owned by a Section 3 resident(s), or whose permanent, full-time workforce includes no less than 30% Section 3 residents (category 4 business); or that subcontract in excess of 25% of the total amount of subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.

Contractors and subcontractors are expected to extend to the greatest extent feasible, efforts to achieve the numerical goals established by MRHA VIII.

Evidence of Section 3 Certification

Any business seeking Section 3 preference in the awarding of contracts or purchase agreements with MRHA VIII shall complete the Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference in Contracting and Demonstration of Capability form, which can be obtained from MRHA VIII Section 3 Coordinator. The business seeking Section 3 preference must be able to provide adequate documentation as evidence of eligibility for preference under the Section 3 Program.

Certifications for Section 3 preference for business concerns must be submitted to the Section 3 Coordinator of MRHA VIII prior to the submission of bids for approval. If the Section 3

Coordinator previously approved the business concern to be Section 3 certified, then the certification can be submitted along with the bid.

Resident Owned Business Contracting

MRHA VIII will consider utilizing the alternative procurement process (Section 24 CFR Part 963) when contracting with businesses owned in substantial part by housing agency residents (resident-owned business) for public housing services, supplies or construction.

To be eligible for the alternative procurement process, a business must submit evidence to MRHA VIII that shows how each of the following requirements has been met:

- Submit certified copies of any city, state, or county municipal licenses that support the type of business activity for which it performs.
- Disclose to the Section 3 Coordinator, all owners of the business, as well as, each owners percentage of ownership and names of those individuals who possess the authority to make decisions on a day-to-day basis.
- Submit evidence that the business is able to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract.
- Provide a certified listing of all contracts awarded and received under the alternative procurement process within a two-year period. If a resident-owned business has received under this alternative contracting procedure one or more contracts (within the two-year period) with total combined dollars of \$1,000,000, then it is no longer eligible for additional contracts under the alternative process until the 2-year period is past.

This alternative procurement policy is based upon the procurement procedure and policy set forth in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR, Part 85.36, but applies only to solicitations of resident-owned businesses. SPHA will utilize the alternative contracting procedure for resident-owned businesses only in cases where it is considered to be in the best businesses, economic and service interests of the authority.

Efforts to Award Contract Opportunities to Section 3 Business Concerns

MRHA VIII will use the following methods to notify and contract with Section 3 business concerns when contracting opportunities exist.

- Advertise contracting opportunities via newspaper, mailings, posting notices that provide general information about the work to be contracted and where to obtain additional information.
- Provide written notice of contracting opportunities to all known Section 3 business concerns. The written notice will be provided in sufficient time to enable business concerns the opportunity to respond to the bid invitation.

- Coordinate pre-bid meetings at which the Section 3 business concerns would be informed of upcoming contracting opportunities in advance.
- Conduct workshops on MRHA VIII contracting procedures to include bonding, insurance, and other pertinent requirements, in a timely manner in an effort to allow Section 3 business concerns the opportunity to take advantage of any upcoming contracting opportunities.
- Contact the appropriate City Business Development Department, business assistance agencies, Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (M/WBE) contractor associations and community organizations to inform them of contracting opportunities and to request their assistance in identifying Section 3 businesses.
- Establish relationships with the Small Business Administration (SBA), Minority and Women's Business Enterprise M/WBE association, Community Development Corporations, and other sources as necessary to assist SPHA with educating and mentoring residents with a desire to start their own businesses.
- Seek out referral sources in order to ensure job readiness for public housing residents through on-the-job-training (OJT) and mentoring to obtain necessary skills that will transfer into the external labor market.
- Develop resources or seek out training to assist residents interested in starting their own businesses to learn to prepare contracts, prepare taxes, and obtain licenses, bonding, and insurance.

Section 3 Residents Recruitment, Training, and Employment Goals

MRHA VIII will develop resources to provide training and employment opportunities to Section 3 program participants by implementing the following:

- Training opportunities will be advertised by distributing flyers via mass mailings and posting in common areas of the housing developments as well as all MRHA VIII public housing management offices.
- The resident councils, resident management corporations, as well as neighborhood community organizations will be contacted to request their assistance in notifying residents of the available training and employment opportunities.
- Employment opportunities will be advertised by posting job vacancies in common areas of all of the MRHA VIII housing developments as well as contacting resident councils, resident management corporations, and neighborhood community organizations.
- A database will be developed of certified Section 3 residents of public housing and other Section 3 residents.
- A database will be developed to maintain a skill assessment of all Section 3 residents of public housing and other Section 3 residents.
- A database will be developed of eligible qualified Section 3 Business concerns to contact with respect to the availability of contract opportunities.

