> 525 South Lawrence Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104

QUOTATIONS FOR SMALL PURCHASE (QSP 2025-04) Temporary HVAC Services (Task Order)

DATE ISSUED:	Thursday, May 29, 2025
TYPE OF PROJECT:	The Montgomery Housing Authority is seeking qualified, licensed contractors to form a pool of contractors to provide temporary HVAC Services on a task order basis agency wide.
CONTACT PERSON:	Sheila Brown, Procurement/Contract Administrator sbrown@mhatoday.org
LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS:	Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. (CST)
SUBMISSION DEADLINE:	Friday, June 6, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. (CST) Sheila Brown, Procurement/Contract Administrator <u>sbrown@mhatoday.org</u>

The responsibility for submitting a response to this QSP 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 quote.

Pre-Bid Conference: MHA will not conduct a pre-bid conference for this project.

- 1.0 MONTGOMERY HOUSING AUTHORITY (MHA) CONTACT: All questions pertaining to this QSP documents shall be addressed to Sheila Brown, Procurement/Contract Administrator (CA), by e-mailing sbrown@mhatoday.org. Last day for questions is Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3:00 pm CST.
- 2.0 APPLICABILITY: By submitting a quote to the MHA, the vendor is agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions listed herein, including those terms and conditions within HUD Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, Procurement Handbook for Public Housing Agencies, HUD Table 5.1, Mandatory Contract Clauses for Small Purchases other than Construction (attached hereto), HUD Form 5370 C Section 2 (attached hereto), and Davis Bacon Wages Rates General Decision AL20250054 dated January 3, 2025.

3.0 MHA RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The MHA reserves the right to:

- **3.1** Reject any or all quotes, to waive any informalities in the QSP process, or to terminate the QSP process at any time, if deemed by the MHA to be in the best interest of the MHA;
- **3.2** Terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this QSP at any time for its convenience upon delivery of a 10-day written notice to the apparent or successful Bidder;
- **3.3** Determine the days, hours and locations that the successful Bidder shall provide the items or services called for in this QSP;
- **3.4** Reject and not consider any quote that does not, in the opinion of the CA, meet the requirements of this QSP, including but not necessarily limited to incomplete quotes offering alternate (not including "or equal" items) or non-requested items or services;

3.5 MHA reserves the right to:

- 3.5.1 To make an award to the same vendor (aggregate) for all items; or,
- 3.5.2 To make an award to multiple Vendors for the same or different items.
- **4.0 BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** Each Bidder must carefully review and comply with all instructions provided herein, provided within any named attachments and those provided within the noted Internet system.
- 5.0 DEADLINE: Quotes must be received by <u>Friday</u>, June 6, 2025, 12:00 P.M. CST by emailing MHA's Procurement/Contract Administrator, Sheila Brown, at <u>sbrown@mahtoday.org</u> by the aforementioned date and time. Each bidder shall submit his/her quote prior to the posted deadline, as provided for herein (Exhibit A-Quote Submittal form and Quote Pricing Table, must both be executed). All quantities entered by MHA herein the attached Quote Pricing Table are for calculating purposes only. The listed quantities may be for 1 month or 3 months, we are unsure. MHA does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of work awarded from this QSP. Each bidder must calculate the total on the Quote Pricing Table and record on the Quote Submittal form. MHA reserves the right to verify and use the actual calculations for awarding.

Whereas this is an informal solicitation process, the MHA reserves the right to extend the posted deadline at any time prior to the deadline, if, in the opinion of the CA, it is in the best interests of MHA to do so. MHA will not accept quotes submitted to anyone besides the Procurement/Contract Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Late submissions will not be accepted.

- **6.0 HOLD PRICES/NON-ESCALATION:** By submitting a quote, and whereas the quote sum submitted is a firm-fixed quote, each Bidder thereby agrees to "hold" or not increase the proposed quote prices during the term of the work.
- 7.0 **PURCHASE ORDER:** MHA will procure these services via purchase order for duration of 1 to 3 months. By submitting a quote, the successful Bidder thereby agrees to confirm receipt of the award in the manner directed by MHA. All items included in this QSP must be included in the subsequent issued purchase orders. All purchase orders between the parties will be governed by and enforced in accordance with Federal HUD regulations and the laws of the State of Alabama.
- **8.0 AWARD CRITERIA:** MHA will retain the right to contract with any of the bidders as a result of this QSP, which contracting shall occur in the following manner (this is sometimes called 'forming a pool' of contractors that the MHA may draw from). MHA may retain one or more contractors to order from on a task order and/or on-call basis, any amount of services MHA requires. MHA does not guarantee any amount of work.

