

525 South Lawrence Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2024-02

Informal Hearing Officer

DATE ISSUED: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TYPE OF PROJECT: The Montgomery Housing Authority (MHA) is seeking qualified, and

licensed firms/individuals to preside over hearings/reviews and issue written decisions regarding grievances from Public Housing (PH) applicants/tenants and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)

applicants/participants.

CONTACT PERSON: Sheila Brown, Procurement/Contract Administrator

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LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS: Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. (CST)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. (CST)

SUBMISSION ADDRESS: Sheila Brown, Procurement/Contract Administrator

Montgomery Housing Authority 525 South Lawrence Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Separate sealed proposals will be accepted at the MHA's Procurement/Contract Office, 525 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, until the date and time noted above. Proposals will be held in confidence and not released in any manner until after the contract has been awarded.

The responsibility for submitting a response to this RFP at the MHA on or before the stated time and date will be solely and strictly the responsibility of the respondent. The offeror shall wholly absorb all costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of the proposal.

Copies of this RFP are available by visiting MHA's website at www.mhatoday.org, visiting the Housing Agency Marketplace at https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com, or can be requested in writing by emailing Sheila Brown at sbrown@mhatoday.org.

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PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

The Montgomery Housing Authority (MHA) was established in 1939, as a local control entity in Montgomery, Alabama, for the provision and administration of publicly funded affordable housing built as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal following the Great Depression. The Montgomery Housing Authority currently has approximately 1,184 Public Housing (PH) households across multiple apartment complexes and 5,197 applicants on the waiting list. MHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) has approximately 3,120 vouchers issued to participants and a little over 1,200 applicants on the waiting list.

1.2 Purpose

The Montgomery Housing Authority (MHA) is seeking qualified, and licensed firms/individuals to preside over hearings/reviews and issue written decisions regarding grievances from Public Housing (PH) applicants/tenants and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) applicants/participants.

1.3 Method of Solicitation

MHA is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified individuals and/or firms with a documented record of accomplishments providing the required services. The Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to identify potential providers for the scope of services listed herein.

1.4 Obtain Copies of this Solicitation.

Single copies of the RFP package may be obtained, at no cost by:

- 1. Visiting the MHA's website at: www.mhatoday.org
- 2. Downloading at the Housing Agency Marketplace (E-procurement) at https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com
- 3. Requesting via email to sbrown@mhatoday.org
- 4. Copies may also be picked up in person at:

Montgomery Housing Authority Procurement/Contract Office 525 South Lawrence Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104

PART II – INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

2.1 Submission of Proposals

Respondents should submit one (1) original, two (2) hard copy and one (1) electronic device (flash drive) copy of their proposal. The original submission shall be dated and signed by an authorized official of the company. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope that shows the firm's name and address, and clearly written on the outside of the sealed envelope must be the words "Informal Hearing Officer (RFP 2024-02) – Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. (CST)". The electronic device must be labeled with the RFP number 'RFP 2024-02' and the individuals/firm name and must be enclosed in the sealed envelope with the hard copies. The electronic device proposal must contain the same information as required with the original submissions and must be complied as a single document.

Proposals received after the deadline date and time **may be** determined unacceptable. Refer to form **HUD 5369-B**, **Section 6**, regarding late submissions and withdrawals.

All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the conditions and instructions provided herein and must remain open for acceptance for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the due date. Proposals should demonstrate detailed plans on how the Respondent intends to provide the required services in a manner that will result in the successful and timely completion of the service(s). In addition, the proposal should demonstrate the Respondent's capacity and readiness to perform the Scope of Services immediately upon execution of a contract with MHA. Finally, the proposal should include evidence of the Respondent's previous experience and qualifications, relative to the provision of such services.

2.2 Interpretation/Questions

During the period between issuance of this RFP and the proposal due date, no oral interpretation of the RFP's requirements will be given to any prospective respondent. Requests for interpretation must be made, in writing, by the questions due date and time as indicated on the coversheet (first page) of the RFP and sent to: Email: sbrown@mhatoday.org.

2.3 Addendum and Update Procedures for the RFP

During the period of advertisement for this RFP, MHA may wish to amend, add to, or delete from, the contents of this RFP. In such situations, MHA will issue an addendum to the RFP setting forth the nature of the modification(s). MHA will email (or send via regular postal mail or fax upon written request) any addenda to Respondents of this RFP solicitation. Interested parties may also view addenda on MHA's website www.mhatoday.org or at the Housing Agency Marketplace at https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com. It shall be the responsibility of each Respondent to ensure they have any/all additional addenda relative to this RFP.

2.4 Proposal Format

All proposals shall be submitted in 8 ½ x 11-inch format, preferably in three (3) ring binders. Larger size pages or inserts may be used, provided they fold into 8 ½ x 11 inches. Inserts shall not be stapled together. All copies of the submittal must be identical in content and organization. The format of the respondent's proposal should be structured the same as the format of the RFP. Proposals should be organized into sections and tabbed for ease of review. Respondents must provide a comprehensive Table of Contents at the front of the proposal. The proposal also must be organized in response to the Submission Requirements. The front cover of the proposal should bear the name and number of the RFP, the date, and the Respondent's name, address, phone number and email address. The electronic submission should be organized in the same manner as the hard copy as one document.

2.5 Submittal Forms

Provided, as a part of the proposal, all required certifications and HUD forms, MHA forms, licenses and proof of insurance. All forms that require a signature or initials must bear an original initial or signature.

2.6 Acceptance of Proposals

Proposals must be signed, sealed, and received in completed form at MHA, no later than the proposal closing date and time. Proposals submitted after the designated closing date and time could potentially not be accepted and could potentially be returned unopened to the originator.

MHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to take exception to these RFP specifications or to waive any formalities. Respondents may be excluded from further considerations for failure to comply with the specifications of this RFP.

MHA reserves the right to reject the proposal of Respondents, who have previously failed to perform properly or to complete on time, a contract of similar nature. MHA also reserve the right to reject proposals of Respondents who habitually, without just cause, neglect the payment of bills or disregard their obligations to subcontractors, providers of materials, or employees.

2.7 Time for Reviewing Proposals

Proposals received prior to the closing date and time will be securely kept, unopened until the closing date and time. Proposals received after the closing date and time could potentially not be considered. MHA's Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Acting President/CEO, will evaluate all proposals properly received.

The Evaluation Committee will analyze proposals within the 180 days of the date and time due and make a recommendation for award of contract or not to award, to the MHA Acting President/CEO.

2.8 Withdrawal of Proposals

Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received any time before the contract award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by Respondent or its authorized representative if the identity of such representative is established and a signed receipt of the withdrawn proposal is received by MHA prior to the contract award.

2.9 Award of Contract

MHA reserves the right to make an award based solely on the proposals or to negotiate further with the Respondent(s). The Respondent(s) selected for the award will be chosen on the basis of an assessment of the greatest benefit to the MHA, not necessarily on the basis of lowest cost. MHA also reserves the right to negotiate and award any element of this RFP, make multiple awards, reject any or all proposals or waive any minor irregularities or technicalities in proposal received as in the best interest of MHA. Contract shall be awarded to the Respondent(s) submitting a proposal according to the evaluation criteria contained herein. MHA reserves the right to interview or receive demonstrations of products/services from one or more Respondent(s) whose submittals are evaluated above the acceptable 75 points as detailed in Section 5.1 Proposal Evaluation/Contract Award. The Respondent(s) to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest practical date.

Contract Terms

MHA anticipates the awarding of an initial contract for a period of 3 years with two contract extensions in one-year increments, at MHA's discretion, for a total of 5 years.

2.10 HUD Debarment and Suspension List

The Respondents and all subcontractors' names or businesses must not appear on the HUD's Debarment and Suspension list.

2.11 Certification of Legal Entity

Prior to execution of the contract agreement, the Respondent shall certify that joint ventures, partnerships, team agreements, new corporations, or other entities that either exist or will be formally structured are, or will be, legal and binding under the Alabama State Law and the City of Montgomery, Alabama.

2.12 Cost Borne by Respondent

All costs related to the preparation of this RFP and any related activities are the responsibility of the Respondent. MHA assumes no liability for any costs incurred by the Respondent throughout the entire selection process.

2.13 Best Available Data

All information contained in this RFP is the best data available to MHA at the time the RFP was prepared. The information given in the RFP is not intended as representation having binding legal effect. This information is furnished for the convenience of Respondents and MHA assumes no liability for any errors or omissions.

2.14 Contact with MHA Staff, Board Members and Residents

Beyond the above referenced written communications, Respondents and their representatives may not make any other form of contact with MHA staff, Board members, or residents. Any improper contact by or on behalf of Respondents may be grounds for disqualification.

2.15 Licenses and Insurance

The awarded individual/firm shall have and maintain all required licenses necessary to conduct business in the City of Montgomery and the State of Alabama. All licenses must be kept up to date for the duration of any ensuing contract. Copies of all licenses must be in the Procurement/Contract office prior to contract execution.

Prior to contract award and for the duration of the contract, the successful proposer will be required to provide proof of insurance (as outlined) and the MHA shall be named as an additional insured.

Professional Liability (and/or Errors & Omissions) Coverage General Liability Coverage Comprehensive Automobile Liability Coverage Worker's Compensation with Statutory Limits of the State of AL \$1,000,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 each occurrence

2.16 Respondent Responsibilities

Each Respondent is presumed by MHA to have thoroughly studied this RFP and become familiar with the contents, locations, and nature of requests. Any failure to understand completely any aspect of this RFP is the responsibility of the Respondent.

2.17 No Claim Against MHA

The Respondent shall not obtain, by submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, any claim against MHA or MHA's property for reason of all or any part of any of the following: the selection process; the rejection of any or all offers; the acceptance of any offer; entering into any agreements or the failure to enter any agreements; any statement, representations, acts or omissions of MHA or any person or entity acting on its behalf; the exercise of any discretion set forth in or concerning any of the foregoing; and any other matters arising out of the foregoing.

PART III – SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Tabbed Proposal Submittal

The Agency intends to retain the Contractor pursuant to a "Best Value" basis, not a "Low Bid" basis ("Best Value," in that the Agency will, as detailed within the following Section 5.2, consider factors other than cost in making the award decision). Therefore, so that the Agency can properly evaluate the offers received, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be formatted in accordance with the sequence noted within the table below. Each category must be separated by numbered index dividers, which number extends so that each tab can be located without opening the proposal and labeled with the corresponding tab reference also noted below. Inserts shall not be stapled together. None of the proposed services may conflict with any requirement the Agency has published herein or has issued by addendum.