- Relationships will be developed with local area employers in an effort to solicit job vacancies to determine skills needed in their workforce, thereby providing training to residents developing skills that will transfer into the external labor market.
- A provision for a specific number of public housing or Section 3 program participants to be trained or employed by the contractor will be incorporated into the contract.

Employment of Section 3 Program Participants

The Section 3 Coordinator will conduct a pre-interview with all residents prior to being hired by a contractor.

The pre-interview will assess job readiness (i.e., childcare, transportation, work maturity, job retention skills). Only residents meeting the minimum qualifications of the contractor or subcontractor will be referred to the job site. Residents not deemed job ready would be referred elsewhere. It is imperative that the resident's basic needs are met prior to employment.

If a resident is referred to a contractor and does not perform satisfactorily due to poor work habits (i.e., tardiness, absenteeism, alcohol/drugs, abusive language, fighting, etc.) she/he will be allowed two additional opportunities to be referred to other contractors. If after that time the resident still does not perform satisfactorily, it will be mandatory that she/he attend and complete a job readiness class, alcohol/drug treatment center, or any other program that he or she may be required to attend. After successful completion the resident will be given the opportunity to be reinstated on the list of residents available for work.

Residents experiencing problems with contractors should first communicate the problem to the employer. If the problem cannot be solved between the employee and employer, the Section 3 Coordinator will meet with the parties involved to assist in trying to resolve the problem. Residents and employers (contractors or subcontractors) should document problems whenever they occur and record any and all efforts to correct them. The written documentation of the problem should be submitted to the Section 3 Coordinator.

In order to qualify for employment with contractors, public housing residents must have their name(s) on a public housing lease, be current on rent, be at least eighteen years of age, and not be involved in any legal action with MRHA VIII (current documented eviction, criminal and drug activity or trespassing).

Residents not interested in construction employment opportunities will be assessed for other skills (clerical, administrative, etc.) and will have the opportunity to receive help with interviewing techniques, mock interviews, resume preparation, application assistance, employment leads, and how to dress for success when conducting a job search.

Residents interested in pursuing General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and continued training education will be referred to those resources by the Section 3 Coordinator who will maintain bi-weekly contact with residents to monitor progress.

Contractor's Requirements in Employing Section 3 Participants:

Under the MRHA VIII Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors are required to:

- Provide employment opportunities to Section 3 residents/participants in the priority order listed below:
 - a) **Category 1 – Section 3 Resident** Residents of the housing development or developments for which the contract shall be expended.
 - b) **Category 2 – Section 3 Resident** Residents of other housing developments owned and managed by MRHA VIII.
 - c) **Category 3 – Section 3 Resident** Participants in HUD Youth build program being carried out in the project boundary area.
 - d) **Category 4 – Section 3 Resident** Residents of Section 8 participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program administered by MRHA VIII as well as all other residents residing in the jurisdiction of MRHA VIII who meet the income guidelines for Section 3 preference (refer to Section 3 Income Limits).

After the award of contracts, the contractor must, prior to beginning work, inform Section 3 participants of the development at which the work will be performed, by providing the following:

- Names of the Section 3 business concerns to be utilized,
- Estimates of the number of employees to be utilized for contract,
- Projected number of available positions, to include job descriptions and wage rates (construction wages consistent with Davis Bacon),
- Efforts that will be utilized to seek Section 3 participants. (See Exhibit 2)

Contractors must notify the Section 3 Coordinator of their interests regarding employment of Section 3 participants prior to hiring. The Section 3 Coordinator will ensure that the participant is Section 3 eligible, by assessing the Section 3 database to ensure job readiness. Additionally, the legal department will be contacted to ensure that the individuals are not involved in any legal proceedings against/with MRHA VIII.

Submit a list of core employees (including administrative, clerical, planning and other positions pertinent to the construction trades) at the time of contract award.

Document the performance of Section 3 participants (positive and negative), regarding punctuality, attendance, etc., and provide this information to the MRHA VIII Section 3 Coordinator.

