



SECTION 3 POLICY

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SECTION 3 NEW RULE 24 CFR Part 75

On November 30, 2020, HUD put into effect a New and Final Section 3 Rule for all recipients. This rule is drastically different from the old rule and therefore, we want everyone to know these requirements and plan accordingly.

Every contractor must ensure this package is included in their sub-contracts. Every sub-contractor must include this package in their lower-tiered sub-contracts.

This new rule exempts all material and supplies only agreements. The rule applies to all service-related contracts/agreements despite the dollar amount or project duration, except CPA's, Attorneys, Engineers, and Architects.

You should not issue the Individual or Business Self-Certification form(s) until you have secured a qualified contractor or employee respectively. DO NOT hand the individual self-certification form to every employee as it may be a waste of time if they were not hired within the past five years and were low-income, public housing, or Section 8 at the time of hire.

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The Acknowledgement and Affidavit must be executed and returned by Every Contractor.

Woonsocket Housing Authority Annual "Section 3 Benchmarks" Requirement Summary

- ✱ Twenty (20) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in a HA's fiscal year are Section 3 workers; and
- ✱ Five (5) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in a HA's fiscal year are Section 3 workers;
- ✱ There are **No specific hiring or contracting goals** under this new rule.
- ✱ There is **No Section 3 Business Preference** under the new rule and **No points awarded for being a Section 3 Business.**
- ✱ The rule **does not require the hiring or contracting of any person or business that is not fully** qualified to perform the work.

The two new categories of Section 3 are now referred to as:

- ✱ **Section 3 Worker** - Any low or very low-income persons residing in the housing authority MSA
- ✱ **Targeted Section 3 Worker** - Public Housing, Voucher Holder, YouthBuild participant

Contractors will provide these three (3) data sets to the Woonsocket Housing Authority's Section 3 Consultant within 40 days of the month after the hours have been worked by EVERY person that worked directly on the contract. (Ex: April data is required by June 10th) **No back-office staff hours are counted:**

- ✱ Total Hours Worked by all workers
- ✱ Total Hours Worked by Section 3 Workers (Individual Self-Certification Form Required)
- ✱ Total Hours worked by Targeted Section 3 Workers (Individual Self-Certification Form Required)

There are new definitions of how to be a Section 3 Business Concern:

- ✱ It is at least 51 percent owned by low- or very low-income persons; with businesses at least 6 months old.
- ✱ Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business are performed by low- or very low-income persons; or (Based on the prior 90 days of full business payrolls)

- ✱ It is a business at least 51 percent owned by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing, with businesses at least 6 months old \$

MONTHLY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP ONE

Enter your company name and the name of the contract or task you are performing in the appropriate lines at the top of the form.

STEP TWO

Determine which workers qualify as Section 3 by having each complete a **Section 3 Individual Low- Income Person Self-Certification Form**. This form is submitted once per Section 3 employee or those that believe they meet the definition of a Section 3 employee.

The form is to be completed by the individual and stress to the employee that the form is **Voluntary**:

1. Complete contact info section
2. Check the box that describes your situation
3. Sign and date the form
4. Complete the employer information
5. Return to your employer

STEP THREE

After determining which workers are Section 3, determine their classification based on what they check in the box on the form as **Non-Targeted or **Targeted**:**

Non-Targeted are those Section 3 income-qualified workers who are low-income and reside in the MSA.

Targeted are those Section 3 income-qualified workers who are low-income and reside in public housing, Section 8 or YouthBuild

STEP FOUR

Enter the monthly dates of reporting on the first line, then proceed as follows:

1. Enter total hours worked by ALL contract or project level staff with exceptions as noted above*
2. Enter total hours worked by all Section 3 staff **Non-Targeted**
3. Enter total hours worked by all Section 3 staff **Targeted**

List ONLY the individual names of the workers who have self-certified as Section 3 (**Non-Targeted** and **Targeted**) along with their total hours for this month's report only.

Submit the Section 3 Hours Worked Reporting Form monthly to the contact person noted on your reporting form above.

