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# Section 3 Implementation Plan

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### Introduction

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Section 3 is the legislative directive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for providing preference in new employment, training, and contracting opportunities that are generated by HUD-funded projects to low- and very low-income local residents (regardless of race or gender). Section 3 also provides contracting preferences to local businesses that substantially employ low- and very low-income residents of the local community. Section 3 requirements apply to funding provided directly to the City of Ironwood from HUD, and HUD funding provided to the City of Ironwood through the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority.

Section 3 is activated when construction and rehabilitation projects create the need for new employment, contracting, or training opportunities. Recipients or contractors are not required to hire Section 3 residents or award contracts to Section 3 businesses other than what is needed to complete a covered project. If the expenditure of a covered project does not result in new employment, contracting, or training opportunities, the requirement of Section 3 is not activated. Nevertheless, the recipient and its contractors are required to submit Section 3 report information.

As a condition of receiving HUD housing and community development program funds, recipients must certify they will comply with the requirements of Section 3. The City of Ironwood as a recipient of HUD funding has the legal responsibility to monitor recipients for compliance and can impose penalties upon those that fail to meet these obligations. Furthermore, MSHDA and HUD have a similar level of responsibility and may impose sanctions or penalties against the City of Ironwood for non-compliance.

The City of Ironwood's primary responsibility as a recipient of HUD funding includes:

- a. Notifying Section 3 residents and businesses about jobs and contracts generated by Section 3 covered assistance so that residents may seek jobs and businesses may submit bids/proposals for available contracts;
- b. Notifying potential contractors of the objectives of Section 3 and ways in which each contractor can assist the sub-recipient to meet its goal;
- c. Facilitating the training and employment of Section 3 residents and the award of contracts to Section 3 business concerns; and
- d. Documenting the action that the sub-recipient takes to comply with the Section 3 requirements, the results of the actions, and impediments, if any.

It also includes the responsibility of “ensuring compliance” of our contractors by subcontractors. This means that a sub-recipient must:

- a. Notify contractors of their responsibilities under Section 3 including, but not limited to, incorporating the Section 3 Clause in contract documents.
- b. Refrain from entering into contracts with contractors that are in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- c. Respond to complaints made to the recipient by Section 3 residents or business concerns that the sub-recipient, a contractor or subcontractor, is not in compliance with 24 CFR Part 135.
- d. Cooperate with HUD in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors when allegations are made that the sub-recipient's contractors and subcontractors are not in compliance with the regulation of 24 CFR Part 135.

These guidelines have been prepared to provide information and guidance to Section 3 recipients on how the City of Ironwood will administer the Section 3 regulations. This guide should not be treated as a comprehensive recitation of the Section 3 Act and regulations. It is a summary of the pertinent provisions, and focuses on the requirements imposed on the Developer, General Contractor and Subcontractor receiving the requisite amount of Section 3 funds. Developers, General Contractors and Subcontractors bear the responsibility to familiarize themselves with the Section 3 Act and regulations prior to accepting Section 3 covered assistance.

## Policy Statement & Purpose

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The City of Ironwood shall provide opportunities to low- and very low-income people living in the City of Ironwood and to businesses meeting the definition of "Section 3 Business Concern." Accordingly, the City of Ironwood shall implement policies and procedures to ensure Section 3, when required, is followed for all contracts where labor and/or professional services are provided.

This policy shall not apply to contractors who only furnish materials or supplies through Section 3 covered assistance. It applies to contractors who install materials or equipment (see the definition of "Section 3 Contractor" below). Where federal housing and community development assistance provides partial funding for a Section 3 covered project or activity, the entire project or activity is subject to Section 3 requirements. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the employment or contracting of a Section 3 resident or contractor who does not meet the qualifications of the position to be filled or who cannot fulfill the contract requirements.