RFP Section	Tab	
Ki i Geomon	No.	Description
3.1.1	1	Form of Proposal. This 2-page Form must be fully completed, executed where
3.1.2	2	provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal. Form HUD-5369-C Certifications and Representations of Offers Non-Construction,
		Form HUD SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, Form HUD 50071 Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions, Form HUD 50070
		Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace, Form HUD 2530 Previous Participation
		Certification, and Non-Collusive Form. These forms must be fully completed,
		executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the
3.1.3	3	proposal submittal, where applicable. Profile of Firm Form. This 2-page Form must be fully completed, executed, and
	3	submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.
3.1.4	4	Proposed Services. Respondent shall place under this tab documentation further
		explaining the firm's services and showing how the firm intends to fulfill the requirements of the Scope of Work listed herein, including, but not limited to:
3.1.4.1		The proposer's DEMONSTRATED UNDERSTANDING of the AGENCY'S
		REQUIREMENTS and REQUESTED SERVICES.
3.1.4.2		APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL APPROACH. I II CHALITY (II OFFINIOS
		APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL APPROACH and the QUALITY of the SERVICES PROPOSED. Provide a detailed narrative that demonstrates the approach or how
		the Respondent will engage with MHA staff. Outline its anticipated
		approach/engagement for each element of work identified in the Scope of Services.
		The outlined approach/engagement should be consistent with the objectives and
		requirements set forth in the RFP and should address how services will be immediately provided upon execution of a contract. Include proposed processes
		for ensuring effective coordination, as well as procedures for reporting and
		disseminating information.
3.1.4.3		TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES (in terms of personnel) and the MANAGEMENT PLAN
		(including the ability to provide the services detailed herein) Describe professional competence and experience in preparing written reports for each hearing identifying
		pertinent evidence presented. The proposer shall be versed in the HUD regulations,
		MHA policies and federal law. Include resumes of key staff identified as responsible
2111		for performing the work under a contract with MHA.
3.1.4.4		The proposer's DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE in performing similar work and
		DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL PAST PERFORMANCE. Identify similar or related
		work performed for public housing authorities or other companies that has been
		completed to date or is currently active. Include projects completed or currently underway by the responding entity and/or each major participant in the proposal.
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3.1.4.5 3.1.4.6 3.1.4.7 3.1.4.8 3.1.4.9		Identify experience in performing work for public housing authorities or other companies, by the Respondent and/or its participants. Demonstrate ability to produce reports that are well regarded in the industry in terms of content, timeliness, and responsiveness. Demonstrate, through written explanation, the Respondent's familiarity with HUD, Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and codes that the Respondent believes may be pertinent or applicable to this project. If the Respondent is a joint venture, or another entity formed solely for responding to this RFP, provide evidence of prior successful collaborations. If appropriate, how staff are retained, screened, trained, and monitored. Approach to QUALITY CONTROL An explanation and copies of forms that will be used and reports that will be submitted and the method of such reports (i.e. written; fax; Internet; etc.). A complete description of the products and services the firm provides. Proposed Engagement Letter. A copy of the proposer's proposed engagement letter. Please note that the Agency WILL NOT accept this engagement letter as the eventual contract but will consider including the proposed engagement letter as an appendix to the eventual contract that is executed. The Agency retains the right to (and most likely will) require certain revisions to the engagement letter, especially of proposed terms that either, in the Agency's opinion, conflict with the terms listed within the contract.
3.1.5	5	Managerial Capacity/Financial Viability/Staffing Plan. The proposer's entity must submit under this tab a concise description of its managerial and financial capacity to deliver the proposed services, including brief professional resumes for the persons identified within areas (1) and (4) of the <i>Profile of Firm Form</i> . Such information shall include the proposer's qualifications to provide the services; a description of the background and current organization of the firm (including a current organizational chart). Include in the chart all key personnel, specialists, and consultants, who will be assigned work under a contract potentially resulting from this RFP. Identify all individuals who will be devoted to the project on a full-time basis or part time basis (up to 50% of time allocated to project), including those who will be full time only for specific components of the project, as well as those filling a continuing position throughout the project. Provide detailed resumes for each, highlighting the experience that qualifies them for the position they will fill.
3.1.6	6	Client Information. The proposer shall submit a listing of former or current clients, including any other Public Housing Authority, for whom the proposer has performed similar or like services to those being proposed herein. The listing shall, at a minimum, include:
3.1.6.1		The client's name;
3.1.6.2		The client's contact name;
3.1.6.3		The client's telephone number and email address;
3.1.6.4		A brief description and scope of the service(s) and the dates the services were provided inclusive of duration of projects or projected completion date of current/active projects and dollar value of contracted services.
3.1.7	7	Equal Employment Opportunity/Supplier Diversity. The proposer must submit under this tab a copy of its Equal Opportunity Employment Policy and a complete description of the positive steps it will take to ensure supplier diversity (e.g., small, minority, and women-owned businesses).

3.1.8	8	Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information. The proposer shall identify hereunder
3.1.0	0	whether or not he/she intends to use any subcontractors for this job, if awarded,
		and/or if the proposal is a joint venture with another firm. Please remember that all
		information required from the proposer under the preceding tabs must also be
		included for any major subcontractors (10% or more) or from any joint venture. If
		the Respondent is a joint venture, or another entity formed solely for responding to
		this RFP, provide evidence of prior successful collaborations. Proposer will submit
		under Tab 3 a Profile of Firm form for each subcontractor/joint venture that he/she
		intends on utilizing.
3.1.9	9	Section 3 Plan. MHA's Section 3 Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A for informational
		purposes. Respondents to this RFP maybe exempt from Section 3 if they meet the
		requirements as defined in 24 CFR 75.5. "Professional service jobs are defined in 24
		CFR 75.5 as "non-construction services that require an advanced degree or
		professional licensing, including, but not limited to, contracts for legal services,
		financial consulting, accounting services, environmental assessment, architectural
		services, and civil engineering services." These jobs are excluded from the reporting
		requirement for Section 3 and Targeted Section 3 workers because it is very difficult
		for grantees and contractors to recruit and hire eligible persons for these roles due
		to the higher wages/salaries earned for these types of jobs. See, HUD Notice: CPD-
		21-09."
3.1.10	10	Other Information. The proposer may include hereunder any other general
0.1.10		information that the proposer believes is appropriate to assist the Agency in its
		evaluation.
3.1.11	No Infe	prmation Placed under a Tab. If no information is to be placed under any of the above
3.1.11		tabs, please place there under a statement such as "NO INFORMATION IS BEING
		D UNDER THIS TAB" or "THIS TAB LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK." DO NOT eliminate
2.4.40		the tabs.
3.1.12	-	sal Submittal Binding Method. It is preferable and recommended that the proposer
		ne proposal submittals in such a manner that the Agency can, if needed, remove the
		g (i.e., "comb-type;" etc.) or remove the pages from the cover (i.e., 3-ring binder; etc.)
	to mak	e copies, and then conveniently return the proposal submittal to its original condition.

3.2 Proposal Pricing/Cost

Respondents shall provide proposed cost per hearing inclusive of any/all administrative costs. Respondents can also provide a separate listing of additional services they offer. This information shall be placed under Tab 4 Proposed Services and on the respondent's company letterhead with signature along with the Cost Proposal Form, located on page 14 of this RFP.

3.3 Required Certifications/Forms

Each proposal shall contain an executed copy, if applicable, of the following HUD and MHA forms, which are attached herein. If a form does not apply, please state 'not applicable' and include in the proposal submission:

Form of Proposal Profile of Firm Form

Non-Collusive Form

Form HUD-5369-B Instructions to Offerors – Non-Construction

Form HUD 5369-C Certifications and Representations of Offerors – Non-Construction Contract

Form HUD SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Form HUD 50071 Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

Form HUD 50070 Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace Form HUD 2530 Previous Participation Certification

PART IV - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Montgomery Housing Authority (MHA) is seeking qualified, and licensed firms/individuals to preside over hearings/reviews and issue written decisions regarding grievances from Public Housing (PH) applicants/tenants and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) applicants/participants. The Respondents to this RFP should be able to provide the following services:

- 1. Respondent shall preside over Hearings and issue written decisions on same in strict conformitywith all applicable provisions of 24 CFR § 966.56, 24 CFR § 966.57, 24 CFR § 982.554, and 24 CFR § 982.555, MHA's Grievance Procedure for Public Housing Tenants, MHA's Grievance Procedure for Public Housing Applicants, and MHA's Grievance Procedure for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Participants, and MHA's Grievance Procedure for HCV Applicants.
- 2. Respondent shall offer four types of Informal Hearing/Reviews: Denial of Admission, Reasonable Accommodation for Persons with Disabilities, Denial of Admission based on Immigration Status and Resident Tenancy/Participant Determinations.
- 3. Respondent shall schedule and preside over grievance hearings to determine whether Montgomery Housing Authority decisions relating to HCV tenants, HCV applicants, Public Housing tenants, and Public Housing applicants ("Hearings") are in accordance with applicable state and federal law, HUD regulations, and MHA policies.
- 4. Respondent shall review all above-described grievance procedures and policies and becomeproficient in same; as well as review evidence and arguments presented by applicant in support of eligibility status.
- 5. Respondent shall allow representation and interpretive services by an attorney or other designee on behalf of the applicant.
- 6. Respondent will allow a minimum of thirty (30) minutes for each hearing and a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for complainant to appear late for scheduled hearing.
- 7. Respondent shall prepare a written report for each hearing identifying the following: applicant, those accompanying the applicant and any evidence presented.
- 8. Respondent shall allow four categories of evidence: oral, documentary, demonstrative, and real.
- 9. Respondent will issue a written decision, stating the reasons for the decision, within ten (10)business days after the hearing.
- 10. Written decision will include: background, summary of evidence, findings of fact, evidence to support MHA, validity of grounds for termination of tenancy (when applicable), notice to family, conclusions and order.

PART V – PROCUREMENT PROCESS

5.1 Proposal Evaluation/Contract Award

Proposals received in response to this solicitation will be evaluated using the following evaluation process.

