

City of Memphis

Division of Housing and Community Development

Section 3 (Local Contracting and Jobs Initiative)

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POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Memphis, Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to require its contractors to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, veteran's or marital status, or economic status and to take affirmative action to ensure that both job applicants and existing employees are given fair and equal treatment as per Code of Federal Regulations 570.607.

BACKGROUND

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u) requires the City of Memphis, HCD to ensure that employment and other economic and business opportunities generated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, are directed to public housing residents and other low-income persons, particularly recipients of government housing assistance, and business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons.

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, {12U.S.C.1701u} (section3)} and implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R.135}, state that the purpose of Section 3 -

“is 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.”

The Section 3 regulation recognizes that HUD funding typically results in projects/activities that generate new employment, training, and contracting opportunities.

The City of Memphis, HCD, as a participating jurisdiction in program and funding provided by HUD, is required by federal regulations to develop and implement a Section 3 program. To ensure compliance with Section 3, the City of Memphis, has developed the Local Contracting and Jobs Initiative Plan. The Plan sets forth policies and procedures for the hiring and economic

opportunities for low and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing and business concerns.

The Local Contracting and Jobs Initiative Plan is applicable to developers, contractors, subcontractors and others engaged in projects awarded through the City of Memphis, HCD with funds sourced from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development meeting the established thresholds of \$200,000 and \$100,000.

PROCEDURE

SECTION 3 (LOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOBS INITIATIVE) CONTRACT CLAUSE

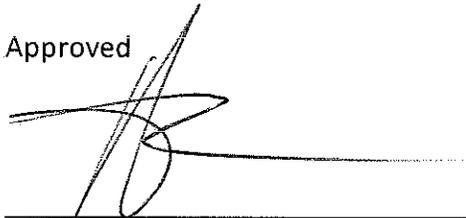
All HUD funded contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the Section 3 Clause):

- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
- C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative or workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- D. The contractor agrees to include this clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice

or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

- E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

Approved



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