Immediately notify the Section 3 Coordinator of any problems experienced due to the employment of Section 3 participants.

Immediately notify the Section 3 Coordinator if a participant quits, walks off, or is terminated for any reason. The contractor must provide written documentation of all such incidents to support such decisions to the Section 3 Coordinator to determine if an investigation is warranted.

Internal Section 3 Complaint Procedure

In an effort to resolve complaints generated due to non-compliance through an internal process, MRHA VIII encourages submittal of such complaints to its Section 3 Coordinator as follows:

- Complaints of non-compliance should be filed in writing and must contain the name of the complainant and brief description of the alleged violation of 24 CFR 135.
- Complaints must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation.
- An investigation will be conducted if complaint is found to be valid. The Section 3 Coordinator will conduct an informal, but thorough investigation affording all interested parties, if any, an opportunity to submit testimony and/or evidence pertinent to the complaint.
- The Section 3 Coordinator will provide written documentation detailing the findings of the investigation of MRHA VIII. MRHA VIII will review the findings for accuracy and completeness before it is released to complainants. The findings will be made available no later than thirty (30) days after the filing of complaint.

If complainants wish to have their concerns considered outside of MRHA VIII a complaint may be filed with:

Assistant Secretary for Fair housing and Equal Opportunity
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DE 20410

The complaint must be received not later than 180 days from the date of the action or omission upon which the complaint is based, unless the time for filing is extended by the Assistant Secretary for good cause shown.

Definitions

Applicant – Any entity which makes an application for Section 3 covered assistance, and includes, but is not limited to, any State, unit of local government, public housing agency or other public body, public or private nonprofit organization, private agency or institution, mortgagor, developer, limited dividend sponsor, builder, property manager, community housing development organization, resident management corporation, resident council, or cooperative association.

Assistant – the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

Business Concern – a business entity formed in accordance with State law, and which is licensed under State, county or municipal law to engage in the type of business activity for which it was formed.

Contractor - any entity which contracts to perform work generated the expenditure of Section 3 covered assistance, or for work in connection with a Section 3 covered project.

Employment Opportunities Generated by Section 3 Covered Assistance – all employment opportunities generated by the expenditure of Section 3 covered public assistance (i.e., operating assistance, development assistance and modernization assistance, (as described in Section 135.3 (a) (1)). With respect to Section 3 covered housing and community development assistance, this term means all employment opportunities arising in connection with Section 3 covered projects (as described in Section 135.3 (a) (2)), including management and administrative jobs. Management and administrative jobs include architectural, engineering or related professional services required to prepare plans, drawings, specifications, or work write-ups; and jobs directly related to administrative support of these activities, e.g., construction manager, relocation specialist, payroll clerk, etc.

Housing Development – low-income housing owned, developed, or operated by public housing agencies in accordance with HUD's public housing program regulations codified in 24 CFR Chapter IX.

HUD Youth build Programs – programs that receive assistance under subtitle D of Title IV of the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 12899), and provide disadvantaged youth with opportunities for employment, education, leadership development, and training in the construction or rehabilitation of housing for homeless individuals and members of low- and very low-income families.

JTPA – The Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1579 (a)).

Low-income person – families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 80 per centum of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary, with adjustments for smaller and larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 80 per centum of the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary's findings that such variations are necessary because of prevailing levels of construction costs or unusually high or low-income families.

Metropolitan Area – a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), as established by the Office of Management and Budget.

New Hires – full-time employees for permanent, temporary or seasonal employment opportunities.

Recipient – any entity which receives Section 3 covered assistance, directly from HUD or from another recipient and includes, but is not limited to, any State unit of local government, PHA, or other public body, public or private nonprofit organization, private agency or institution, mortgagor, developer, limited dividend sponsor, builder, property manager, community housing development organization, resident management corporation, resident council, or cooperative association. Recipient also includes any successor, assignee or transferee of any such entity, but does not include any ultimate beneficiary under the HUD program to which Section 3 applies and does not include contractors.

Section 3 – Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u).

Section 3 Business Concern – a business concern,

- 1) That is 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 resident: or
- 2) Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 residents; or
- 3) That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontractors to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs 1 or 2 above.