- a. The evaluation process will be used to determine the firms that will comprise the short list, from which final selection for contract award will ultimately be made.
 - (1) During the evaluation process, technical proposals will be evaluated and scored by an Evaluation Committee.
 - (2) Each member of the Evaluation Committee will score each proposal.
 - (3) Scoring will be based on predetermined Evaluation Criteria. The available points associated with each area of consideration are shown below in Item 5.2.
 - (4) The results of the evaluation, of both technical and cost proposals, will be used to determine those proposals to be considered in the competitive range.
 - (5) Proposals will be considered acceptable if they have a minimum score of <u>75 points</u> and above.
 - (6) The Authority may require that proposers, whose submittals are above the minimum score of **75 points**, be interviewed by the Authority's Evaluation Committee if deemed necessary. The respondent should be prepared to field questions concerning their qualifications and/or the required services to the Authority's Evaluation Committee. The Authority reserves the right to have one or more respondent(s) subject to an interview.
 - (7) Cost proposals will be considered acceptable if the proposed cost is clearly not excessive compared to the proposed costs of other Respondents with acceptable technical proposals.
 - (8) Respondents with acceptable technical and cost proposals may be requested to supply additional information to assist in completing the due diligence review. Failure to satisfactorily complete the due diligence review within the timeframe established by MHA will result in disqualification of Respondents proposals.
- b. Scoring will be based upon how well the proposal meets the criteria established in this RFP.
- c. MHA reserves the right to make no award or decline to enter negotiations should it believe that no Respondent to this RFP would be capable of delivering the necessary level of service within an acceptable price range and/or the time period.
- d. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the merits of proposals received in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated in the RFP and formulate a recommendation. However, while a numerical rating system may be used to assist the Evaluation Committee in selecting the competitive range (if necessary) and making an award recommendation decision, the award decision is ultimately a business decision that will reflect an integrated assessment of the relative merits of the proposal using the criteria and their relative weights disclosed in the RFP.

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

a. Organizational Capacity/Staffing and Qualifications:

35 Points

- (1) Respondent's organizational capacity will be evaluated through an assessment of the Respondent's staff, specialists', and consultants' experience and qualifications. In addition, the Respondent's ability to perform the work in a timely manner will be evaluated through a review of previous performance on similar projects, as well as current and projected capacity and workload.
- (2) Additional consideration will be given to those Respondents having staff with the greatest amount of experience in performing work as required herein, and who can demonstrate sufficient capacity to perform the work timely, given current and projected workload

b. Relevant Experience and Past Performance:

30 Points

- (1) Relevant experience and past performance will be evaluated through an assessment of previous similarly related projects completed to date.
- (2) Additional consideration will be given to those Respondents who demonstrate, a documented track record of successfully completing projects of the same type required by this RFP.
- (3) Additional consideration will be given to those Respondents demonstrating previous experience coordinating projects of this type with internal and external entities.
- (4) Additional consideration will also be given to those Respondents who exhibit a successful track record of performing similar services for public housing authorities.

c. Respondent's Approach/Engagement Related to the Scope of Service:

25 Points

- (1) The Respondent's approach and response to the Scope of Service will be evaluated through an assessment of the proposed approach for each element of work identified in the Scope of Service.
- (2) Additional consideration will be given to those Respondents, who demonstrate through their submittal, a clear and prudent plan for performing the required work within the established timeframe, as applicable.

d. Proposal Pricing and Fees:

20 Points

(1) The proposed cost will be evaluated through a careful analysis of cost compared to the other Respondents proposals and fair market rates for such services.

5.3 Summary of Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria Points

Technical and Cost:

Staffing and Qualifications

35 Points

Total	110 Points
Proposal Pricing and Fees	20 Points
Respondent's Approach/Engagement Related to the Scope of Service	25 Points
Relevant Experience and Past Performance	30 Points



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	COST PROP	OSAL FORM	
TYPE OF PROJECT:	licensed firms	/individuals to preside over ons regarding grievances onts and Housing	HA) is seeking qualified, and r hearings/reviews and issue from Public Housing (PH) Choice Voucher (HCV)
DATE ISSUED:	Tuesday, Marc	h 12, 2024	
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LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS:	Thursday, Mar	ch 28, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. (C	CST)
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(This Form must be fully completed and placed under Tab No. 1 of the "hard copy" tabbed proposal submittal.)

(1) Instructions. Unless otherwise specifically required, the items listed below must be completed and included in the proposal submittal. Please complete this form by marking an "X," where provided, to verify that the referenced completed form or information has been included within the "hard copy" proposal submittal submitted by the proposer. Also, complete all the statements and certifications listed following herein:

[Table No. 1]

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	1	Form of Proposal	
	2	Form HUD-5369-C and other required forms	
	3	Profile of Firm Form	
	4	Proposed Services	
	5	Managerial Capacity/Financial Viability/Staffing Plan	
	6	Client Information	
	7	Equal Employment Opportunity/Supplier Diversity	
	8	Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information	
	9	Section 3 Plan-EXEMPT	
	10	Other Information	

- (2) Debarred Statement. Has this firm, or any principal(s) thereto, ever been debarred from providing any services by the Federal Government, any state government, the State of Alabama, or any local government agency within or without the State of Alabama? Yes □ No □ If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances, and current status.
- (3) **Disclosure Statement.** Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current, past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of the Agency?

Signature **Printed Name** Company Date

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Signature	Date	Printed Name	Company

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing



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1. Preparation of Offers

- (a) Offerors are expected to examine the statement of work, the proposed contract terms and conditions, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk.
- (b) Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The offeror shall sign the offer and print or type its name on the cover sheet and each continuation sheet on which it makes an entry. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the offer. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the HA.
- (c) Offers for services other than those specified will not be considered.

2. Submission of Offers

- (a) Offers and modifications thereof shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (1) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and (2) showing the time specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror.
- (b) Telegraphic offers will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, offers may be modified by written or telegraphic notice.
- (c) Facsimile offers, modifications or withdrawals will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.

3. Amendments to Solicitations

- (a) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.
- (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendments to this solicitation by
 - (1) signing and returning the amendment;
 - (2) identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the form for submitting an offer,
 - (3) letter or telegram, or
 - (4) facsimile, if facsimile offers are authorized in the solicitation. The HA/HUD must receive the acknowledgment by the time specified for receipt of offers.

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, statement of work, etc., must request it in writing soon enough to allow a reply to reach all prospective offerors before the submission of their offers. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an amendment of the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors.

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

- (a) The HA shall award a contract only to a responsible prospective contractor who is able to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. To be determined responsible, a prospective contractor must -
 - (1) Have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, or the ability to obtain them;

- (2) Have a satisfactory performance record;
- (3) Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics:
- (4) Have a satisfactory record of compliance with public policy (e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity); and
- (5) Not have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise determined to be ineligible for award of contracts by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or any other agency of the U.S. Government. Current lists of ineligible contractors are available for inspection at the HA/HUD.
- (b) Before an offer is considered for award, the offeror may be requested by the HA to submit a statement or other documentation regarding any of the foregoing requirements. Failure by the offeror to provide such additional information may render the offeror ineligible for award.

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

- (a) Any offer received at the place designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it -
 - (1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);
 - (2) Was sent by mail, or if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile, and it is determined by the HA/ HUD that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the HA/HUD after receipt at the HA;
 - (3) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service - Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays; or
 - (4) Is the only offer received.
- (b) Any modification of an offer, except a modification resulting from the HA's request for "best and final" offer (if this solicitation is a request for proposals), is subject to the same conditions as in subparagraphs (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this provision.
- (c) A modification resulting from the HA's request for "best and final" offer received after the time and date specified in the request will not be considered unless received before award and the late receipt is due solely to mishandling by the HA after receipt at the HA.
- (d) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late offer, modification, or withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the offer, modification, or withdrawal shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, offerors should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.
- (e) The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the HA is the time/date stamp of HA on the offer wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the HA.

- (f) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late offer, modification, or withdrawal sent by Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office receiving clerk on the "Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee" label and the postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. "Postmark" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (c) of this provision, excluding postmarks of the Canadian Postal Service. Therefore, offerors should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.
- (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this provision, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer that makes its terms more favorable to the HA will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (h) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, proposals may be withdrawn by written notice, or if authorized by this solicitation, by telegram (including mailgram) or facsimile machine transmission received at any time before award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by a offeror or its authorized representative if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer before award. If this solicitation is an invitation for bids, bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to bid opening.

7. Contract Award

(a) The HA will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the HA, cost or price and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation, considered.

(b) The HA may

- (1) reject any or all offers if such action is in the HA's interest,
- (2) accept other than the lowest offer,
- (3) waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received, and (4) award more than one contract for all or part of the requirements stated.
- (c) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, the HA may award a contract on the basis of initial offers received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint.

- (d) A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. If this solicitation is a request for proposals, before the offer's specified expiration time, the HA may accept an offer, whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award. Negotiations conducted after receipt of an offer do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the HA.
- (e) Neither financial data submitted with an offer, nor representations concerning facilities or financing, will form a part of the resulting contract.

8. Service of Protest

Any protest against the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation shall be served on the HA by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from the HA at the address shown on the cover of this solicitation. The determination of the HA with regard to such protest or to proceed to award notwithstanding such protest shall be final unless appealed by the protestor.

9. Offer Submission

Offers shall be submitted as follows and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The proposal shall show the hour and date specified in the solicitation for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror, on the face of the envelope.

It is very important that the offer be properly identified on the face of the envelope as set forth above in order to insure that the date and time of receipt is stamped on the face of the offer envelope. Receiving procedures are: date and time stamp those envelopes identified as proposals and deliver them immediately to the appropriate contracting official, and only date stamp those envelopes which do not contain identification of the contents and deliver them to the appropriate procuring activity only through the routine mail delivery procedure.

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

Certifications and Representations of Offerors

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

Non-Construction Contract

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest. The form is required for nonconstruction contracts awarded by Housing Agencies (HAs). The form is used by bidders/offerors to certify to the HA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance. If the form were not used, HAs would be unable to enforce their contracts. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

- (a) The bidder/offeror represents and certifies as part of its bid/offer that, except for full-time bona fide employees working solely for the bidder/offeror, the bidder/offeror:
 - (1) [] has, [] has not employed or retained any person or company to solicit or obtain this contract; and
 - (2) [] has, [] has not paid or agreed to pay to any person or company employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract.
- (b) If the answer to either (a)(1) or (a) (2) above is affirmative, the bidder/offeror shall make an immediate and full written disclosure to the PHA Contracting Officer.
- (c) Any misrepresentation by the bidder/offeror shall give the PHA the right to (1) terminate the resultant contract; (2) at its discretion, to deduct from contract payments the amount of any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other contingent fee; or (3) take other remedy pursuant to the contract.

2. Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Concern Representation

The bidder/offeror represents and certifies as part of its bid/ offer that it:

- (a) [] is, [] is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.
- (b) [] is, [] is not a women-owned small business concern. "Women-owned," as used in this provision, means a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.
- (c) [] is, [] is not a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

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3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

- (a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—
 - (1) The prices in this bid/offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder/offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid/offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
 - (2) The prices in this bid/offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder/offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
 - (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/ offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid/offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the bid/offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:
 - (1) Is the person in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(l) through (a)(3) above; or
 - (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above (insert full name of person(s) in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offeror's organization);
 - (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

- (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.
- (c) If the bidder/offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)2 above, the bidder/offeror must furnish with its bid/offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

- (a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under a proposed contract and a prospective contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that:
 - (i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;
 - (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or
 - (iii) That the Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the HA to make a determination with respect to this Contract.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the HA which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the Contract for the convenience of HA if it would be in the best interest of HA.
- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this Contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the HA, the HA may terminate the Contract for default.
- (d) The Contractor shall require a disclosure or representation from subcontractors and consultants who may be in a position to influence the advice or assistance rendered to the HA and shall include any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance or work under this Contract.

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

The offeror represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the PHA in connection with this request for proposals: (list names, titles, and telephone numbers of the authorized negotiators):

6. Conflict of Interest

In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, the offeror, by submission of a proposal, hereby warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement, as described in the clause in this solicitation titled "Organizational Conflict of Interest."

7. Offeror's Signature

The offeror hereby certifies that the information contained in these certifications and representations is accurate, complete, and current.

Signature & Date:	
Typed or Printed Name:	
Title:	

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Approved by OMB 0348-0046

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

- 1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
- 2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- 3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
- 5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizationallevel below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- 8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- 9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
- 10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
 - (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

Applicant Name	
Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding	
The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and	I belief, that:
(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.	(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any inf	ormation provided in the accompaniment herawith, is true and connected
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Name of Authorized Official	Title
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Applicant Name		
Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding		
Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authoriz the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regard		
I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by: a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition. b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace. c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.; d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will	e. after ploy Emp ing ploy who unle receinum f. days to ar emp requirily provenso	(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her convictor a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the splace no later than five calendar days after such convictions. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employer of convicted employees must provide notice, includents of convicted employees must provide notice, includents in title, to every grant officer or other designee on see grant activity the convicted employee was working as the Federalagency has designated a central point for the pt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification ber(s) of each affected grant; Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect ty employee who is so convicted (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an oyee, up to and including termination, consistent with the irrements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorin a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program aped for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law recement, or other appropriate agency;
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Farmers Home Administration

Office of Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner

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Certifications: The principal(s) listed above hereby apply to HUD or USDA FmHA, as the case maybe, for approval to participate as principal(s) in the role(s) and project listed above. The principal(s) each certify that all the statements made on this form are true, complete and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief and are made in good faith, including any Exhibits attached to this form, Y ctpkoi < HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. The principal(s) further certify that to the best of their knowledge and belief:

- 1. Schedule A contains a listing, for the last ten years, of every project assisted or insured by HUD, USDA FmHA and/or State and local government housing finance agencies in which the principal(s) have participated or are now participating.
- 2. For the period beginning 10 years prior to the date of this certification, and except as shown on the certification:
- a. No mortgage on a project listed has ever been in default, assigned to the Government or foreclosed, nor has it received mortgage relief from the mortgage:
- b. The principals have no defaults or noncompliance under any Conventional Contract or Turnkey Contract of Sale in connection with a public housing project:
- c. There are no known unresolved findings as a result of HUD audits, management reviews or other Governmental investigations concerning the principals or their projects;
- d. There has not been a suspension or termination of payments under any HUD assistance contract due to the principal's fault or negligence;
- e. The principals have not been convicted of a felony and are not presently the subject of a complaint or indictment charging a felony. (A felony is defined as any offense punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, but does not include any offense classified as a misdemeanor under the laws of a State and punishable by imprisonment of two years or less);
- f. The principals have not been suspended, debarred or otherwise restricted by any Department or Agency of the Federal Government or of a State Government from doing business with such Department or Agency:
- g. The principals have not defaulted on an obligation covered by a surety or performance bond and have not been the subject of a claim under an employee fidelity bond:
- 3. All the names of the principals who propose to participate in this project are listed above.
- 4. None of the principals is a HUD/FmHA employee or a member of a HUD/FmHA employee's immediate household as defined in Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch in 5 C.F.R. Part 2635 (57 FR 35006) and HUD's Standard of Conduct in 24 C.F.R. Part 0 and USDA's Standard of Conduct in 7 C.F.R. Part 0 Subpart B.
- 5. None of the principals is a participant in an assisted or insured project as of this date on which construction has stopped for a period in excess of 20 days or which has been substantially completed for more than 90 days and documents for closing, including final cost certification, have not been filed with HUD or FmHA.
- 6. None of the principals have been found by HUD or FmHA to be in noncompliance with any applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements in 24 CFR 5.105(a). (If any principals or affiliates have been found to be in noncompliance with any requirements, attach a signed statement explaining the relevant facts, circumstances, and resolution, if any).
- 7. None of the principals is a Member of Congress or a Resident Commissioner nor otherwise prohibited or limited by law from contracting with the Government of the United States of America.
- 8.Statements above (if any) to which the principal(s) cannot certify have been deleted by striking through the words with a pen, and the relevant principal(s) have initialed each deletion (if any) and have attached a true and accurate signed statement (if applicable) to explain the facts and circumstances.

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Carefully read these instructions and the applicable regulations. A copy of those regulations published at the Multifamily Housing Representative at any HUD Office. Type or print neatly in ink when filling out the form is not filled completely, it will delay approval of your application.

Attach extra sheets as you need them. Be sure to if it refers to you or your record.

Housing Representative.

Rwtrque<This form provides HUD with a certified report of all previous participation in HUD multifamily housing projects by those parties making application. The information requested in this form is Affiliates are defined as any person or business used by HUD to determine if you meet the standards established to ensure that all principal participants in HUD projects will honor their legal, financial and contractual obligations and are acceptable risks from the underwriting standpoint of an insurer, lender or governmental agency. HUD requires that you certify your record of previous participation in HUD/USDA-FmHA, State and Local Housing Finance Agency projects by completing and signing this form, before your project application or participation can be approved.

HUD approval of your certification is a necessary precondition for your participation in the project and in the capacity that you propose. If you do not file this certification, do not furnish the information requested accurately, or do not meet established standards, HUD will not approve your certification.

Note that approval of your certification does not obligate HUD to approve your project application, and it does not satisfy all other HUD program requirements relative to your qualifications.

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Form HUD-2530 must be completed and signed by all principals applying to participate in HUD multifamily housing projects, including those who have no previous participation. The form must be signed and filed by all principals and their affiliates who propose project application. This form must be filed with participating in the HUD project. Use a separate form for each role in the project unless there is an identity of interest.

Principals include all individuals, joint ventures,

partnerships. corporations. trusts. non-profit organizations, any other public or private entity that will participate in the proposed project as a sponsor. owner, prime contractor, turnkey developer, 24 C.F.R. 200.210 to 200.245 can be obtained from managing agent, nursing home administrator or operator, packager, or consultant. Architects and attorneys who have any interest in the project other this form. Mark answers in all blocks of the form. If than an arm's length fee arrangement for professional services are also considered principals by HUD.

In the case of partnerships, all general partners regardless of their percentage interest and limited indicate "Continued on Attachments" wherever partners having a 25 percent or more interest in the appropriate. Sign each additional page that you attach partnership are considered principals. In the case of public or private corporations or governmental Ect glown (tgcf vjg egt villec vkqp dghqtg {qw uki p k0 entities, principals include the president, vice Any questions regarding the form or how to complete president, secretary, treasurer and all other executive it can be answered by your HUD Office Multifamily officers who are directly responsible to the board of directors, or any equivalent governing body, as well as all directors and each stockholder having a 10 percent or more interest in the corporation.

> concern that directly or indirectly controls the policy of a principal or has the power to do so. A holding or parent corporation would be an example of an affiliate if one of its subsidiaries is a principal.

> Gzegrvlqp lqt Eqtrqtcvlqpu - All principals and affiliates must personally sign the certificate except in the following situation. When a corporation is a principal, all of its officers, directors, trustees and stockholders with 10 percent or more of the common (voting) stock need not sign personally if they all have the same record to report. The officer who is authorized to sign for the corporation or agency will list the names and title of those who elect not to sign. However, any person who has a record of participation in HUD projects that is separate from that of his or her organization must report that activity on this form and sign his or her name. The objective is hwmdisclosure.

> Gzgo r vkqpu ó The names of the following parties do not need to be listed on form HUD-2530: Public Housing Agencies, tenants, owners of less than five condominium or cooperative units and all others whose interests were acquired by inheritance or court order.

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Hapf < The original of this form must be submitted to the HUD Office where your project application will be processed at the same time you file your initial applications for projects, or when otherwise required in the situations listed below:

· Projects to be financed with mortgages insured under the National Housing Act (FHA).

- Projects to be financed according to Section Handicapped).
- to receive a subsidy as described in 24 C.F.R. 200.213.
- Purchase of a project subject to a mortgage insured or held by the Secretary of HUD.
- Purchase of a Secretary-owned project.
- Proposed substitution or addition of a principal or principal participation in a different capacity from that previously approved for the same project.
- Proposed acquisition by an existing limited partner of an additional interest in a project resulting in a total interest of 25 percent or more or proposed acquisition by a corporate stockholder of an additional interest in a project resulting in a total interest of 10 percent or more.
- Projects with U.S.D.A., Farmers Home Administration, or with state or local government housing finance agencies that include rental assistance under Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937. For projects of this type, form HUD-2530 should be filed with the appropriate applications directly to those agencies.

Textey oh Cf xet up Feyet o loc vlop < If approval of your participation in a HUD project is denied, withheld, or conditionally granted on the basis of your record of previous participation, you will be notified by the HUD Office. You may request reconsideration by the HUD Review Committee. Alternatively, you may request a hearing before a Hearing Officer. Either request must be made in writing within 30 days from your receipt of the notice of determination.

If you do request reconsideration by the Review Committee and the reconsideration results in an adverse determination, you may then request a hearing before a Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer will issue a report to the Review Committee. You will be notified of the final ruling by certified mail.

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Tgcup hat uwdo kwhoi this Certification: e.g., refinance, change in ownership, change management agent, transfer of physical assets, etc.

Druem3<Fill in the name of the agency to which you are applying. For example: HUD Office, Farmers Equo p 40 All previous projects must be listed or your Home Administration District office, or the name of a State or local housing finance agency. Below that, fill in the name of the city where the office is located.

