

Section 3 and the Galveston Community



Become Certified as a Section 3 Business

A businesses or non-profit organization meets the qualifications to become a certified Section 3 business if the organization:

- Is located in Galveston city **and**
- Is 51 percent (51%) or more owned by Section 3 residents; *or*
- At least 30 percent (30%) of full-time employees are Section 3 residents; *or*
- Subcontracts 25 percent (25%) of the Section 3 project to Section 3 businesses

For More Information

For information on GHA Section 3 projects, employment and contracting opportunities, contact Deyna Sims at dre@ghatx.org or 409-765-1900.

For information on the City of Galveston Section 3 projects, employment and contracting opportunities, contact John Simsen at cityofgalveston.org or 409-797-3673.

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968* requiring priority consideration granted to low- to very-low income residents and businesses that substantially employ those persons for a percentage of new employment and contracting opportunities generated by certain HUD funding. As a recipient of Section 3 covered funds, the Galveston Housing Authority (GHA) and the City of Galveston are committed to the requirements of Section 3 and fully embrace its spirit and intent.

**As amended by 12 U.S.C. 1701u*

Commitment to Section 3

GHA and the City of Galveston mandate employment and contracting goals on projects fully or partially funded with Section 3 covered funds. The goals are established to help foster local economic development and individual self-sufficiency.

Employment

Section 3 projects directed by GHA or the City of Galveston require priority consideration for new employment and training opportunities granted to Galveston city or Galveston county residents who meet HUD's low- to very-low household income guidelines. These individuals are considered Section 3 residents.

GHA and the City of Galveston require – to the greatest extent feasible – that Section 3 projects:

- Fill 30 percent (30%) of the aggregate number of new positions with Section 3 residents
- Grant first right of entry into the project's training program (if established) to Section 3 residents

Contracting

GHA and the City of Galveston require priority consideration on Section 3 projects for contracting, purchasing and servicing opportunities granted to businesses that are owned by or significantly employ Section 3 residents. These businesses are considered Section 3 businesses.

GHA and the City of Galveston require – to the greatest extent feasible - that:

- Section 3 construction projects award at least 10 percent (10%) of the total project amount to Section 3 businesses
- Section 3 non-construction projects award at least three percent (3%) of the total project amount to Section 3 businesses



Become Certified as a Section 3 Resident

An individual who is a legal resident of a GHA property or resides in Galveston city or county and has a low- to very-low household income according to HUD guidelines meets the qualifications to become certified as a Section 3 resident. To receive Section 3 resident certification and be granted priority consideration for new employment or training opportunities, a resident must complete a Section 3 Application and Certification Form. Residents must provide proof of residency and be prepared to supply additional information, as requested.

GHA maintains and makes available a database of individuals who have been granted Section 3 certification. Contractors and organizations working on Section 3 projects with open employment positions and training opportunities are required to receive referrals from the database as the first-source to filling open positions.

Section 3 Application and Certification Forms are available at the Galveston Housing Authority, 4700 Broadway.