**Successful compliance with the Section 3 Act and regulations by the Developer and/or General Contractor will be a factor in determining future awards of Section 3 covered assistance.**

According to the Section 3 regulations, located at 24 CFR Part 135, Section 3 Recipients are required to provide employment, training and contracting opportunities to Section 3 Residents or Section 3 Business Concerns. However, the Section 3 requirements are not imposed upon a recipient who does not engage in hiring or training, but instead awards contracts to Developers and General Contractors that hire and train in connection with Section 3 Covered Projects. According to the Section 3 regulations, these

recipients may comply with Section 3 by ensuring that the Developers, General Contractors and Subcontractors receiving Section 3 Covered Assistance comply with the Section 3 Act.

### **To Whom Does Section 3 Apply?**

The following definitions are intended to describe the differences between “recipient” and “contractor” for MSHDA Community Development Division funded projects.

**Section 3 Recipient.** The recipient is the City of Ironwood because it receives community development funds from MSHDA, which receives more than \$200,000 from HUD.

A Section 3 recipient has the responsibility to comply with Section 3 in its own operations and to ensure the compliance of its Section 3 contractors and subcontractors.

**Section 3 Contractor.** A contractor is any entity that performs work for a MSHDA Community Development Section 3 recipient provided the work is for a Section 3 covered activity. (A subcontractor performing work for a Section 3 contractor is considered a contractor.)

**Section 3 Covered Activities.** Section 3 covered activities include all projects and activities involving construction, such as housing construction, demolition, rehabilitation, or other public construction (e.g. streets, sidewalks, sewers, community centers, etc.). Section 3 covered contracts do not include contracts for the purchase of supplies and materials unless the contract includes the installation of the materials. **Where federal housing and community development assistance provides partial funding for a Section 3 project or activity, the entire project or activity is subject to Section 3 requirements.**

### **Section 3 Programs**

The following are examples of federal housing and community development programs with construction activities that require Section 3 compliance:

#### MSHDA Funded Programs

- Homebuyer Purchase Rehab
- Home Repair CDBG Rehab
- Emergency Home Repair Loan Program
- Neighborhood Enterprise Zone

#### HUD Funded Programs

### **Intended Beneficiaries of Section 3**

For the federal housing and community development programs listed above, the intended beneficiaries of Section 3 are two-fold.

Section 3 Residents. Low- and very low-income people living in City of Ironwood with the following priorities:

First Priority - Residents of the development where the work is to be performed.

Second Priority - Other residents of the neighborhood where the work is to be performed.

Third Priority - Other residents of the neighborhood who are participants in HUD Youth build or other federal, state, and local job programs being carried out in the City of Ironwood.

Fourth Priority - Other persons from the City of Ironwood who meet the definition of Section 3 resident contained in § 135.5 of 24 CFR Part 135.

Section 3 Business Concerns. Businesses that are 51% owned by low- and very-low income people; businesses whose permanent full-time staff consist of at least 30% or more low- and very-low income persons (preferably who live in neighborhoods where the Section 3 covered assistance is provided), or businesses that contract out over 25% of the total amount of a Section 3 covered contract to other Section 3 business concerns.

## **Section 3 Contracting Policy & Procedure**

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Preference shall be awarded to Section 3 Business Concerns according to the following system:

A. Where the Section 3 Covered Contract is to be awarded based upon the lowest price, the contract shall be awarded to the qualified Section 3 Business Concern with the lowest responsive quotation, if it is reasonable and no more than 10 percent higher than the quotation of the lowest responsive quotation from any qualified source. If no responsive quotation by a qualified Section 3 Business Concern is within 10 percent of the lowest responsive quotation from any qualified source, the award shall be made to the source with the lowest quotation. If it is reasonable and no more than 10 percent higher than the quotation of the lowest responsive quotation from any qualified source. If no responsive quotation by a qualified Section 3 Business Concern is within 10 percent of the lowest responsive quotation from any qualified source, the award shall be made to the source with the lowest quotation.

