

SECTION 3

What is the purpose of Section 3?

“To ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed 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.”

Applicability

Section 3 requirements may be triggered when HUD and/or Community Development Assistance is expended for housing rehabilitation, housing construction or other public construction.

What is a Section 3 resident?

- **A public housing resident; or**
- **A Resident of metro area or non-metro county in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended and who qualifies as a low-income or very low-income person.**

What is a Section 3 business concern?

A Section 3 Business Concern is one that can provide evidence that they meet one of the following criteria:

- **51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents, or**
- **At least 30 percent of its full time employees include persons that are currently Section 3 residents, or were Section 3 residents within three years of the date of first hire; or**
- **Provides evidence, as required, of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to business concerns that meet one of the first two qualifications above. (Most popular designation)**

Who is Polk County’s Section 3 Coordinator?

As Section 3 Coordinator for all Hurricane Ike Round 2.2 projects, Wesley McPhail will maintain records and monitor all construction contractors’ documents that must comply with Section 3 requirements. Mr. McPhail may be contacted at the County’s Grant Administrator, David J. Waxman & Associates – (409) 384-3458.