Section 3 Covered Assistance –

- 1) Public housing development assistance provided pursuant to Section 5 of the 1937 Act;
- 2) Public housing operating assistance provided pursuant to Section 9 of the 1937 Act;
- 3) Public housing modernization assistance provided pursuant to Section 14 of the 1937 Act;
- 4) Assistance provided under any HUD housing or community development program that is expended for work arising in connection with housing rehabilitation, construction, or other public construction project (which includes other buildings or improvements, regardless of ownership).

Section 3 Clause – the contract provisions set forth in Section 135.38.

Section 3 Covered Contracts – a contract or subcontract awarded by a recipient or contractor for work generated by the expenditure of Section 3 covered assistance, or for work arising in connection with a Section 3 covered project.

Section 3 covered contracts do not include contracts awarded under HUD's procurement program, which are governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Section 3 covered contracts also do not include

contracts for the purchase of supplies and materials. However, whenever a contract for materials includes the installation of the materials, the contract constitutes a Section 3 covered contract.

Section 3 Covered Project - the construction, reconstruction, conversion or rehabilitation of housing (including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards), other public construction which includes buildings or improvements (regardless of ownership) assisted with housing or community development assistance.

Section 3 Resident – a public housing resident or an individual who resides in the metropolitan area or Non-metropolitan County in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended and who is considered to be a low-to very low-income person.

Subcontractor – any entity (other than a person who is an employee of the contractor) which has a contract with a contractor to undertake a portion of the contractor's obligation for the performance of work generated by the expenditure of Section 3 covered assistance, or arising in connection with a Section 3 covered project.

Very low-income person – families (including single persons) whose income do not exceed 50 per centum of the median family income for the area, as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for smaller and larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 50 per centum of the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary's findings that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low family incomes.

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 or 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. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

Exhibit 1

**CERTIFICATION FOR BUSINESS CONCERNS SEEKING SECTION 3 BUSINESS PREFERENCE
IN CONTRACTING AND DEMONSTRATION OF CAPABILITY**

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Joint Venture

Attached is the following documentation as evidence of status:

For business claiming status as a Section 3 resident-owned Enterprise:

Copy of resident lease Other evidence Copy of evidence of participation in a public assistance program

For the business entity as applicable:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Articles of Incorporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Good Standing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assumed Business Name Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of owners/stockholder and % of each | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation Annual Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latest Board minutes appointing officers | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional documentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization chart with names and titles and brief functional statement | |

For business claiming Section 3 status by subcontracting 25% of the dollar awarded to qualified Section 3 business:

List of subcontracted Section 3 business and subcontract amount

For business claiming Section 3 status, claiming at least 30% of their workforce are currently Section 3 residents or were Section 3 eligible residents within 3 years of date of first employment with the business:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of all current full time employees | <input type="checkbox"/> List of all employees claiming Section 3 status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Residential lease (less than 3 years from date of employment) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other evidence of Section 3 status (less than 3 years from date of employment) |

Evidence of ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current financial statement | <input type="checkbox"/> List of owned equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of ability to comply | <input type="checkbox"/> List of all contracts for the past 2 years with public policy |

Corporate Seal

Authorizing Name and Signature

Notary

Title

My term expires: _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Exhibit 2

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII

**RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DATA
ELIGIBILITY FOR PREFERENCE**

Eligibility for Preference

A section 3 resident seeking the preference in training and employment provided by this part shall certify, or submit evidence to the recipient contractor or subcontractor, if requested, that the person is a Section 3 resident, as defined in Section 135.5. (An example of evidence of eligibility for the preference is evidence of receipt of public assistance, or evidence of participation in a public assistance program.)

Certification for Resident Seeking Section 3 Preference in Training and Employment

I, _____, am a legal public housing resident and meet the income eligibility guidelines for a low – or very – low – income person as published on the reverse.

My permanent address is:

I have attached the following documentation as evidence of my status:

- _____ Copy of lease
- _____ Copy of receipt of public assistance
- _____ Copy of Evidence of participation in a public assistance program
- _____ Other evidence

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:

Exhibit 2 Cont.