B. Where the Section 3 Covered Contract is to be awarded based on factors other than price, a request for quotations shall be issued by developing the particulars of the solicitation, including a rating system for the assignment of points to evaluate the merits of each quotation. The solicitation shall identify all factors to be considered, including price or cost. The rating system shall provide for a range of 15 to 25 percent of the total number of available rating points to be set aside for the provision of preference for Section 3 Business Concerns. The purchase order shall be awarded to the responsible firm whose

quotation is the most advantageous, considering price and all other factors specified in the rating system.

**Competitive Bids:** Procurement by Sealed Bids (Invitations for Bids)

Preference in the award of Section 3 Covered Contracts that are awarded under a sealed bid process may be provided as follows:

1. Bids shall be solicited from all businesses (i.e. Section 3 Business Concerns and no Section 3 Business Concerns). An award shall be made to the qualified Section 3 Business Concern with the highest priority ranking (as defined in 24 CFR Part 135) and with the lowest responsive bid if that bid:

A.) is within the maximum total contract price established in MSHDA's budget for the specific project for which bids are being taken; and

B.) is not more than "X" higher than the total bid price of the lowest responsive bid from any responsible bidder. "X" is determined as follows:

X = lesser of:

When the lowest responsive bid is less than \$100,000 . . . 10% of that bid or \$9,000

2. If no responsive bid by a Section 3 Business Concern meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this section, the contract shall be awarded to a responsible bidder with the lowest responsive bid.

3. In both paragraph 1 and 2 above, a bidder, to be considered as responsible, must demonstrate compliance with the "greatest extent feasible" requirement of Section 3.

## Employment and Training Goals

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All contractors will seek low- or very low-income persons residing in the property metropolitan area for 30% of all new hires. When applicable, the contractor must show evidence of seeking project residents for 15% of the new hires.

Employment and Training opportunities for Low- and very low-income people living in the City of Ironwood have the following priorities:

First Priority - Residents of the development where the work is to be performed.

Second Priority - Other residents of the neighborhood where the work is to be performed.

Third Priority - Other residents of the neighborhood who are participants in HUD Youth build or others federal, state, and local job programs being carried out in the City of Ironwood.

Fourth Priority - Other persons from the City of Ironwood who meet the definition of Section 3 resident contained in § 135.5 of 24 CFR Part 135.

Eligibility for employment or contracting nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the employment or contracting of a Section 3 resident or contractor who does not meet the qualifications of the position to be filled or who cannot perform the contract.

## Assisting Contractors in Achieving Section 3 Goals

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The City of Ironwood is available to provide technical support to Developers, General Contractors and Subcontractors participating in the development of Section 3 Covered Projects. The Community Development Department will also maintain a limited database of Certified Section 3 Business Concerns and outreach agencies located in the City of Ironwood.

Developers, General Contractors and Subcontractors are required to retain copies of all outreach attempts, copies of all responses to notices published in the paper and posted publicly, copies of all responses to bid invitations, and any other relevant information. This information shall be provided to the City of Ironwood upon request.

City of Ironwood may conduct on-site reviews of the Section 3 Covered Project to determine whether the Developer, General Contractor or Subcontractor is complying with its approved Section 3 Plan.

In the event City of Ironwood determines that the Developer, General Contractor or Subcontractor is not meeting its employment, training or contracting opportunity goals as set out in the approved Section 3 Plan, the respective party will be provided with a written notice of non-compliance. The notice will require the respective party to meet with City of Ironwood staff to determine if best efforts were used to meet Section 3 requirements, and if further outreach attempts are necessary to meet Section 3 goals.

## Preference for Contracting with Section 3 Businesses

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City of Ironwood's minimum goals are as follows:

- 10% of the total dollar amount of all Section 3 covered construction contracts will be awarded to Section 3 business concerns.
- 3% of the total dollar amount of all covered non-construction contracts will be awarded to businesses that qualify as a Section 3 business concern.