If a pool of contractors is form, each bidder will be ranked by total calculated bid sum submitted in response to this QSP.

When MHA has need of work in each service area, the MHA staff assigned will contact the 1st-ranked Contractor to ascertain as to whether or not that Contractor is available to do the work within the reasonable timeframe the Agency has established for that work. If the 1st-ranked Contractor is not available, the MHA will proceed to the next-ranked Contractor, and so forth, until the MHA has located an available Contractor.

There may be instances when it is not reasonable to wait for the needed services to be completed, when service is required from a Contractor immediately, meaning a Contractor is needed to drive to the site quickly. In such cases the MHA reserves the right to (and probably will) suspend the required response time and will seek a Contractor who within the previously described pool rotation who is immediately available.

- **9.0 INVALID OR ALTERNATE QUOTES:** Failure to complete and submit all required information, or to add any additional requirements not acceptable to MHA, may invalidate the quote submitted. Furthermore, MHA shall reserve the right to reject, without consideration, alternate quotes, meaning those that do not meet the requirements of this QSP.
- **10.0 QUOTE COSTS:** There shall be no obligation for the MHA to compensate any Bidder or prospective Bidder for any costs that he/she may incur in responding to this QSP.
- **11.0 SHIPPING COSTS:** Each quoted sum submitted shall include completion of the specified services at the MHA site or location, as specified within this QSP or on the contract executed.
- **12.0 ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL:** MHA shall retain the right to demand and receive a change in personnel assigned by the successful Bidder to provide services to the HA if the HA believes that such change is in the best interest of the HA and the completion of the work or provision of the items.
- **13.0 E-VERIFY**: U.S. Law requires companies to employ only individuals who may legally work in the United States either U.S. citizens, or foreign citizens who have the necessary authorization. The Contractor must certify compliance with E-verify, in that the Contractor is registered, uses, and will continue to use the E-Verify, Federal Work Authorization Program throughout the contract period.



14.0 SECTION 3/RESIDENT PARTICIPATION: MHA encourages the hiring of residents by the Contractor for any employment opportunities available as a result of its contracts. The Contractor will be asked to make every effort to hire residents and to post job opportunities in the Management Office of the communities where the work is to be performed or any other areas assessable to residents. The Contractor will be asked to report the hiring of any residents to assist MHA in monitoring resident participation in the performance of work under its contracts, progress toward achieving established goals and in the development of future resident participation programs. All bidders are required to read MHA's Section 3 plan and be familiar with the timing of submission of requested/required forms. The Section 3 Plan as well as electronic links can also be found at www.mhatoday.org, by clicking on 'Doing Business', then scrolling down to click on the 'Section 3' tab. All bidders must read, sign and submit the Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment Form and Section 3 Participation Election Form. Any bidder who is a Certified Section 3 Business must include the certification, along with the Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form. These forms shall be fully completed, executed and included with quote submission. These forms are attached hereto as ("Exhibit B").

The Section 3 Plan as well as electronic links can also be found at <u>www.mhatoday.org</u>.

15.0 UNAUTHORIZED SUB-CONTRACTING PROHIBITED: The successful Bidder shall not assign any right, nor delegate any duty for the work proposed pursuant to this QSP (including, but not limited to, selling or transferring the ensuing contract) without the prior written consent of the CA. Any purported assignment of interest or delegation of duty, without the prior written consent of the CA shall be void and may result in the cancellation of the contract with MHA.

16.0 LICENSING: The Bidder must provide the following with their quote submission:

- 16.1 The contractor will have and maintain all required licenses necessary to conduct business in the City of Montgomery and any specialty licenses required to perform the required work listed in this QSP. Copies of all licenses must be on file in the Procurement/Contract Office of the Montgomery Housing Authority, prior to the contractor starting work or the contractor may submit their current business license with their quote.
- **16.2** Alabama Board of Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration certification must be submitted with their quote.

17.0 INSURANCE and BID SECURITY (BOND) REQUIREMENTS:

- 17.1 The company must certify/show proof of workers compensation (if applicable), general liability (minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence) and auto liability (\$1,000,000 per occurrence). Insurance coverage must be maintained throughout the term of the contract. Copies of all proof of insurance must be on file in the Procurement Office prior to contractor beginning work. MHA requires workers compensation insurance coverage for all services performed on-site.
- **17.2** Bid security must be furnished with bids in the amount of \$100,000.00 or more. Bid security shall be in the form of a bid bond (executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama) or a cashier's check (drawn on an Alabama bank) payable to MHA. The amount of the bid security should not be less than 5% of MHA's estimated cost of the work or of the contractor's bid but is not required to be more than \$10,000.00. A performance and payment bond for 100% of the total contract value must be submitted prior to commencing work. To the extent required under Ala. Code Section 39-1-1 (a), et seq., in addition to the performance bond, another bond for not less than 50 percent (50%) of the total contract value, with the obligation that the contractor or contractors shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying labor, materials, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided in the contract and for

the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by successful claimants or plaintiffs in civil actions on the bond. MHA complies with the stricter of the two and requires the performance and payment bonds at 100% if applicable. **MHA does not anticipate this project meeting these bid bond, performance or payment bond requirements.**

