What is Section 3?
Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

Who are Section 3 residents?
Section 3 residents are:

- Public housing residents or
- Persons who live in the area where a HUD-assisted project is located and who have a household income that falls below HUD’s income limits.

Determining Income Levels

- Low income is defined as 80% or below the median income of that area.
- Very low income is defined as 50% or below the median income of that area.

INCOME LIMITS FOR FY2017 – LANE COUNTY

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**What is a Section 3 business concern?**

A business that:

- Is 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents;
- Employs Section 3 residents for at least 30 percent of its full-time, permanent staff; or
- Provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract to Section 3 business concerns, 25 percent or more of the dollar amount of the awarded contract.

**What programs are covered?**

Section 3 applies to HUD-funded Public and Indian Housing assistance for development, operating, and modernization expenditures.

Section 3 also applies to certain HUD-funded Housing and Community Development projects that complete housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction.

*Examples of Opportunities include:*  
- Accounting  
- Architecture  
- Appliance repair  
- Bookkeeping  
- Bricklaying  
- Carpentry  
- Carpet Installation  
- Catering  
- Cement/Masonry  
- Computer/Information  
- Demolition  
- Drywall  
- Electrical  
- Elevator Construction  
- Engineering  
- Fencing  
- Florists  
- Heating  
- Iron Works  
- Janitorial  
- Landscaping  
- Machine Operation  
- Manufacturing  
- Marketing  
- Painting  
- Payroll Photography  
- Plastering  
- Plumbing  
- Printing Purchasing  
- Research  
- Surveying  
- Tile setting  
- Transportation  
- Word processing

Businesses that meet the definition of a Section 3 business concern receive priority under Section 3.

*“Section 3 requirements provide preference but not a guarantee to Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses when new jobs, training, or contracting opportunities are created as a result of HUD funds.*

*Section 3 residents and businesses are not entitled to jobs or contracts simply because they meet the eligibility criteria”.*

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