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## Section 3 Certification

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*Section 3 Resident.* Any person seeking Section 3 preference in hiring and training shall complete City of Ironwood's Section 3 Resident Certification (see appendix). The individual seeking Section 3 preference shall provide adequate documentation regarding permanent residence and income. Verification of income eligibility may consist of any of the following:

- a) A public housing or Section 8 lease agreement;
- b) Evidence of income (most recent W-2 or income tax return); or
- c) Evidence of receipt of public assistance; or
- d) Any other evidence acceptable to the City of Ironwood.

*Section 3 Business Concern.* Any business seeking Section 3 preference shall complete City of Ironwood's Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference in Contracting (See Appendix). This is a self-certification, and Section 3 business concerns ultimately bear the responsibility of maintaining their Section 3 status and complying with all related HUD regulations. Certifications for Section 3 preference for business concerns must be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to the submission of bids for review. Business concerns shall provide any additional documentation upon request.

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## Section 3 Recruitment, Training and Employment Procedure for Employment of a Section 3 Resident

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To comply with the Section 3 Act and the Section 3 Regulations, the Section 3 Contractor or Subcontractor, as applicable, shall implement an aggressive campaign to encourage participation of Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns. Some strategies to implement this campaign include the following:

- a) Publish in a local newspaper a notice of the potential employment and training opportunities for Section 3 Residents, potential contracting opportunities for Section 3 Residents, and potential contracting opportunities for Section 3 Business Concerns. Written notice must be provided in sufficient time to enable business concerns the opportunity to respond to the bid invitation.
- b) Post in a prominent location at the Section 3 Covered Project site notice of the potential employment and training opportunities for Section 3 Residents, and potential contracting opportunities for Section 3 Business Concerns.
- c) Submit letters or flyers to the residents of the Section 3 Covered Project advising them of the employment, training and contracting opportunities for the Section 3 Covered Project (applies to projects where there are existing residents);
- d) Provide the residents of the Section 3 Covered Project and the surrounding area with information on how to become certified as a Section 3 Resident or a Section 3 Business Concern;

- e) Provide Community Development Office with flyers, notices and other information related to the Section 3 employment, training and contracting opportunities for Section 3 covered projects;
- f) Provide information to residents of a Section 3 Covered Project and the surrounding area regarding established job training programs located within the Section 3 Covered Project area;
- g) Provide minority and women-focused labor and trade organizations with notice of Section 3 contracting opportunities, as well as job postings and training opportunities;
- h) Contact the following groups that have been identified as instrumental in assisting Section 3 target groups regarding employment, training, or contracting opportunities.

### 3 Covered Project; Contractor Requirements in Employing Section 3 Residents and Businesses that are described in the required Section 3 Clause in all Construction Contracts

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Prior to entering into an Agreement with the City of Ironwood, the Sub-Recipient, General Contractor, or Developer shall submit a comprehensive Section 3 Plan that includes Section 3 goals and strategies that will be implemented to meet those goals. The plan shall be signed by the General Contractor or Developer, as applicable, and submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval.

All Section 3 Plans submitted to City of Ironwood must include a breakdown of job categories and positions needed for the Section 3 covered Project, including positions occupied by permanent employees. If no employment or training opportunities will be available in connection with the Section 3 Covered Project, this must be reflected in the Section 3 Plan.

Upon receipt of the Section 3 Plan, City of Ironwood staff will review the Plan and either approve or disapprove of the document. Suggested modifications will be included with any disapproval of a Section 3 Plan in order to assist the General Contractor or Developer. After the Section 3 Plan is approved, it shall be made a part of the construction documents, and be reviewed regularly to assess its implementation and the attainment of the Section 3 goals. As subcontracts in excess of \$100,000 are awarded, those Subcontractors will be required to submit their own Section 3 Plan for City of Ironwood's review and approval.