Drugem 4< Fill in the name of the project, such as "Greenwood Apts." If the name has not yet been selected, write "Name unknown." Below that, enter the HUD contract or project identification number, the Farmers Home Administration project number, or

the State or local housing finance agency project or 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Elderly and contract number. Include cm project or contract identification numbers that are relevant to the project. • Projects in which 20 percent or more of the units are Also enter the name of the city in which the project is located, and the ZIP Code.

> **Druem 5<** Fill in the dollar amount requested in the proposed mortgage, or the annual amount of rental assistance requested.

> **Druem 6<** Fill in the number of apartment units proposed, such as "40 units." For hospital projects or nursing homes, fill in the number of beds proposed. such as "100 beds."

> **Dmem7**<Fill in the section of the Housing Act under which the application is filed.

> Druem 9 < Definitions of all those who are considered principals and affiliates are given above in the section titled "Who Must Sign and File "

> **Druem:** < Beside the name of each principal, fill in the appropriate role. The following are examples of possible roles that the principals may assume: Owner/Mortgagor, Managing Agent, Sponsor, Developer, General Con-tractor, Packager, Consultant, Nursing Home Administrator etc.

Druem; < Fill in the percentage of ownership in the proposed project that each principal is expected to

Druem 32< Fill in the Social Security Number or IRS employer number of every principal listed, including affiliates.

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Be sure that Schedule A is filled-in completely, accurately and the certification is properly dated and signed, because it will serve as a legal record of your previous experience. All Multifamily Housing projects involving HUD/ FmHA, and State and local Housing Finance Agencies in which you have previously participated o wuv dg listed. Applicants are reminded that previous participation pertains to the individual principal within an entity as well as the entity itself. A newly formed company may not have previous participation, but the principals within the company may have had extensive participation and disclosure of that activity is required.

certification cannot be processed. Include the name of all projects, project number, city where it is located and the governmental agency (HUD, USDA-FmHA or state or local housing finance agency) that was involved.

Egroo p 50List the role(s) as a principal, dates participated and if fee or identity of interest (IOI) with owners.

Loans under a workout arrangement are considered certification, fill in the names of all principals and affiliates you in the event of any questions. assigned. For all noncurrent loans, an explanation of the as listed in block 7. Each principal should sign the status is required.

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current loan, the date associated with the status is required. Certification carefully. In the box below the statement of the number. By providing a telephone number, HUD can reach a felony within the past 10 years, strike out 2e, and attach

Europ p 70 Explain any project defaults during your associated with a corporation (see "Exception for because some statements do not correctly describe your Corporations" in the section of the instructions titled "Who record, use a pen to strike through those parts that differ with

statement of explanation. A felony conviction will not necessarily cause your participation to be disapproved unless previous conduct or method of doing business has been such that your participation in the project would make it an unacceptable risk from the underwriting stand point of an

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by law (42 U.S.C. 3535(d) and 24 C.F.R. 200.217) and by regulation at 24 CFR 200.210. This information is needed so that principals applying to participate in multifamily programs can become HUD-approved participants. The information you provide will enable HUD to evaluate your record with respect to established standards of performance, responsibility and eligibility. Without prior approval, a principal may not participate in a proposed or existing multifamily project. HUD uses this information to evaluate whether or not principals pose an unsatisfactory underwriting risk. The information is used to evaluate the potential principals and approve only individuals and organizations that will honor their legal, financial and contractual obligations.

Rt kcc { Cev Uvc vgo gpv< The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3543 requires persons applying for a Federally-insured or guaranteed loan to furnish his/her Social Security Number (SSN), HUD must have your SSN for identification of your records. HUD may use your SSN for automated processing of your records and to make requests for information about you and your previous records with other public agencies and private sector sources. HUD may disclose certain information to Federal, State and local agencies when relevant to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations and prosecutions. It will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as required and permitted by law. You must provide all of the information requested in this application, including your SSN.

Rwdre t gr qt whoi dwtf gp for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

A response is mandatory. Failure to provide any of the information will result in your disapproval of participation in this HUD program.

PROFILE OF FIRM



525 South Lawrence Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104

(This Form must be fully completed and placed in the submittal.)

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PROFILE OF FIRM Policy No. Expiration Date (9) Professional Liability Insurance Carrier: Policy No. **Expiration Date** (10)Debarred Statement: Has this firm or any principal(s) ever been debarred from provided any services by the Federal Government, any state government, the State of Alabama, or any local government agency within or without the State of Alabama? □ Yes \square No If "Yes" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status. Disclosure Statement: Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current past personal or professional (11)relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of MHA? \sqcap Yes If "Yes" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status. Non-Collusive Affidavit: The undersigned party submitting this proposal or bid hereby certifies that such (12)proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive and that said proposer entity has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any proposer or person to put in a sham proposal or bid or to refrain from proposing or bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any person, to fix the proposal or bid price of affiant or of any other proposer or bidder, to fix overhead, profit or cost elements of said proposal or bid price, or that any other proposer or bidder or to secure any advantage against the Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bids are true. (13)Verification Statement: The undersigned proposer hereby states that by completing and submitting this form he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and agrees that if MHA discovers that any information entered herein if false, that shall entitle MHA to not consider nor make or to cancel any award with the undersigned party. (14)Code of Alabama §11-93-2. Maximum amount of damages recoverable against governmental entities; settlement or compromise of claims not to exceed maximum amounts. The recovery of damages under any judgment against a governmental entity shall be limited to \$100,000.00 for bodily injury or death for one person in any single occurrence. Recovery of damages under any judgment or judgments against a governmental entity shall be limited to \$300,000.00 in the aggregate where more than two persons have claims or judgments on account of bodily injury or death arising out of any single occurrence. Recovery of damages under any judgment against a governmental entity shall be limited to \$100,000.00 for damage or loss of property arising out of any single occurrence. No governmental entity shall settle or compromise any claim for bodily injury, death or property damage in excess of the amounts herein above set forth. (Acts 1977, No. 673, p. 1161, §2.) Signature Date Title Printed Name

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT (Prime Bidder/Respondent)

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SECTION 3 PLAN

[Revised to comply with HUD's Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 24, Part 75]

(Adopted by Board Resolution No. 6642 on April 26, 2022)

1. Overview of Section 3 Requirements

A. WHAT IS SECTION 3?

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) that is regulated by the provisions of 24 CFR 75. Section 3 regulations 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 persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

B. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This plan outlines how the Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery, Alabama and its subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors will comply with HUD's Section 3 requirements. MHA will, to the greatest extent feasible, ensure that employment and other economic opportunities are directed to low- and very low-income persons (Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers) and to eligible businesses (Section 3 Businesses) and requires the same of its contractors.

MHA may amend its Section 3 Policies and Procedures document as necessary to ensure continued compliance with HUD's requirements and/or to reflect updated Section 3 guidance and outreach strategies.

This plan shall be construed consistently with the requirements set forth in 24 CFR Part 75 and with the requirements set forth in HUD's Procurement Rules and Regulations and with the requirements of any applicable Alabama State bid laws. In the event that this Policy is deemed to conflict with any of the foregoing sources of legal authority, any such conflicting legal authority shall be deemed to supersede this policy and shall be deemed to be controlling. Likewise, to the extent that 24 CFR Part 75 is amended or interpreted by HUD, the requirements of any such amendment or interpretation shall be deemed to be included herein.

C. APPLICABILITY

For public housing financial assistance, all funding is covered, regardless of the amount of expenditure or size of a contract. This plan applies to development assistance, operating funds, capital funds, and all mixed-finance development.

For housing and community development financial assistance, this plan applies to housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects that exceed \$200,000 or more of housing and community development financial assistance from one or more HUD programs. Applicability is determined at the project level.

For projects funded with Lead and Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Programs, this plan applies to projects that exceed \$100,000.

This plan also applies to projects that include multiple funding sources. Multiple funding source projects include projects that include public housing financial assistance, housing and community development financial assistance for single or multiple recipients, and the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program.

Section 3 requirements **do not** apply to: 1) Material Supply Contracts - § 75.3(b), 2) Indian and Tribal Preferences - § 75.3(c), and 3) Other HUD assistance and other Federal assistance not subject to Section 3 §75.3 (d). However, for financial assistance that is not subject to Section 3, recipients are encouraged to consider ways to support the purpose of Section 3. Additionally, Professional service jobs are defined in 24 CFR 75.5 as "non-construction services that require an advanced degree or professional licensing, including, but not limited to, contracts for legal services, financial consulting, accounting services, environmental assessment, architectural services, and civil engineering services." These jobs are excluded from the reporting requirement for Section 3 and Targeted Section 3 workers because it is very difficult for grantees and contractors to recruit and hire eligible persons for these roles due to the higher wages/salaries earned for these types of jobs. See, HUD Notice: CPD-21-09.

2. Section 3 Coordinator

MHA's Section 3 Coordinator shall serve as the central point of contact for Section 3 compliance for MHA and its subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors supporting the program. Subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors and others are encouraged to reach out to MHA's Section 3 Coordinator with questions regarding Section 3 compliance.

3. Employment, Training, and Contracting Goals

A. SAFE HARBOR COMPLIANCE

MHA and its contractors and subcontractors will be considered to have complied with the Section 3 requirements and met safe harbor, if they certify that they followed the required prioritization of effort and met or exceeded the Section 3 benchmarks, absent evidence of the contrary.

Prior to the beginning of work, contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will follow the required prioritization of effort for Section 3 workers, Targeted Section 3 workers, and Section 3 business concerns as outlined below in Section C below. After completion of the project, on the Section 3 Cumulative Report, in the Appendices hereto, contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they followed the prioritization of effort requirements.

If the contractor and subcontractor does not meet the safe harbor requirements, they must report on the qualitative nature of their Section 3 compliance activities and provide documentation of same. Such qualitative efforts may, for example, include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Engaged in outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Targeted Section 3 workers.
- (2) Provided training or apprenticeship opportunities.
- (3) Provided technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).
- (4) Provided or connected Section 3 workers with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, and finding job opportunities connecting residents to job placement services.
- (5) Held one or more job fairs.

- (6) Provided or referred Section 3 workers to services supporting work readiness and retention (e.g., work readiness activities, interview clothing, test fees, transportation, child care).
- (7) Provided assistance to apply for/or attend community college, a four-year educational institution, or vocational/technical training.
- (8) Assisted Section 3 workers to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.
- (9) Engaged in outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.
- (10) Provided technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.
- (11) Divided contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns (note that such should not be used as a means to avoid any applicable federal or sate procurement requirements).
- (12) Provided bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.
- (13) Promoted use of business registries designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.
- (14) Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system as defined in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

B. SAFE HARBOR BENCHMARKS

MHA has established employment and training goals that subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors should meet in order to comply with Section 3 requirements outlined in 24 CFR Part 75.9 - for public housing financial assistance or 24 CFR Part 75.19 - for housing and community development financial assistance. The safe harbor benchmark goals are as follows:

(for public housing financial assistance)

1) Twenty-five (25) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in the PHA's fiscal year are Section 3 workers;

Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 25%

And

2) Five (5) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in the PHA's fiscal year are Targeted Section 3 workers, as defined at 24 CFR Part 75.11.