18.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Purpose:

MHA solicits quotes to provide temporary HVAC services from a pool of contractors that the MHA may draw from on a task order basis. This pool with supplement MHA's in-house personnel during time of medical leave. The contract duration is approximately 1 to 3 months. MHA does not guarantee any amount of work.

MHA requests all bidders to provide all labor, supplies, material, equipment and insurance to service all HVAC systems agency wide. All bidders' current business license must be on file with the Procurement office prior to start of work or be submitted with quote. All bidders must provide their current business license and Alabama Board of Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration certification with submission.

Scope of Work:

Bidder is required to provide services on a task order basis for the repair, replacement of all HVAC equipment (requires separate quote, additional quotes will be obtained), replacement of parts, installation and testing of parts as required by MHA. Below is a listing of MHA properties, number of units/buildings, and the type of HVAC system to be serviced. MHA will provide filters.

PTAC

Paterson Court-609 Winnie Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 - 200 units, 1 administration building Richardson Terrace-1301 Adams Ave, Montgomery, AL 36104 - 85 units

Heat Pump

Victor Tulane Gardens-1101 Victor Tulane Circle, Montgomery, AL 36104 -102 Units, 1 administration building, 1 shop Parks Place- 660 Cleveland Ct., Montgomery, AL 36107-150 units, 1 administration building Gibbs Village East-1701 Terminal Road, Montgomery, AL 36108-314 Units, 1 administration building (including maintenance shop), 1 community building Gibbs Village West 2025 Terminal Road, Montgomery, AL 36108-188 Units, 1 administration building Richardson Terrace-1301 Adams Ave, Montgomery, AL 36104 - 5 units, first floor common areacommercial grade HVAC system

Additional Requirements:

Any HVAC system replacements shall require a separate quote and is subject to MHA receiving additional quotes to perform cost analysis. If HVAC replacements are approved via purchase order after quote analysis, awardee is required to submit HVAC system serial number and pictures confirming installation with its corresponding invoice. Awardee must include the unit number in which the system was installed.

19.0 NOTICE TO PROCEED, which specifies when the work is to begin, will be given to the Contractor in writing. Any preliminary work started, or materials ordered or purchased before receipt of the notice to proceed are at the risk

and expense of Contractor. MHA will utilize an approved purchase order as the notice to proceed once the project commences.

20.0 FORMS: The following forms are attached and/or included in this request for quote:

- HUD Table 5.1, Mandatory Contract Clauses for Small Purchases other than Construction
- HUD Form 5370 C Section 2
- Davis Bacon Wages Rates General Decision AL 20250054 dated January 3, 2025 (sign and submit with quote)
- Profile of Form (complete and submit with quote)
- Client Reference Form (complete and submit with quote)
- Company Information Form (complete and submit with quote)
- Quote Submittal Form (complete, sign and submit with quote)
- Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment Form, Participation Election Form and Section 3 Business Concern (complete, sign and submit with quote)

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- (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 □ No If "Yes" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.
- (11) Disclosure Statement: Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of MHA?
 If "Yes" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.
- (12) **Non-Collusive Affidavit:** The undersigned party submitting this proposal or bid hereby certifies that such 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

Printed Name

Title

CLIENT INFORMATION FORM

The past performance of the respondent on prior work of the same or similar nature, in the past (3) years, based on the letters of reference and/or client lists submitted, and based upon the results of any consultation that the MHA chooses to conduct with such. The past performance shall also include quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules.

