

**Section 3 Business Preference Explanation
(RFP Attachment E)**

Be aware that the Agency previously conducted RFP's that required proposers and contractors to comply with the requirements of 24 CFR §135, *Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons* (a.k.a., Section 3).

However, in November 2020 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) discontinued these former requirements and implemented the requirements of 24 CFR §5, 14, 75, 91, 92, 93, 135, 266, 570, 574, 576, 578, 905, 964, 983, and 1000, entitled *Enhancing and Streamlining the implementation of Section 3 Requirements for Creating Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons and Eligible Businesses*.

Accordingly, these new Section 3 regulations do not require firms proposing to provide “professional services” to a housing agency to implement any programs pertaining to Section 3 when the firm submits a proposal or provide the ensuing services. The Agency will advise all firms if these requirements change.