City of Ironwood shall be provided with copies of bid documents, construction contracts, and any other related documentation upon request.

#### **Components of a Section 3 Plan**

The Section 3 Plan must contain specific information, including but not limited to the following:

- a) Statement from the Section 3 Contractor or Subcontractor certifying it intends to comply with the Section 3 Act and regulations, as well as this document.

- b) Statement from the Section 3 Contractor and each Subcontractor certifying they are aware of the employment, training, and contracting goals, and agree to work together to meet these goals;
- c) Name and contact information of the Section 3 Contractor or Subcontractor's Section 3 coordinator (either official or designated);
- d) Identification of the Section 3 Project area (the neighborhood where the work will be performed).
- e) Section 3 Contractor or Subcontractor's current workforce, and additional workforce necessitated by the Section 3 Covered Project;
- f) Section 3 employment, training and contracting opportunity goals;
- g) Specific strategies for notifying Section 3 Residents of Section 3 employment and training goals, and specific strategies for notifying Section 3 Business Concerns of Section 3 contracting opportunities;
- h) Commitment to inform all Subcontractors of the Section 3 Plan;
- i) Commitment to prepare and submit to the Community Development Department, monthly Section 3 reports;
- j) Commitment to include the Section 3 Clause in all construction contracts. The Section 3 Contract Clause (Attachment A) specifies the requirements for contractors hired for Section 3 covered projects. Failure to comply with the general conditions outlined in the clause may lead to sanctions, which can include termination of the contract for default and suspension or debarment from future HUD-funded contracts.
- k) Commitment to conduct aggressive outreach and notification campaigns to Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns regarding Section 3 goals, including the usage of site signage, flyers, etc.

## Internal Complaint Procedure

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The following Complaint Resolution Procedure is established in accordance with MSHDA Policy Bulletin #3.

### Filing Complaints

Any party applying for or participating in a rehabilitation project under this Program may file a complaint with the Community Development Director. Complaints must be filed in writing within fifteen (15) days of the incident that causes the complaint and should contain a detailed description of the complaint. The Community Development Director shall provide a copy of the complaint to the party against whom the complaint is written. If the complaint is against the Community Development Director, the City of Ironwood shall convene a meeting of the Review Committee at the earliest date convenient to all parties. The Review Committee shall consist of the Community Development Director, the City Manager, and the City Building Inspector.

## Response

The Community Development Director shall investigate the complaint and respond in writing within 15 days, to both parties, with the recommended resolution of the problem.

Each party shall review the recommendation and respond, in writing, within fifteen (15) days to the Community Development Director of their decision to accept or reject the recommended resolution. The Community Development Director will attempt to mediate any unresolved issues between the parties.

If a complaint involves civil rights or fair housing discrimination, a referral shall be made to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) or HUD. A copy of any such complaint must be sent to the MSHDA CD Specialist who will forward a copy to the MSHDA EEO/Fair Housing Office.

Inform the City Manager of any Complaint the Community Development Director fails to resolve; the City Manager should review the case and recommend a resolution or the following process.

Inform the review committee of any Complaint that is not resolved by either the Community Development Director or the City Manager, and report findings. The City Manager shall refer the Complaint to a Review Committee.

The Review Committee shall be comprised of:

The Building Inspector, the Community Development Director, and the City Manager;

The claimant may choose to make a presentation or submit a written description (including documentation) to the Review Committee. If there is a dispute, both parties shall have an opportunity to air their concerns. Once all parties have had ample opportunity to air concerns that are pertinent to the complaint, the Review Committee will consider all input and decide the steps necessary to resolve outstanding issues. Recommended resolution of said complaint will be put in writing to all parties, asking for signature of agreement within 15 working days of the hearing.

## Dispute Resolution

The costs, if any, for using mediation to seek resolution of the dispute are eligible administrative costs under MSHDA's grant agreements. If the Complaint involves a program directly funded by HUD, the City of Ironwood will seek funding guidance from the appropriate HUD staff contact.

