

Vicinity Hiring

Employment and Contracting Opportunities

The City of Port St. Lucie is preparing a list of potential employees who perform construction related jobs or own small businesses in the construction industry and who live in Census Tract 2005, Block Group 2, (the vicinity), which is described as follows:

bordered on the west by Florida's Turnpike, on the north by Eyerly Ave., on the east by Airoso Blvd. and on the south by Port St. Lucie Blvd.

We will be providing this list to our General Contractors to use when they are hiring for NSP-3 repair/rehab jobs in the above described neighborhood (vicinity). Preparation of this list does not mean that contractors have to create jobs or hire employees or specific small businesses for the sake of "vicinity hiring" compliance. This list will be used to notify contractors that you and/or your business would like to be considered for any potential construction-related job opportunities made available with NSP-3 funding. Employees and business concerns must meet the qualifications for these new employment opportunities.

The City of Port St. Lucie is receiving funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its Neighborhood Stabilization Program-3 (NSP-3). That funding is being used to purchase and repair foreclosed homes and sell them to income qualified applicants. This funding is regulated by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) and the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act) which establishes certain requirements for "vicinity hiring."

The NSP-3 regulations specify that the city should "to the maximum extent feasible, provide for the hiring of employees who reside in the vicinity... or contract with small businesses that are owned and operated by persons residing in the vicinity of such projects." The "vicinity" for Port St. Lucie is the NSP-3 area of greatest need described above.

In order to be able to identify qualified employees and small business owners residing in the vicinity of the NSP-3 project, Community Services is requesting information from those qualified residents and businesses. If you live in the area described above and are skilled in or own a small business in the construction industry, please fill out the [vicinity hiring certification form](#) and return it to:

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

If you are a business concern and are submitting a proposal on Demand Star, you may submit the Certification form 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 Vicinity Hiring preference in evaluation of the proposal.