

BECOME A SECTION 3 BUSINESS

with Harris County

HARRIS COUNTY

WHY? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- ✓ **Bid on Harris County HUD-funded Projects.** Subrecipients/ General Contractors will look to secure Section 3 Businesses.
- ✓ A Section 3 Business Certification with Harris County will help your company **reach the benchmarks for the project.** All your workers will be Section 3 Workers and Section 3 Targeted Workers by definition.
- ✓ **You can help your community.** The purpose of HUD Section 3 is to ensure economic opportunities, including subcontracting and employment, are directed to low-income workers and Section 3 Businesses.
- ✓ **Be part of the Harris County DEEO Section 3 Business Registry.** Subrecipients and Contractors may search the HC DEEO Section 3 Business Registry for all certified Section 3 Businesses during procurement. HC DEEO will keep a list of all certified Section 3 Businesses. Section 3 Business Concerns can be found on the HC DEEO's Section 3 website at [Harris County DEEO Section 3 Business Registry](#).

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HOW?

A business is eligible for Section 3 Business Concern status if it meets any of the following criteria:

- My business is 51% or more owned by a Section 3 worker or workers.
- Over 75% of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers.
- My business is at least 51% owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Provide supporting documentation as evidence of Section 3 criteria. Your Section 3 Project Monitor will guide you step by step.

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