



Introduction to the Section 3 Program

A 1968 Housing and Urban
Development Act

Today's Presentation

- Section 3 Overview
- Certification
 - Residents
 - Businesses
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Section 3 In a Nutshell

- A provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
- Intended to ensure that opportunities for:
 - Training
 - Employment
 - Contracting

Are generated for low to very-low income residents or businesses that reside within the City of Houston. Also known as **Section 3 Residents** and **Businesses**.

Section 3 Covered Projects

- The construction or rehabilitation of housing (including reduction of lead-based paint hazards)
 - Multi Family
 - Single Family
- Other public construction such as:
 - Community Centers
 - Public Parks
 - Street Repair
 - Sewage Line Repair or Installation
 - Updates to Building Facades, etc.

Section 3 vs. Section 8

- **Section 3**

- Offers employment/contracting opportunities via federally-funded construction projects to low-income residents and local businesses.
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- **Section 8**

- Offers housing assistance to low-income residents.

Section 3 Residents

1. A Public Housing Resident; or
2. A Low or Very Low-income person residing in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended.

Section 3 Residents

Misconception:

Residents do not hold qualified skills or are incapable of working.

- **300+ Residents certified** with the skills that range from **clerical to construction**.
- Certification is Fast & Free; Application on Website

Section 3 Businesses

- **Qualify through 1 of 3 categories**
- Certification is Fast & Free; Application available at table or on our website.
- **180+ Certified Businesses**
 - Construction to Professional Services.

Category 1

- 51% or more ownership by a Section 3 Resident or qualify as a low to very-low income resident.

Persons in Household	30% of Median Extremely Low-Income		50% of Median Very Low-Income		80% of Median Low Income	
	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$14,600	\$1,216	\$24,300	\$2,025	\$38,850	\$3,238
2	16,650	1,388	27,750	2,313	44,400	3,700
3	20,090	1,674	31,200	2,600	49,950	4,163
4	24,250	2,021	34,650	2,888	55,450	4,621
5	28,410	2,368	37,450	3,121	59,900	4,992
6	32,570	2,714	40,200	3,350	64,350	5,363
7	36,730	3,061	43,000	3,583	68,800	5,733
8	40,890	3,408	45,750	3,813	73,200	6,100

Category 2

- 30% of full-time employees are Section 3 Residents, or qualify as a low to very-low income resident.

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Category 3

- Agree to subcontract 25% of future contracts to Section 3 Businesses or businesses that qualify for Category 1 or 2.

Certification Completed...What Now?

- **ONLINE DATABASE**
- **NETWORKING**
- **OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Current Projects

- 10 Active Multi-Family Projects
 - Over **1.8 Million Dollars** awarded to Section 3 Businesses
 - Construction Trades
 - 10% of Project Amount
 - Professional Services
 - 3% of Professional Services Budget

Future Projects

- **Round 2 Disaster Relief Funds = \$152 Million**
- **A large portion of funds allocated to:**
 - **Single Family**
 - **Multi-Family**
- **Projects are subject to Section 3**

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