Respondent shall submit a listing of former or current clients, including any other Public Housing Authority for whom the respondent has performed similar or like services to those being proposed in the QSP. The listing shall at a minimum include:

- Client's name
- Client's contact name
- Client's telephone number
- A brief description and scope of the service(s) and the dates the services were provided

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Organization Name (Client):	Organization Address:		
Contact Name:	Title:		
Phone Number:	Email address:		

Client Information

Brief Description of Services	Dates Provided

Client Information			
Organization Name (Client):	Organization Address:		
Contact Name:	Title:		
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Brief Description of Services	Dates Provided

COMPANY INFORMATION FORM

COMPANY NAME:	
COMPANY ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE #:	
FAX #:	
E-MAIL:	
CONTACT(name):	
YEARS OF OPERATION:	
DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	
REFERENCES:	



Exhibit A		Q		nporary HVAC Services ricing Table		
(1)	(2) Pricing Item	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) Proposed Pricing	(7) Calculated Price (Qty
QSP Section	No.	Qty	U/M	Service Description		x Proposed Pricing)
5.0	Temporary HVAC Services					
	1	135	Hours	HVAC Service Technician	\$	\$
	2	1	Pounds (lbs.)	Freon Charge	\$	\$
	3	1	Each	Trip/Service Charge (optional)*	\$	\$
				Total Calculated Price		\$

The aforementioned quantities in the table are for calculating purposes only. MHA will utilize the Total Calculated Price to rank bidders for the pool of contractors. MHA does not guarantee any amount of work. * If the bidder does not charge a Trip/Service Charge please enter zero (0) in items 6 and 7 of the table.

The bidder **shall** certify costs by signing below. The bidder will submit with the aforementioned table before the specified deadline.

Company Name: _____

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Contractor's Printed Name: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Exhibit A

Quote Submittal Form

Temporary HVAC Services (Task Order) QSP No. 2025-04

То:			Date:	
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Company Name: _				
Contractor's Printed	d Name:			
Address:				
City:			State:	Zip:
Signature:			Date:	

Exhibit B



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 (*where feasible*):
 - 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 thestatus 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 <u>Appendix B</u>.

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: <u>http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz</u>. 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: <u>http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz</u>. 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 <u>https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/</u>

- 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 <u>https://www.hud.gov/section3businessregistry</u>
- 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:

- 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, <u>www.hud.gov/</u>.

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: <u>http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/</u>.

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: <u>http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz</u>'
- 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 business concern.

OR within the past 5 years:

_____ I am a public housing resident or HCV Section 8 Resident of MHA.

I am a resident of other housing assisted by MHA or in MHA's management portfolio.

_____ I am a YouthBuild participant.

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.

I hereby certify that the information provided by me to be true and correct and understand any falsification of any of the information could subject me to disqualification from participation and punishment under the law.

Signature

Date

MHA-Section 3 Policy

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 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 limits obtained from <u>https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html</u> for the year in which I comply.

I am employed by a Section 3 business concern.

I am a YouthBuild participant.

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 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.

I hereby certify that the information provided by me to be true and correct and understand any falsification of any of the information could subject me to disqualification from participation and punishment under the law.

Signature

Date

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

*This form must be submitted monthly For Month Ending: _____

Name of Employee/Worker Job Title INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING NUMBER (e.g., LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN)	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 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.

Project Name:_____

Name of Contractor:

Address:_____Date:_____

Employee Name	vee Name Job Title Certified Sect Vee Name Job Title		rker	Monthly Salary	Salary Below 80% of Median Income	
		YES	NO		YES	NO

I certify the above employees are permanent employees of ______. I certify the above employees are on our regular monthly payroll and have their W-2 tax forms for our records. These records will be available to MHA for the above referenced project for verification purposes. I understand that falsifying information is perjury and subject to legal ramifications.

Print Name

Signature

Date

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</u> <u>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).

Acknowledged:

For:		
	Company Name	
By:		
Date:		

SECTION 3 PARTICIPATION ELECTION FORM

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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 MHA's Section 3 Policy, Section 3C

Priority II – Contracting with Section 3 Businesses in the priority set forth in MHA's Section 3 Policy, Section 3C

By signing below, the contractor hereby agrees to comply with the selected Section 3 requirements indicated above.

Name:		
Company:		
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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 has 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 or 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:



Acknowledged:

For:

Contractor or Subcontractor Name

By:

Date:

Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form

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CATEGORY	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	YOUR ELECTION
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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

<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCIDAbBgsdJS0G4vAzDf6tfh9_IpizTXPTeT3iOd5Fq</u> <u>8UvAg/viewform?usp=sf_link</u>

• 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

<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9btz5CVCeC9NjIRZGsvSCHbWbw6Ex9zGAtVnG6J</u> <u>mvLdrGig/viewform?usp=sf_link</u>

• 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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6) Section 3 Bid or Proposal Compliance Forms

a. Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment

<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDLY9a2gakOvcIrn1UjsO_e3EOVHblhopjzo5vQch</u> 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

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7) Cumulative Report

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• 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.)

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</u> <u>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.
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- 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.
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