

Section 3 Registry

Register Your Business Today!

SECTION 3 REGISTRY

What is the [Section 3 Business Registry](#)?

The Section 3 Business Registry is a comprehensive listing of companies that have officially self-certified their status as Section 3 businesses, which meet specific regulatory criteria defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This innovative registry is housed in a user-friendly online database designed to be an invaluable resource for various stakeholders, including agencies that receive HUD funding, developers, contractors, and community members. It facilitates allocating specific contracts funded by HUD, streamlining the process for awardees and recipients of these funds.

Additionally, this registry is a vital conduit for Section 3 residents, enabling them to identify local businesses that offer potential job opportunities financed by HUD. With this tool, recipients of HUD funding—such as Public Housing Authorities, local governmental bodies, and property owners—can efficiently locate Section 3 businesses in their neighborhoods, fostering community development and economic growth. Simultaneously, it assists HUD grantees in fulfilling their Section 3 responsibilities by alleviating some of the challenges of identifying compliant businesses.

It's important to emphasize that being included in the HUD Section 3 Business Registry does not guarantee a firm will secure contracts. Organizations listed in the registry must demonstrate their reliability and capability to successfully meet the criteria and conditions associated with any proposed contracts. While the regulations under Section 3, as specified in 24 CFR 135, offer preferences for contracts and subcontracts to these eligible firms, a contract award is not guaranteed.

Although the Department diligently maintains the Business Registry, it does not verify the accuracy of the information, submitted by businesses nor endorse the services they provide. As such, it is highly recommended that users conduct thorough due diligence before entering into contracts with companies featured

in the registry. This involves ensuring that the businesses fulfill the definition of a Section 3 business concern as articulated in the Department's regulations under 24 CFR 135.5.

If any individual believes that a firm has potentially misrepresented its status as a Section 3 business, they can alert the Department through the Business Registry website. In these instances, HUD will contact the business to request documentation and further information to confirm the accuracy of its certification. Any business found to have falsely claimed Section 3 status will be removed from the database and may face penalties, as stated on the registry webpage.

To explore the database for self-certified Section 3 businesses, register your own business for inclusion, or gather more information regarding the Business Registry, please visit [HUD.gov/Sec3Biz](https://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz). For additional details on the requirements governing Section 3, you can navigate to [HUD.gov/Section3](https://www.hud.gov/Section3).

Registration for Section 3 Self-Certification

Definition of Section 3 Business Concern

A Section 3 Business Concern is characterized by one of the following criteria:

1. A Section 3 Resident possesses ownership of 50% or more of the business:
or
2. At least 30% of the business's permanent, full-time workforce consists of individuals who are currently Section 3 residents, or individuals who were Section 3 residents within three years of their initial employment with the business: or
3. The business demonstrates a commitment to subcontracting a minimum of 25% of the total dollar value of all subcontracts to firms that fulfill the qualifications specified in criteria 1 or 2.