Targeted Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 5%

(for housing and community development financial assistance)

1) Twenty-five (25) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project are Section 3 workers;

Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 25%

And

2) Five (5) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project are Targeted Section 3 workers, as defined at 24 CFR Part 75.21.

Targeted Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 5%

HUD establishes and updates Section 3 benchmarks for Section 3 workers and/or Targeted Section 3 workers through a document published in the Federal Register, not less frequently than once every 3 years. Given that the Section 3 benchmarks are subject to change every three years or sooner, MHA will review and update the Section 3 Plan annually, as needed.

It is the responsibility of contractors to implement efforts to achieve Section 3 compliance. Any contractor that does not meet the Section 3 benchmarks must demonstrate why meeting the benchmarks were not feasible. All contractors submitting bids or proposals to the MHA are required to certify that they will comply with the requirements of Section 3.

C. CERTIFICATION OF PRIORITIZATION OF EFFORT FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND CONTRACTING

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Under the MHA's Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors should make best efforts to provide employment and training opportunities to Section 3 workers in the priority order listed below:

(for public housing financial assistance)

- 1) To residents of the public housing projects for which the public housing financial assistance is expended;
- 2) To residents of other public housing projects managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance or for residents of Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA;
- 3) To participants in YouthBuild programs; and
- 4) To low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is expended.

(for housing and community development financial assistance)

Provide employment and training opportunities to Section 3 workers within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the project is located in the priority order listed below:

- 1) Section 3 workers residing within the service area or the neighborhood of the project, and
- 2) Participants in YouthBuild programs.

Contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will and have made best efforts to follow the prioritization of effort requirements prior to the beginning work and after work is completed.

CONTRACTING

Under the MHA's Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors must make their best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers in the following order or priority:

(for public housing financial assistance)

- 1) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of public housing projects for which the assistance is provided;
- 2) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of other public housing projects or Section-8 assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing assistance;
- 3) YouthBuild programs; and
- 4) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is provided.

(for housing and community development financial assistance)

- Business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which assistance is located in the following order of priority (<u>where feasible</u>):
 - a) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the service area or the neighborhood of the project; and
 - b) YouthBuild programs.

Contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will and have made best efforts to follow the prioritization of effort requirements prior to the beginning work and after work is completed.

4. Section 3 Eligibility and Certifications

Individuals and businesses that meet Section 3 criteria may seek Section 3 preference from MHA or its contractors/subcontractors for training, employment, or contracting opportunities generated by public housing financial assistance or housing and community development financial assistance. To qualify as a Section 3 worker, Targeted Section 3 worker or a Section 3 business concern, each must self-certify that they meet the applicable criteria.

Businesses who misrepresent themselves as Section 3 business concerns and report false information to MHA may have their contracts terminated as default and be barred from ongoing and future considerations for contracting opportunities.

A. SECTION 3 WORKER AND TARGETED SECTION 3 WORKER CERTIFICATION

A Section 3 worker seeking certification shall submit self-certification documentation to the recipient contractor or subcontractor, that the person is a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker as defined in 24 CFR Part 75. For the purposes of Section 3 worker eligibility, MHA will use individual income rather than family/household income to determine eligibility. The income limits will be determined annually using the guidelines published at https://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html.

Persons seeking the Section 3 worker preference shall demonstrate that it meets one or more of the following criteria currently or when hired within the past five years, as documented:

- 1) A low or very low-income resident (the worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD); or
- 2) Employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
- 3) A YouthBuild participant.

The Section 3 Certification Form included in the Appendix can be used to document the status of a Section 3 worker. The status of a Section 3 worker shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction. Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the employment of someonewho meets this definition of a Section 3 worker. Section 3 workers are not exempt from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.

Persons seeking the Targeted Section 3 worker preference shall demonstrate that it meets one or more of the following criteria:

(for public housing financial assistance)

- 1) Employed by a Section 3 business concern or
- 2) Currently meets or when hired met at least one of the following categories as documented within the past five years:
 - a) A resident of public housing; or
 - b) A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing; or
 - c) A YouthBuild participant.

(for housing and community development assistance)

- 1) Employed by a Section 3 business concern or
- 2) Currently meets or when hired met at least one of the following categories as documented within the past five years:

- a) Living within the service area or the neighborhood of the project, as defined in 24 CFR Part 75.5; or
- b) A YouthBuild participant.

The Targeted Section 3 Certification Form included in the Appendix can be used to document the status of a Targeted Section 3 worker. The status of a Targeted Section 3 worker shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction. Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the employment of someone who meets this definition of a Targeted Section 3 worker. Targeted Section 3 workers are not exempt from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.

PROJECTS INVOLVING MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING

In cases where Section 3 covered projects include multiple sources of funds, including public housing financial assistance and housing and community development assistance, MHA must follow the definition of Targeted Section 3 worker and priorities as outlined in subpart B of Part 75. For housing and community development financial assistance, MHA may follow either subpart B or subpart C of Part 75.

In cases where Section 3 covered projects include multiple housing and development funding sources (financial assistance) from single or multiple recipients, MHA will follow subpart C of Part 75. Refer to chart in Appendix B.

B. SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN CERTIFICATION

The MHA, should encourage contractors and subcontractors to make best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.

Businesses that believe they meet the Section 3 Business requirements may self-register in the HUD Business registry, here: http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz. Businesses may seek Section 3 Business Concern preference by demonstrating that it meets one or more of the following criteria:

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

Businesses that seek Section 3 preference shall certify, or demonstrate to MHA, contractors or subcontractors, that they meet the definitions provided in the above. Businesses may demonstrate eligibility by submitting the Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form.

Businesses that consider themselves as a Section 3 Business Concern can self-certify by visiting the HUD Section 3 Business Registry Website: http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz. MHA can accept the completed self-certification form as long as MHA does not have reason to doubt the business' eligibility. The status of a Section 3 business concern shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction of its owner(s) or employees. Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the contracting or subcontracting of a Section 3 business concern. Section 3 business concerns are not exempt from meeting the specifications of a contract or any applicable procurement requirements.

Section 3 Business Concern Certification Forms must be submitted at the time of bid/proposal. If the MHA previously approved the business concern to be Section 3 certified, then the same certification can be submitted along with a bid or proposal, as long as the form is submitted within the prescribed expiration

date. The Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form will expire after 3 months after completion of a contract with MHA. Establishing a 3-month certification of eligibility period allows the MHA the ability to assess contractor performance to ensure the business is striving to meet the required goals.

Qualifying as a Section 3 businesses does not mean that the business will be selected if it meets the technical requirements of the bid, regardless of bid price.

PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with the regulation, residents and business concerns seeking Section 3 preference shall certify, or submit evidence to the recipient, contractor, subcontractor or sub-recipient (if requested) verifying that they meet the definitions provided above for Section 3 worker, Target Section 3 worker, and Section 3 Business.

In addition to the above certifications, MHA can use its discretion for determining the type of verification that is required by prospective Section 3 workers, Targeted Section 3 workers, and business concerns. Some examples include proof of residency in a public housing authority; proof of federal subsidies for housing, food stamps, or unemployment benefits; and payroll data or other relevant business information.

As provided in 2 CFR 200.318, contract awards shall only be made to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract.

5. Assisting Contractors with Achieving Section 3 Goals

In an effort to assist contractors with meeting or exceeding the Section 3 goals, MHA will do the following:

- 1) Share Section 3 Plan with contractors and subcontractors and explain policies and procedures
- 2) Require contractors wishing to submit a bid/offer/proposal to attend pre-bid meeting
- 3) Require contractor to sign the Section 3 Plan at pre-construction conference
- 4) Review Section 3 benchmarks and prioritization of effort with contractors and subcontractors to ensure that the goals are understood. It is not intended for contractors and subcontractors to terminate existing employees, but to make every effort feasible to meet Section 3 benchmark goals by utilizing existing qualified workforce and by considering qualified eligible Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers (per the prioritization of effort outlined in Section #3) before any other person, when hiring additional employees is needed to complete proposed work to be performed.
- 5) At the time of bid, require the contractor to present a list, of the number of total labor hours, Section 3 worker labor hours, and Targeted Section 3 worker labor hours expected to be generated from the initial contract and a list of projected number of available positions, to include job descriptions and wage rates.
- 6) Maintain a local Section 3 worker/Targeted Section 3 worker database and provide the contractor with a list of interested and qualified Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers and contact information.
- 7) Inform contractors about the HUD Section 3 Opportunity Portal https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/

- 8) Require contractors to notify Section 3 Coordinator of their interests regarding employment of Section 3 workers prior to hiring.
- 9) Encourage local business to register on the HUD Business Registry and direct contractors to the HUD Section 3 Business Registry https://www.hud.gov/section3businessregistry
- 10) Leverage MHA 's communication outlets (social media, website, etc.) to effectively communicate employment and contracting opportunities that arise.
- 11) Require contractors to submit a list of core employees (including administrative, clerical, planning and other positions pertinent to the construction trades) at the time of contact award.

