

Section 3 Webinar Questions

If a contractor is eligible, but has not self-certified, are we still meeting our Section 3 requirements by using that contractor?

Answer -The contractor is encouraged, but not required to register. We encourage contractors/ businesses to register as it places them on a searchable online database. The database can be used by agencies, developers and others that receive HUD funds to facilitate awards to covered construction and non-construction Section 3 businesses. However you may still use a contractor that has not registered on the HUD Section 3 Business Registry.

Has FEHO worked with city agencies such as NYCHA on implementation of these policies (compliance, registrations, etc.?)

Answer- FEHO provided statewide Section 3 training last fall, 2015, and there were public housing officials at the training sessions.

If we do not have Section 3 certified businesses in your area, will we need to pursue a waiver?

Answer- All efforts should be made to identify a certified business in your area and where it is not possible to identify a local Section 3 business all efforts must be documented- newspaper ads, flyers, site signage, social media, etc.

If a not for profit grantee meets the low income requirements of 30%, can the not for profit be a Section 3 organization and fulfill compliance by having the grantee itself by being a Section 3 company?

Answer- A non-profit organization can be a legitimate business concern if they also meet the criteria of a Section 3 business concern.

Don't understand the Section 3 requirement in RFPs. We are managing an owner occupied rehab program and all our contracts are under \$100,000 (most are under \$25,000) so what do we do?

Answer- In instances where the awardee receives an amount in excess of over \$200,000 and the money is used for owner occupied rehab programs under \$100,000 the awardees are responsible for reporting on the award given to them. You would not be responsible for reporting on the contractors used by the home owners.