

## HUD Section 3

### Employment and Contracting Opportunities

The City of Port St. Lucie receives a substantial amount of funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. That funding is being used to assist with infrastructure and residential repair/rehab projects throughout the city. We are also receiving funding through HUD for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) in order to purchase and repair foreclosed homes and sell them to income qualified applicants. HUD funding is regulated by the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and is, therefore, subject to Section 3 of that Act.

Section 3 covered projects involve the construction or rehabilitation of housing or other public construction, such as street repair, drainage work, etc. The regulation requires the City of Port St. Lucie to ensure that economic and business opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, be used to support low and very-low income persons and business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low and very-low income persons. [Download maximum income limits for Port St. Lucie.](#)

When new Jobs or contracting opportunities are generated because of HUD financial assistance, the city is required to give preference to Section 3 residents or business concerns residing in the community where the project is located. When a contractor is hired for a job that amounts to \$100,000 or more, then that contractor is also responsible for ensuring that new hires and/or subcontractors are chosen based on that same preference. That does not mean that contractors have to create jobs or hire employees for the sake of Section 3 compliance; and Section 3 residents and business concerns must meet the qualifications for those new employment opportunities.

[Download HUD's Section 3 brochure](#) for more information on Section 3 compliance. As part of the city's effort to promote employment and contracting of low income individuals, we are providing the opportunity for contractors to become certified with the city as a Section 3 Business Concern in St. Lucie County. In addition we are encouraging low and very-low income workers to become certified as Section 3 residents so that they may be eligible for consideration when new hiring opportunities are generated with HUD funding. All applicants seeking this recognition must complete and submit the [Section 3 Business Concern Certification](#) or [Section 3 Resident Certification](#) form and backup information to:

Community Services Department  
City of Port St. Lucie  
121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

If you are submitting a proposal on Demand Star, you may submit the Certification form and backup documents with your proposal without sending it through Community Services. However, if the form is not filled out correctly or backup information is not sufficient, it will not be credited toward Section 3 preference in evaluation of the proposal.