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII

SECTION 3 INCOME LIMITS		
All residents of public housing developments of MRHA VIII qualify as Section 3 residents.		
Who meet the income limits set forth below, can also qualify for Section 3 status.		
A picture identification card and proof of current residency is required.		
Eligibility Guideline		
Number in Household	Very Low Income	Low Income
1 individual		
2 individuals		
3 individuals		
4 individuals		
5 individuals		
6 individuals		
7 individuals		
8 individuals		

Exhibit 3

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII

SECTION 3 CONTRACTING

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

INTRODUCTION

It is the mission of Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII (MRHA VIII) to provide a variety of safe, sanitary, accessible, decent, and affordable housing to the citizens of South Mississippi while enhancing and promoting resident self sufficiency.

The purpose of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal State, and local laws and regulations, be directed to low and very-low income individuals, especially recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very-low income individuals. (Section 3 means section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended 12 U.S.C. 1701u).

Section 3 requirements apply to all contractors and subcontractors performing work in connection with projects and activities funded by public housing assistance covered by Section 3, regardless of the amount of the contract or subcontract. Section 3 covered contracts do not include contracts for the purchase of supplies and materials unless the contract includes the installation of the materials.

A business concern seeking to qualify for a Section 3 contracting preference shall certify or submit evidence that the business concern qualifies as a Section 3-business concern. (Refer to What Is A Section 3 Business Concern?). The Section 3 business must also be able to demonstrate its ability to complete the contract. The ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract is required of all contractors and subcontractors subject to the procurement standards of 24 CFR 85.36, 24 CFR 85.36b(8).

Contractors who do not qualify as Section 3 business concerns, but who enter into contracts with MRHA VIII, must agree to comply with certain general conditions (refer to Section 3 Clause). All contractors and subcontractors, including Section 3 businesses, must comply with these general conditions. Included in these conditions is the requirement that each contractor and subcontractor submit with each pay request a report of Section 3 compliance (refer to Section 3 Compliance Report). Failure to comply with these general conditions may lead to sanctions which can include termination of the contract for default and suspension or debarment from future HUD-assisted contracts (refer to Sanctions for Contractor's Noncompliance).

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this information to:

Contracting Officer
MRHA VIII

What is a Section 3 Business Concern?

A Section 3 Business Concern is a business concern, as defined in this section—

1. That is fifty-one percent (51%) or more owned by Section 3 residents; or
2. Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least thirty percent (30%) of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 residents; or
3. That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in items (1) or (2) above.

Note: A business concern seeking to qualify for Section 3 shall certify and submit evidence that the business meets one of the guidelines stated above. (Refer to Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference in Contracting and Demonstration of Capability Form – Exhibit 1)

What is a Section 3 Resident?

For purposes of MRHA VIII, a Section 3 resident is:

1. A public housing resident;
2. An individual who lives within the metropolitan area and whose income falls within the guidelines for low- or very low income resident.

Order of Providing a Preference to Section 3 Business Concern

When considering the award of contracts to business concerns, and more than one Section 3 business concern is being considered, to the greatest extent possible, awards shall be made in the following order of priority:

1. A Section 3 business concern that is fifty-one percent (51%) or more owned by resident(s) of the public housing development in which the work is directed, or whose full-time, permanent employees include at least thirty percent (30%) of the residents of the public housing development in which the work is directed;
2. A Section 3 business that is majority owned by resident(s) of other developments owned and managed by MRHA VIII, but not the housing development in which the work is directed, or whose full-time, permanent employees include at least thirty percent (30%) residents of other developments owned by MRHA VIII but not the housing development in which the work is directed;

3. HUD Youth build programs that are being carried out in the City in which the Section 3 covered assistance are expended.
4. A Section 3 business concern that is majority owned by a Section 3 resident who is not a public housing resident or whose permanent, full-time workforce includes no less than thirty percent (30%) Section 3 residents who are not public housing residents or that subcontract in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.

Note: A Section 3 business concern seeking any of the above preferences shall submit evidence that it meets the guidelines of that preference.

If Business Dose Not Qualify as a Section 3 Business

MRHA VIII, to the greatest extent feasible, offer contracting opportunities to Section 3 business concerns. However, in the event no Section 3 business bids on a contract, or bids but is not able to demonstrate to the Housing Authority's satisfaction that it has the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract, then that contract will be awarded to a non-Section 3 business concern that can meet the terms and conditions of the proposed contract through the competitive bidding process.

That business concern must meet, as all business must (including Section 3 businesses), the general conditions of compliance (refer to Section 3 Clause [Construction Contracts] and Section 3 Clause [Non-Construction Contracts]).

