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Doing Business With CHA: Section 3

What does Section 3 mean when doing business with CHA? What is a Section 3 business? This resource is also available as a [downloadable PDF](#).

You can find [more information online](#). For assistance please call [773-342-WORC \(9672\)](#).

Section 3 (S3) businesses are:

- 51% owned by a low-income person(s)
- 51% owned by CHA resident(s) or Housing Choice Voucher program participant(s)
- A business where 75% of the labor hours are performed by low-income persons

CHA provides various opportunities for Section 3 businesses to work with CHA:

- **Become part of a pre-qualified contractor pool**
 - Assigned capital maintenance work on a rotational basis
 - CHA issues RFPs for the pre-qualified pool every 2-4 years.
 - Currently closed to S3 businesses not already in the existing pool
- **Respond to CHA solicitations**
 - All S3 businesses can apply to solicitations
 - Some solicitations are directed to S3 businesses (e.g., vacant lot landscaping, snow removal)
- **Apply to work as a sub-contractor for CHA vendors**
 - CHA construction vendors are required to subcontract 10% of the contract value to S3 businesses
 - Vendors for professional services are required to subcontract 3% of the contract value to S3 businesses
- **Respond to CHA's Professional Property Management (PPM) company's solicitations**
 - PPMs are required to solicit to S3 businesses for unit turn work

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