6. Section 3 Outreach

A. OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

In order to educate and inform workers and contractors, MHA's Section 3 Coordinator will be prepared to provide training and technical assistance on a regular basis per program guidelines. When training opportunities are available, contractors and subcontractors should, to the greatest extent feasible:

- 1) Notify the Section 3 Coordinator when training opportunities are available
- 2) Provide information/handouts about Section 3 training opportunities to potential Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers
- 3) Conduct an annual training for Section 3 workers and Section 3 businesses

Contractors and subcontractors should employ several active strategies to notify Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers of Section 3 job opportunities, including:

- 1) Clearly indicating Section 3 eligibility on all job postings with the following statement: "This job is a Section 3 eligible job opportunity. We encourage applications from individuals that are low income and/or live in Public Housing and/or receive a Section 8 voucher";
- 2) Including the Section 3 Worker and Targeted Section 3 Worker Self-Certification Form in all job postings
- 3) Working with the Section 3 Coordinator to connect Section 3 worker and Targeted Section 3 workers in MHA's Section 3 database with opportunities and/or utilize the Section 3 Opportunity Portal to find qualified candidates
- 4) Establishing a current list of Section 3 eligible applicants
- 5) Contacting local community organizations and provide them with job postings for Section 3 eligible applicants; and
- 6) Coordinating a programmatic ad campaign, which results in widespread job posting across diverse ad networks including:
 - a) Advertising job opportunities via social media, including LinkedIn and Facebook;
 - b) Advertising job opportunities via flyer distributions and mass mailings and posting ad in common areas of housing developments and all public housing management offices

 c) Contacting resident councils, resident management corporations, and neighborhood community organizations to request their assistance in notifying residents of available training and employment opportunities

B. OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR CONTRACTING

When applicable contracting opportunities arise, MHA will employ the following strategies to notify Section 3 Business Concerns of Section 3 contracting opportunities, including but not limited to:

- 1) Adding Section 3 language to all RFPs, procurement documents, bid offerings and contracts.
- Coordinating mandatory pre-bid meetings to inform Section 3 Business Concerns of upcoming contracting opportunities. The Section 3 Coordinator will participate in these meetings to explain and answer questions related to Section 3 policy.
- 3) Advertising contracting opportunities in local community papers and notices that provide general information about the work to be contracted and where to obtain additional information.
- 4) Providing 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 bid invitations.
- 5) Coordinating with the prime contractor to publicize contracting opportunities for small businesses.
- 6) Coordinating with business assistance agencies and contractor associations to inform them of contracting opportunities and request their assistance in identifying Section 3 business concerns. Could include local community development organizations, business development agencies (Chamber of Commerce), and minority contracting associations.
- 7) Connecting Section 3 business concerns with resources to support business development to assist in obtaining contracting opportunities (e.g., bonding and insurance assistance, etc.). Contractors will also be encouraged to collaborate with the MHA as subcontract opportunities arise in an effort to notify eligible Section 3 business concerns about the contracting opportunities.

7. Section 3 Contracting Policy and Procedure

MHA shall 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 contain requirements for making efforts to award contracts to Section 3 Business Concerns.

All contractors/businesses seeking Section 3 preference must, before submitting bids/proposals to the MHA be required to complete certifications, as appropriate. Such certifications shall be adequately supported with appropriate documentation as referenced in the Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form set forth in the Appendices hereto.

BID OR PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Contractors who fail to address Section 3 requirements, when applicable, in Bid or Proposal Evaluations will be deemed nonresponsive as set forth herein. This means that in the proposal or bid documents submitted to MHA, when applicable, the Contractor's Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment and Section 3 Participation Election Form must be completed including applicable attachments and supporting documentation.

After written notice from MHA specifying any defects in the Section 3 information, contractors will be given

no more than 5 business days to complete the form and provide all required documents. Failure to respond within the 5 days will result in MHA declaring the bidderor respondent as non-responsive.

8. Section 3 Provisions/Contract Language

MHA will include standard Section 3 language in all of its contracts to ensure compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 75. MHA will take appropriate actions upon finding that a contractor is in violation of 24 CFR Part 75 and does not knowingly contract with any contractor that has been found in violation of the Section 3 regulations. On a periodic basis the Section 3 Coordinator will audit MHA contractors for compliance with the minimum Section 3 requirements outlined in the Section 3 Plan.

In addition, contractors and subrecipients are required to include language in all Section 3 covered contracts or agreements for subcontractors to meet the requirements of 24 CFR Part 75.9 (for public housing financial assistance) or 24 CFR Part 75.19 (for housing and community development financial assistance).

For businesses, noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may, at the sole discretion of MHA, result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

9. Reporting and Compliance Requirements

MHA is required to keep records and documentation certifying compliance with Section 3 benchmarks, and with Prioritization of Efforts.

COMPLIANCE REPORTING

MHA must report annually to HUD in a manner consistent with reporting requirements for the applicable HUD program. MHA will be considered to be in compliance with Section 3 Safe Harbor 1) by certifying compliance with Prioritization of Efforts in §75.9, and 2) by meeting theestablished Benchmark Goals for Section 3 and Target Section 3 workers.

If reporting indicates that MHA has not met the Section 3 Benchmarks, then MHA must report in amethod on the qualitative nature of its activities and those its contractors and subcontractors pursued per 24 CFR § 75.15(b) and § 75.25(b).

Please note that it is important to document efforts made to comply with Section 3. Files should illustrate attempts to meet Section 3 benchmarks. The mere existence of a Section 3 Action Plan is not sufficient. Affirmative attempts to reach Section 3 goals must be made.

CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE

Contractors will be required to comply with the Prioritization of Efforts for each contract.

<u>Priority I. Employment and Training Compliance:</u> Contractors will be considered to be in compliance by meeting the 25% and 5% Benchmark Goals for each project, or byproviding proof of efforts to provide employment or training opportunities to Section 3 and Targeted Section 3 workers.

<u>Priority II. Contracting Compliance:</u> Contractors will be considered to be in compliance by providing documentation of contracting with Certified Section 3 Business Concerns.

As part of each bid or proposal submitted, the contractor must document their workforce byposition. Such information will be verified at the commencement of the contract.

Contractors will be required to complete the Targeted/ Section 3 Worker Tracking Form (See Appendix) on a monthly basis to clearly identify the Section 3 hires. The contractor must comply with the Section 3 requirements throughout the life of the contract. MHA will periodically audit this information at its discretion. Failure to comply with the monthly documentation may result in the termination of the contract at MHA's discretion.

Contractors employing Targeted Section 3 Workers, Section 3 Workers, and Section 3 BusinessConcerns must obtain and provide documentation to demonstrate such for meeting Section 3 goals.

REPORTING ON PROJECTS WITH MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES

- 1) For Section 3 projects that include public housing financial assistance and housing and community development financial assistance, MHA shall report on the project as a whole and will identify the multiple associated recipients.
- 2) For projects assisted with funding from multiple sources of housing and community development assistance that exceed the thresholds of \$200,000 and \$100,000 for Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Programs (LHCHH), the MHA will follow subpart C of Part 75 and will report to the applicable HUD program office, as prescribed by HUD. Note: LHCHH assistance is not included in calculating whether the assistance exceeds the \$200,000 threshold. HUD public housing financial assistance and HUD housing and community development financial assistance is not included in calculating whether the assistance exceeds the LHCHH \$100,000 threshold. Refer to chart in Appendix B.

10. Internal Section 3 Complaint Procedure

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

- 1) 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 Part 75.
- 2) Complaints must be filed in a timely manner after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation.
- 3) An investigation will be conducted if complaint is found to be valid. MHA 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.
- 4) The MHA will provide written documentation detailing the findings of the investigation. The MHA will review the findings for accuracy and completeness before it is released to complainants. The findings will be made available in a timely manner after receipt of the complaint. If complainants wish to have their concerns considered outside of the MHA a complaint may be filed with:

The HUD program office responsible for the public housing financial assistance or the Section 3 project, or to the local HUD field office. These offices can be found through the HUD website, www.hud.gov/.

Complainants may be eligible to bring complaints under other federal laws. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate

against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information (medical history or predisposition to disease). For more information about complainant rights, please contact EEOC at: www.EEOC.gov.

The Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces, for the benefit of job seekers and wage earners, the contractual promise of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity required of those who do business with the Federal government. More information about the services they provide can be obtained at: http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/.

11. Appendices

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

The terms HUD, Public housing, and Public Housing Agency (PHA) are defined in 24 CFR part 5.

The following definitions also apply to 24 CFR Part 75 HUD's Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-Income Persons:

1937 Act means the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq. activities related to Public Housing

Contractor means any entity entering into a contract with:

- (1) A recipient to perform work in connection with the expenditure of public housing financial assistance or for work in connection with a Section 3 project; or
- (2) A subrecipient for work in connection with a Section 3 project.

Labor hours means the number of paid hours worked by persons on a Section 3 project or by persons employed with funds that include public housing financial assistance.

Low-income person means a person as defined in Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act, at or below 80% AMI. Note that Section 3 worker eligibility uses individual income rather than family/household income.

Material supply contracts means contracts for the purchase of products and materials, including, but not limited to, lumber, drywall, wiring, concrete, pipes, toilets, sinks, carpets, and office supplies.

Professional services means non-construction services that require an advanced degree or professional licensing, including, but not limited to, contracts for legal services, financial consulting, accounting services, environmental assessment, architectural services, and civil engineering services.

Public housing financial assistance means assistance as defined in 24 CFR Part 75.3(a)(1).

Public housing project is defined in 24 CFR 905.108.

Recipient means any entity that receives directly from HUD public housing financial assistance or housing and community development assistance that funds Section 3 projects, including, but not limited to, any State, local government, instrumentality, PHA, or other public agency, public or private nonprofit organization.

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

Section 3 business concern means:

- (1) A business concern meeting at least one of the following criteria, documented within the last six-month period:
- (i) It is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons;
- (ii) Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers; or

- (iii) 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.
- (2) The status of a Section 3 business concern shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction of its owner(s) or employees.
- (3) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the contracting or subcontracting of a Section 3 business concern. Section 3 business concerns are not exempt from meeting the specifications of the contract.

Section 3 Coordinator is person tasked with overseeing all Section 3 responsibilities for the PHA/CD office.

Section 3 project means a project defined in 24 CFR Part 75.3(a)(2).

Section 3 worker means:

- (1) Any worker who currently fits or when hired within the past five years fit at least one of the following categories, as documented:
 - (i) The worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD.
 - (ii) The worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.
 - (iii) The worker is a YouthBuild participant.
- (2) The status of a Section 3 worker shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction.
- (3) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the employment of someone who meets this definition of a Section 3 worker. Section 3 workers are not exempt from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.

Section 8-assisted housing refers to housing receiving project-based rental assistance or tenant-based assistance under Section 8 of the 1937 Act.

Service area or the neighborhood of the project means an area within one mile of the Section 3 project or, if fewer than 5,000 people live within one mile of a Section 3 project, within a circle centered on the Section 3 project that is sufficient to encompass a population of 5,000 people according to the most recent U.S. Census.

Small PHA means a public housing authority that manages or operates fewer than 250 public housing units.

Subcontractor means any entity that has a contract with a contractor to undertake a portion of the contractor's obligation to perform work in connection with the expenditure of public housing financial assistance or for a Section 3 project.

Subrecipient has the meaning provided in the applicable program regulations or in 2 CFR 200.93.

Targeted Section 3 worker has the meanings provided in 24 CFR Part 75.11, 75.21, or 75.29, and does not exclude an individual that has a prior arrest or conviction.