This will include:

1. Submitting a list of all positions necessary to complete contract, name of employees who will fill those positions, names of all other employees.
2. Posting notices of any vacant positions, including training and/or apprenticeship positions, qualifications for positions, place where applications will be received and starting date of employment.
3. To the greatest extent possible, making available vacant positions, including training and/or apprenticeship positions, to Section 3 residents (all categories) in order to priority.
4. As positions are vacated during completion of contract, following guidelines enumerated in numbers 2 and 3 above.
5. Submitting Compliance Reports as required.
6. If notified of non-compliance, correcting non-compliance within allowable time period.

Order of Providing Preference Employment of Section 3 Residents

When considering the employment of a Section 3 resident, the following order of priority is followed as outlined in 24 CFR 135.32:

- 1. Category 1 – Section 3 Resident**
Residents of the housing development or developments in which the contract shall be expended.
- 2. Category 2 – Section 3 Resident**
Residents of other housing developments.
- 3. Category 3 – Section 3 Resident**
Participants in HUD Youth build program being carried out.
- 4. Category 4 – Section 3 Resident**
All other residents (including Section 8 recipients) of South Mississippi who meet the income guidelines for Section 3 preference (refer to Section 3 Income Limits).

In all cases, applicants must meet the minimum qualifications for the position. In no instance shall it be construed that preference is given to Section 3 residents who do not meet these minimum qualifications.

Section 3 Income Limits

All residents of public housing developments of MRHA VIII qualify as Section 3 residents.

SECTION 3 INCOME LIMITS		
All residents of public housing developments of MRHA VIII qualify as Section 3 residents.		
Who meet the income limits set forth below, can also qualify for Section 3 status.		
A picture identification card and proof of current residency is required.		
Eligibility Guideline		
Number in Household	Very Low Income	Low Income
1 individual		
2 individuals		
3 individuals		
4 individuals		
5 individuals		
6 individuals		
7 individuals		
8 individuals		
SECTION 3 INCOME LIMITS		

Exhibit 4

SECTION 3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

MRHA VIII has initiated efforts to enhance resident hiring in specific procurement areas. These initiatives are designed to set the requirements for resident hiring and developing and/or strengthening administrative procedures for facilitating contractors’ hiring of public housing residents, other low income and/or very low-income residents residing in the South Mississippi.

1. Procurement Documents

Each bidder/proposer must include a Section 3 Opportunities Plan or a Schedule D which indicates its commitment to meet resident hiring requirements.

If a bidder/proposer fails to submit a Section 3 Opportunities Plan or a Schedule D and the related data along with the bid/proposal, such bid/proposal will be declared as “non-responsive”.

For invitations for Bids (“IFB”) where awards are made to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, the bidder’s commitment to satisfy resident hiring requirements will be a factor used in determining whether the bidder is “responsive”.

For RFQ’s, RFP’s and IFB’s, contractors shall be required to detail the cost of the bid or proposal by separately categorizing contract cost by labor (person hours and dollar amounts).

2. Resident Hiring Requirements

MRHA VIII has adopted the following scale for resident hiring that is to be used on all construction contracts, service contracts and professional service contracts that contain a labor component. It is expected that an appropriate number of residents with particular qualifications or a willingness to begin unskilled labor will be able to participate in contracted labor efforts. A prime contractor may satisfy resident hiring requirements through its subcontractors.

TOTAL LABOR DOLLARS USE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS	RESIDENT AS A % OF TOTAL LABOR DOLLARS
When the lowest responsive bid is \$25,000 but less than \$100,000	10% of that bid or \$9,000.
At least \$100,000, but less than \$200,000	9% of that bid, or \$16,000
At least \$200,000, but less than \$300,000	8% of that bid, or \$21,000
At least \$300,000, but less than \$400,000	7% of that bid, or \$24,000
\$7 million or more	11/2% of the lowest responsive bid, with no dollar limit
At least \$400,000, but less than \$500,000	6% of that bid, or \$25,000
At least \$500,000, but less than \$1 million	5% of that bid, or \$40,000
At least \$1 million, but less than \$2 million	4% of that bid, or \$60,000
At least \$2 million, but less than \$4 million	3% of that bid, or \$80,000
At least \$4 million, but less than \$7 million	2% of that bid, or \$105,000

With this sliding formula, it is expected that an appropriate number of public housing residents and neighborhood residents with particular qualifications or willingness to begin unskilled labor will be able to participate in contracted labor efforts. A prime contractor, through its subcontractor(s), may satisfy resident hiring requirements set forth above.

