

# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 3 Works with Local Entities to Provide Economic Opportunities to Low-Income Persons and Businesses

## 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.
- a starting point to obtain job training, employment and contracting opportunities.
- a starting point to homeownership.

## SECTION 3 RESIDNETS ARE:

- Public housing residents, or
- Persons who live in the area where a HUD-assisted project is located and who have a household income that falls below HUD's income limits.

## SECTION 3 BUSINESSES ARE:

- Is 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents;
- Employs Section 3 residents for at least 30 percent of its full-time, permanent staff; or
- Provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract to Section 3 business concerns, 25 percent or more of the dollar amount of the awarded contract.

## Opportunity Portal

The [Section 3 Opportunity Portal](#) is intended to be used by either Section 3 Residents or Employers. Section 3 residents may 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.

## User guides for:

[Resident](#) | [Business & Contractor](#)

## Spanish user guides for:

[Resident](#) | [Business & Contractor](#)

## Business Registry

The 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.

[Section 3 Business Registry](#)

[Section 3 Complaint Register](#)

Section 3 General Information:

<https://www.hud.gov/section3>