## Final Recourse

MSHDA and/or HUD will review complaints only after the above process is complete and a dispute is still unresolved.

In the event that MSHDA and/or HUD are contacted directly by a complainant, he/she will be referred to the Grantee for implementation of policy procedures. After all previously outlined steps have failed to

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resolve the complaint, the grantee may contact MSHDA and/or HUD in writing, detailing the complaint and verifying its compliance with above listed steps.

## Definitions

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☐ Low-Income Person— A family (including a single-person household) whose income does not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income, as determined by HUD.

☐ New Hire—A person employed for a full-time permanent, temporary or seasonal employment opportunity.

☐ Section 3 Business Concern—Any business entity formed in accordance with State law, and which is licensed under State, county or municipal law to engage in Section 3 covered activities; AND:

- o Is 51% or more owned by Section 3 residents; OR

- o Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30% of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 residents; OR

- o That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in statements referenced above in this definition of “Section 3 Business concern.”

☐ Section 3 Contractor – Any entity that contracts to perform work generated by the expenditure of Section 3 covered assistance, or for work in connection with a Section 3 covered project.

☐ Section 3 Recipient – An entity that receives Section 3 covered financial assistance directly from HUD or an entity that receives more than \$200,000 in federal housing and community development funding from the City of Ironwood for construction related activities.

☐ Section 3 Resident -- For the purposes of this Plan, a Section 3 resident is an individual who resides in the City of Ironwood and whose income do not exceed the area HUD income limits set forth for low- or very low-income households.

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

## Appendixes

- o Certification for Section 3 Residents
- o Certification for Section 3 Businesses
- o Section 3 Contract Clause Language

**CERTIFICATION FOR RESIDENT SEEKING SECTION 3 PREFERENCES  
IN TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT**

Section 3 Covered Project:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a legal resident of the City of Ironwood, County of Gogebic, State of Michigan, and meet the income eligibility guidelines for a low- or very-low-income person as set out in the most current Income Figures provided by The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

My permanent residence address is: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Lease (if with public housing authority)

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of receipt of public assistance

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Evidence of participation in a public assistance program

\_\_\_\_\_ Other evidence: Please state \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Household Income \_\_\_\_\_

(last W-2s or tax returns with social security numbers blacked out)

A Section 3 resident seeking the preference in training and employment provided by this part must submit evidence to the general contractor or subcontractor, that the person is a Section 3 resident, as defined in Section 135.5.

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

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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

Name of Business

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Address of Business

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Type of Business:       Corporation    Partnership  
                                  Sole Proprietorship    Joint Venture

Attached is the following documentation as evidence of status:

**For Business claiming status as a Section 3 resident-owned enterprise:**

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

**For business entity as applicable:**

- Copy of Articles of Incorporation                       Certificate of Good Standing
- Assumed Business Name Certificate                       Partnership Agreement
- List of owners/stockholders and % ownership of each
- Corporation Annual Report                                       Latest Board minutes appointing officers
- Organization chart with names and titles and brief function statement
- Additional documentation

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

- List of subcontracted Section 3 business(es) and subcontract amount

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

- List of all current full-time employees                       List of employees claiming Section 3 status
- PHA/IHA Residential lease less than 3 years from day of employment                       Other evidence of Section 3 status less than 3 years from date of employment

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Authorizing Name and Signature

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 3 Clause

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All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the “Section 3 Clause”):

A. The work to be performed under this agreement/contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this agreement/contract agree to comply with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by execution of this agreement/contract, the parties to this agreement/contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

C. The subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers’ representative of the subrecipient/assisted entity/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 applications for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum numbers and job titles subject to hire; availability of apprenticeship and training positions and the qualifications for each; 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 subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.

E. The subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the agreement/contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the subrecipient/assisted entity/contractor’s obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

F. Noncompliance with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD funded 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 in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 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)