3. **Enforcement**

To enforce the decision-making process pertaining to determining applicable percentages for resident hiring, enforcement strategies are set forth below.

During the post award or pre-bid conference, the objective shall be to impact critical Section 3 information to the contractor prior to commencement of the work/project. The following contract requirements shall be discussed in detail: (Non-construction contracts does not require Davis-Bacon)

Davis-Bacon
Minority and Women Owned Business Participation
Resident Hiring Professional

Each representative will define specific functional requirements and require the contractor to certify its understanding of the terms and conditions of the contract as they pertain to Davis-Bacon, resident hiring and Minority and Women Owned Business participation.

4. **Monitoring and Enforcement Authority and Responsibility**

The function of monitoring and enforcing resident hiring will be carried out by the Section 3 Coordinator, including all field activities.

DEFINITION:

For participation in the Resident Hiring effort, a resident is defined as anyone who is residing in Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII public housing developments, Section 8 residents and individuals residing within South Mississippi who can be classified as low-and very-low income.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SECTION 3 OPPORTUNITIES PLAN
(SERVICE CONTRACTS)**

The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that jobs and economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall be directed to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing and business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons.

The Section 3 Opportunities Plan is to be completed for service and professional contracts. There are four (4) ways in which Section 3 can be fulfilled. They are listed in order of preference:

1. Subcontract or joint venture with a resident owned business. The business must be 51% more owned by _____, or public housing residents, or subcontractor/joint venture with a business that employs full-time, 30% or more _____. Or low and very low income individuals within the _____, or
2. Direct hiring of public housing resident and/or low and very low-income neighborhood residents, or
3. Incur the cost of providing skilled training for residents in an amount commensurate with the sliding scale set forth. Such training shall be determined after consultation with the Section 3 Coordinator.

If a prime contractor is unable to satisfy resident hiring requirements per the above, the requirements may be satisfied through any subcontractors that may be involved in the project.

In paragraph number one (1), if the (sub) contractor has identified a resident owned business or a business which employs 30% or more MRHA VIII Public Housing or Neighborhood residents, this paragraph is to be completed by indicating the number of resident owned businesses that will be used on the contract/spec number shown at the end of the paragraph.

If the (sub) contractor plans to hire Public Housing or Neighborhood residents to work for its company, paragraph two (2) must be completed with the contract/spec number and the percentage of compliance in hiring the resident(s). For example, if your contract amount is \$100,000.00, the Section 3 dollar amount that must be expended is 10% of your labor dollars or \$10,000.00. If the whole dollar amount is to be expended on the resident's salary, then 100% is to be inserted on the percent line. If a percentage amount less than 100% will be expended on the resident's salary, that amount must be inserted on the line and the remaining percentage must be expended through subcontracting/joint venturing with a resident owned business or a business that employs 30% or more residents. In which case, the corresponding paragraph must be completed.

If the (sub)contractor has exhausted the first two (2) options, then the full amount of the contractor's Section 3 obligations will be placed into Resident Educational Fund, in which case paragraph three (3) must be completed and paragraphs one (1) and two (2) will contain zeroes in the percentage lines.

The second portion of the Section 3 Opportunities Plan begins with the specification or request for proposal title and number.

The third section is to be completed by listing current staff to be used to complete the work bid upon.

- (1) List the job titles,
- (2) Complete the Needed column if additional staff will be required to fulfill the classification
- (3) In the Total column, list the total number of staff plus the number needed
- (4 & 5) In the low-income for public housing (LIPH) and low income Area Residents (LIAR) columns, list the number of current staff who are residents of public housing, or else who are low or very low income
- (6) In the To Be Filled column, list the number of positions that fit into the low and very LIPH residents and low and very low LIAR who will be hired.
- (7 & 8) In the Hiring Goal column, list the number of LIPH residents or LIAR neighborhood residents you intend to hire.

The final section is to be completed after the contract has been awarded; interviews have taken place and residents have been hired. The completed Section 3 Opportunities Plan must be submitted to the Section 3 Coordinator and Procurement/Contracts Department.