SECTION 3 BUSINESS

Voluntary Self-Certification Form

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968 UPDATED 24 CFR PART 75 11/30/2020

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 Business Certification requirements. To count as a Section 3 Business your company/firm must meet one of the categories listed below. Each category will require additional documentation to support the election. You must provide that supporting documentation with this form properly completed to be confirmed as a Section 3 business. If this form is submitted without the required supplemental data, your certification will not be processed.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED		YOUR ELECTION
CATEGORY		
A business at least 51 percent owned by low- or very low-income persons;	Proof of ownership showing all owners and their percentages and a completed Section 3 Individual Self-Certification form for all low- and very low-income owners	
Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business are performed by low- or very low-income persons; or	Provide the last 90 days full payrolls for the entire company, make a list of the names from the payrolls of the Section 3 workers, and provide a completed Section 3 Individual Self- Certification for all low- and very low-income workers you list	
It is a business at least 51 percent owned by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.	Proof of ownership showing all owners and their percentages and a Section 3 Individual Self Certification form for all public housing and/or Section 8 owners	

I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I attest under penalty of perjury that my business meets the elected definition and understand proof of this information may be requested. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as a certified Section 3 business.

Full Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 3 INDIVIDUAL LOW-INCOME PERSON

Voluntary Self-Certification Form

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968 UPDATED 24 CFR PART 75 11/30/2020

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 self-certification income requirements. To count as a Section 3 individual, any legal resident of the United States annual income must not exceed the HUD income limits for the year before they were hired, or, the individual's current year income annualized for the year they are being confirmed as low-income.

Print Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

To qualify as a Section 3 Person, you must meet one of the standards in the brackets below and your individual annual income must not exceed the number in the box below.

Check only one box below that describes your situation:

☐ I am a Public Housing Resident, Section 8 assists me with my rent, or I am a current YouthBuild participant

☐ I receive No HUD support, but I am low-income and live in the Woonsocket MSA

My Individual Annual Income does not exceed: \$48,450*

I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I attest under penalty of perjury that my total income is as shown above, and that proof of this information may be requested. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as an applicant and/or a certified Section 3 individual. Finally, I authorize including my name on a list of Section 3 Residents seeking employment and include my contact information so that contractors may contact me directly for any employment opportunities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Income Limits website: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2021/2021summary.odn>

SECTION 3

Hours Worked Reporting Form

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968 UPDATED 24 CFR PART 75 11/30/2020

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 tracking of hours worked by all persons employed by (company name) on the _____ contract including those meeting the Section 3 income requirements as low- or very low-income.

Section 3 Employees are now defined as:

Section 3 Workers - are those Section 3 income-qualified workers who are low-income and reside in the MSA.

Targeted Section 3 Workers - are those Section 3 income-qualified workers who are low-income and reside in public housing, Section 8 or YouthBuild.

If your company employs any person you believe is low income now or was when they were hired within the past five years, please have them complete the SECTION 3 INDIVIDUAL LOW-INCOME PERSON SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM" and return it immediately.

Total Hours Worked by non-Section 3 staff

Total hours worked by all **Non-targeted** Section 3 employees

Total hours worked by all **Targeted** Section 3 employee

Please list the names and hours worked by each Section 3 Worker individually below or on a separate sheet.

First Name	Last Name	Total Hours This Period

Bidders and Respondents Solicitation

Section 3 New Rule Contractor Acknowledgement and Affidavit

(Return this form with your Bid/Quote/Response)

Company Name: _____ Solicitation #: _____

I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Woonsocket Housing Authority that I have read all of the information in this policy package and agree to follow the requirements for complying with the order of prioritization in 75.9 and reporting of all labor hours associated with my contract as required. I further understand that failure to comply with these requirements will cause my payments to be held and not processed or not released until I come into full compliance with this policy.

Monthly, I will be required to provide these data points for all contract staff working directly on the contract not including any back-office staff:

- ☐ Total Hours Worked by all employees (Section 3 and regular employees)
- ☐ Total Hours Worked by All Targeted Section 3 employees (Public Housing, Section 8, and YouthBuild)
- ☐ Total Hours Worked by All Non-Targeted Section 3 employees (Low Income persons residing in the Metropolitan Statistical Area)

You are required to enter the names and hours worked by each Section 3 employee individually.

Signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF _____ in _____ COUNTY)

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and in said State, hereby certify that, _____, whose name as _____ of _____ is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the foregoing conveyance, he/she, in his/her capability as _____ (Title), and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal, this day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____