Very low-income person means the definition for this term set forth in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (at or below 50% AMI).

YouthBuild programs refers to YouthBuild programs receiving assistance under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226).

APPENDIX B: MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES - CHART

TYPE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	DEFINITIONS *TARGETED SECTION 3 WORKER	THRESHOLDS	PRIORITIZA TION	REPORTING
Public Housing and Housing and Community Development	PHA – must follow subpart B of Part 75 HCD – may follow subpart B or C of Part 75	None *Any amount of PH assistance triggers Section 3	PHA – must follow subpart B of Part 75 HCD – may follow subpart B or C of Part 75	PHA – must follow subpart B of Part 75 HCD – may follow subpart B or C of Part 75 Both - Must report on project as a whole and identify the multiple associated recipients
Multiple Sources of Housing and Community Development (single or multiple recipients)	Must follow subpart C of Part 75	Exceeds \$200,000 for Section 3 projects *LHCHHP exceeds \$100,000	Must follow subpart C of Part 75	Must follow subpart C of Part 75 Must report on project as a whole and identify the multiple associated recipients Must report to the applicable HUD program office, as prescribed by HUD

APPENDIX C: FORMS

- 1) Targeted Section 3 Worker Certification
- 2) Section 3 Worker Certification
- 3) Targeted/ Section 3 Worker Tracking Form
- 4) Section 3 Permanent Workforce Form
- 5) Section 3 Business Concern Self-Certification: http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz
- 6) Section 3 Bid or Proposal Compliance Forms
 - a. Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment
 - b. Section 3 Participation Election Form
- 7) Cumulative Report

Targeted Section 3 Worker Certification Form

A Targeted Section 3 Worker seeking the preference in training and employment provided by this part shall certify or submit evidence to the recipient contractor or subcontractor that the person is a Targeted Section 3 Worker, as defined in Section 24 CFR 75.

Print Name	
Please check at least one option:	
I am employed by a Section 3 busine	ess concern.
OR within the past 5 years:	
I am a public housing resident or HC	CV Section 8 Resident of MHA.
I am a resident of other housing assis	sted by MHA or in MHA's management portfolio.
I am a YouthBuild participant.	
in this part shall be construed to require the employmen	negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction. Nothing nt of someone who meets this definition of a Targeted Section from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.
	ne to be true and correct and understand any falsification all punishment under the
Signature	Date

Section 3 Worker Certification Form

A Section 3 Worker seeking the preference in training and employment provided by this part shall certify or submit evidence to the recipient contractor or subcontractor that the person is a Section 3 Worker, as defined in Section 24 CFR 75.

Print Name	
Please check	k at least one option:
	My annual income for the previous year or projected current year is below the HUD Low Income Individual Median Income (80%). I have attached a copy of the HUD income limit obtained from https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html for the year in which I comply.
	I am employed by a Section 3 business concern.
	I am a YouthBuild participant.
shall be cons	a Section 3 worker shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction. Nothing in this pai trued to require the employment of someone who meets this definition of a Section 3 worker. Section on not exempt from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.
	tify that the information provided by me to be true and correct and understand any falsification information could subject me to disqualification from participation and punishment under the
Signature	Date

TARGETED SECTION 3, SECTION 3 AND NON-SECTION 3 WORKER TRACKING FORM

*This form must	be sul	bmi	itted	mont	hl	ly
For Month End	ling: _					

Non Section 3 Worker	Targeted Section 3 Workers	Section 3 Workers	Total Labor Hours Worked
Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No	
	Section 3	Section 3 Worker Workers	Section 3 Worker Workers Workers Workers

SECTION 3 PERMANENT WORKFORCE FORM

This form is used to determine the Section 3 Workers already employed by the contractor. This form may be compared to Davis -Bacon Payrolls for cross referencing purposes.

Employee Name	Job Title	Certified Section 3 b Title Worker		Monthly Salary	Salary Below 80% of Median Income	
		YES	NO	-	YES	NO
I certify the above employees are on our regular to MHA for the above refeand subject to legal ramifications.	r monthly payroll a erenced project for	nd have their V	V-2 tax form	ns for our records. The	se records will b	e availab
Print Name		Signature				

SECTION 3 CLAUSE COMPLIANCE COMMITMENT

All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following cause (referred to as the Section 3 Clause, 24 CFR § 75.38):

- A. The work to be performed under this <u>contract</u> is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the <u>Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968</u>, as amended, <u>12 U.S.C. 1701u</u> (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 <u>recipients</u> of HUD assistance for housing.
- B. The parties to this <u>contract</u> agree to comply with HUD's regulations in <u>24 CFR part 75</u>, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this <u>contract</u>, the parties to this <u>contract</u> certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 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 75, 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 75. 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 75.
- 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 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 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 sub contracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

For:	
	Company Name
By:	
Date:	·

Acknowledged:

SECTION 3 PARTICIPATION ELECTION FORM

The purpose of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as in the *Federal Register* at 85 FR 61524 (codified at 24 CFR Part 75), 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 toward low and very low-income persons, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons. MHA's Section 3 Policy, which is consistent with the federal Section 3 requirements, has procedures to assist grant recipients, contractors and subcontractors in understanding and complying with Section 3 requirements. Undersigned certifies that he/she has received a copy of such policy, reviewed such policy, and is familiar with the requirements set forth therein.

How will your company fulfill its Section 3 Requirement?	
Certified Section 3 Business (Include Certification)	
Priority I – Employment/Training of Section 3 Workers in the priority set forth in MH	A's Section 3 Policy, Section 3C
Priority II – Contracting with Section 3 Businesses in the priority set forth in MHA's S	Section 3 Policy, Section 3C
By signing below, the contractor hereby agrees to comply with the selected Section 3 requirements	ents indicated above.
Name:	
Company:	
Address:	
Phone No:	
Email Address:	

Authorized By:

SECTION 3 CUMULATIVE REPORT

Upon final completion of a project, contractors and subcontractors shall provide the following certifications to MHA:

On behalf of the contractor or subcontractor identified below, undersigned represents, warrants, and certifies that such contractor or subcontractor has followed the prioritization of effort requirements as set forth in the attached Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment (attach hereto executed Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment).

By signing the below acknowledgement, Contractor or Subcontractor hereby represents, warrants, and certifies that it I met the safe harbor requirements set forth in Section 3B of MHA's Section 3 Plan. Otherwise, if the contractor and subcontractor has not met the safe harbor requirements set forth in Section 3B of MHA's Section 3 Plan, the contractor subcontractor must explain below why meeting the benchmarks were not feasible. Any such contractor or subcontractor must also describe below on the qualitative nature of its Section 3 compliance activities (see Section 3A of MHA's Section 3 Plan for examples) and provide documentation of same:	l r or
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For:	
Contractor or Subcontractor Name	
By:	

Date:

Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form					
The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 Business Certification requirements. To count as a Section 3 Business your company/firm must meet one of the listed categories below. Each category will require additional documentation to support the election. You must provide that supporting documentation with this form properly completed to be confirmed as a Section 3 business. If this form is submitted without the required supplemental data, your certification will not be processed.					
CATEGORY	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	YOUR ELECTION			
a business at least 51 percent owned by low- or very low-income persons;	Proof of ownership showing all owners and their percentages and a completed Section 3 Individual Self-Certification form for all low- and very low-income owners	4			
Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business are performed by low- or very low-income persons; or	Provide the last 90 days full payrolls for the entire company, make a list of the names from the payrolls of the Section 3 workers, and provide a completed Section 3 Individual Self- Certification for all low- and very low-income workers you list				
It is a business at least 51 percent owned by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.	Proof of ownership showing all owners and their percentages and a Section 3 Individual Self-Certification form for all public housing and/or Section 8 owners	←			
I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I attest under penalty of perjury that my business meets the elected definition and understand proof of this information may be requested. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as a certified Section 3 business.					
Full Name:					
Company Name:					
Street Address:					

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibit A-Links for MHA Section 3 forms

See links below for each form. You will also find guidance on when each form should be submitted.

1) Targeted Section 3 Worker Certification

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG26pigB1sxRI_36pGnhG9CbtVNjWUnbiXA2CEAI HoH5D5A/viewform?usp=sf_link

 Targeted Section 3 Worker Certification Form (to be completed at the start of the contract for all workers identified as targeted Section 3 worker, per HUD guidelines. This form should also be completed by any new targeted Section 3 workers hired after the contract start date.)

2) Section 3 Worker Certification

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCIDAbBgsdJS0G4vAzDf6tfh9_IpizTXPTeT3iOd5Fq_8UvAg/viewform?usp=sf_link_

 Regular Section 3 Worker Certification Form (to be completed at the start of the contract for all workers identified as regular Section 3 worker, per HUD guidelines. This form should also be completed by any new regular Section 3 workers hired after the contract start date. Form must only be completed once per contract term or if the worker's status changes.)

3) Section 3 Worker Tracking Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfp05sNh2jv-QTgTsyqEkgROcjYP41sTlGu6q9v0tGuiClGPg/viewform?usp=sf_link

 Targeted Section 3/Section 3/Non-Section 3 Worker Tracking Form (to be completed monthly by contractor and/or vendor and must include all employees working on the MHA contract or services))

4) Section 3 Permanent Workforce Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9btz5CVCeC9NjIRZGsvSCHbWbw6Ex9zGAtVnG6JmvLdrGig/viewform?usp=sf_link

 Section 3 Permanent Workforce Form (to be completed along with the initial contract paperwork for new contractors and vendors/must be completed by July 31st for current contractors and vendors)

5) Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form: http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz

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 Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form (to be completed along with the initial contract paperwork for new contractors and vendors/must be completed by July 31st for current contractors and vendors)

6) Section 3 Bid or Proposal Compliance Forms

a. Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDLY9a2gakOvcIrn1UjsO_e3EOVHbIhopjzo5vQch X0N0k8w/viewform?usp=sf_link

 Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment Form (to be completed along with the initial contract paperwork for new contractors and vendors/must be completed by July 31st for current contractors and vendors)

b. Section 3 Participation Election Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjkyAl7kbBI_YOLNGTcUn7r4DIEztZWJwelE4JDppWzlDkcQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

 Section 3 Participation Election Form (to be completed along with the initial contract paperwork for new contractors and vendors/must be completed by July 31st for current contractors and vendors)

7) Cumulative Report

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdADZ9_CeN5g_Pev2RCpoizq1gQ3fhDhRF7xAMFN XaF6JgArg/viewform?usp=sf_link

• Section 3 Cumulative Report (to be completed by the contractor or vendors within 15 days of completion of the MHA contract or service provided. This should be included with the final invoice.)