MRHA VII public housing and neighborhood residents are screened and skills assessed by the Section 3 Coordinator. Each contractor is required to attend a pre-construction conference with the Procurement/Contract Compliance Department where contractual obligations will be explained, the contractor's Section 3 dollar amount will be determined, and the contractor's hiring goals will be discussed. The Section 3 coordinator will refer qualified residents to be interviewed by the contractor.

The Section 3 Opportunities Plan that is submitted with the RFQ/RFP/IFB and the final copy that is submitted to the Section 3 Coordinator and Procurement Contract Compliance Department must be signed and include the title of person executing the plan.

Job Title	LICSPHAR or LIAR Name	Address	Social Security # (Last 4 only)

LISPHAR = Low and Very Low Income _____ Housing Authority Resident
 LIAR = Low and Very Low Income Area Resident

Please check the Option(s) that describe your contracting efforts:

- Option 1: Subcontract with Section 3 Business (es) – 33.3%
- Option 2: Hire Section 3 residents/participants – 33.4%
- Option 3: I have a training program in place and am willing to train _____ residents – 33.3%

You may comply by choosing one or all options. Remember your compliance must be equal to 100% as noted on page 1, paragraph three (3).

The failure of the contractor to comply with the above-approved plan shall be a material breach of the contract.

Contractor’s Signature & Title:

Date

NAME OF PRIME CONTRACTOR: _____

TITLE OF RFP OR SPEC: _____

SPEC. # or RFP # or PURCHASE ORDER #: _____

CONTRACT #: _____

SECTION 3 COORDINATOR
PROCUREMENT/CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

WARNING: THIS DOCUMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION OR LABOR RELATED PROCUREMENTS.

Employment and Training of Public Housing Residents and Low and Very Low Income Area Residents.

The Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all the provisions of Section 3 as set forth in 24 CFR 135.38 implementing Section 3 requirements. The contractor hereby submits this Schedule D as its Section 3 Opportunities Plan.

The Contractor shall provide a status report identifying its progress in meeting the Section 3 goals established in this Section D on a quarterly basis throughout the contract period. The quarterly status report shall be submitted no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter of the contract (e.g., April 10 for calendar quarter January 1 to March 31). The status report shall be in at least the same level of detail as the approved Schedule D. For any goal not met, the report shall identify any other economic opportunities, which the contractor has provided, or intend to provide to public housing and neighborhood residents.

The failure of the Contractor to comply with the approved plan shall be a material breach of the contract.

Each Bidder/Proposer for a construction or labor related contract must complete this Schedule D and submit all relevant information required herein. A prime contractor, through its' subcontractors may satisfy MRHA VIII's Resident Hiring Requirements. Please complete the Skill Needs Table in Section 1 of Section 3 Opportunities Plan in the following columns.

- 1) indicate each category of employment for all phase of this
- 2) the number of positions which will be needed in each category;
- 3) how many of those positions are currently filled;
 - a. the number filled by neighborhood residents
 - b. the number filled by Public Housing residents;
 - c. how many positions need to be filled
- 4) indicate your goal for the number of positions you intend to fill with;
 - a. Section 3 Residents
 - b. Low and Very Low income area residents

NOTE: The minimum of trainees is that which can reasonably be utilized in each occupation, and no less than the number established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor for construction and non-construction labor related occupations. The contractor shall fill all vacant positions with low-income persons (earning less than 80% of the median income in South Mississippi and these positions shall not be filled immediately prior to undertaking work in order to circumvent regulations as set forth at 24 C.F.R. Part 135 et seq; as amended.

II. SECTION 3 BUSINESSES SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

In a one (1) page letter on your company's letterhead:

- 1) Indicate the goals, expressed in terms of percentage of planning subcontracting dollars, for the use of Section 3 business concerns as subcontractors.

- 2) A statement of the total dollar amount to be subcontracted, total dollar amount to be subcontracted to Section 3 business concerns for building trades, and total dollar amount to be subcontracted to Section 3 business concerns for other than building trades work (maintenance, repair, modernization and redevelopment).

- 3) A description of the method used to develop the goals above and the efforts to be undertaken by the Contractor to meet those goals.

Acknowledged by:

(President or Authorized Officer)

Date:

Title