

Examples of Efforts to Award Contracting Opportunities to Section 3 Business Concerns, MBE, and WBE Area Businesses

At a minimum, outreach efforts must include contacting the businesses listed in RHHA's registry of certified Section 3 Business Concerns. If registry does not represent the trades/services that you are seeking, refer to the following examples of efforts to award contracting opportunities:

1. Contacting business assistance agencies, minority contractors associations and community organizations to inform them of contracting opportunities and request their assistance in identifying Section 3 Business Concerns, MBE, and WBE area businesses which may solicit bids or proposals for contracts for work. (*Contact at least 15 calendar days prior to proposal/bid due date. For proposals/bids with a 2-week response time, contact must be made at least 7 calendar days prior to due date.*)
2. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways to facilitate the participation of Section 3 Business Concerns. (*Advertise at least 15 calendar days prior to proposal/bid due date. For proposals/bids with a 2-week response time, contact must be made at least 7 calendar days prior to due date.*)
3. Placing qualified Section 3 Business Concerns, MBE, and WBE area businesses on solicitation lists.
4. Providing written notice to all known Section 3 Business Concerns of the contracting opportunities. The notice should be in sufficient time to allow Section 3 Business Concerns to respond to the bid invitation or request for proposal. (*Notify at least 15 calendar days prior to proposal/bid due date. For proposals/bids with a 2-week response time, notification must be provided at least 7 calendar days prior to due date.*)
5. Assuring that MBE, and WBE area businesses are solicited whenever they are a potential source.
6. Coordinating pre-bid meetings at which Section 3 Business Concerns, MBE, and WBE area businesses could be informed of upcoming contracting and subcontracting opportunities.
7. When economically feasible, breaking out contract work items into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by Section 3 Business Concerns, MBE, and WBE area businesses.

8. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, that encourage participation by Section 3 Business Concerns, MBE, & WBE area businesses.
9. Contacting agencies administering HUD Youthbuild programs, and notifying these agencies of the contracting opportunities. (*Contact at least 15 calendar days prior to proposal/bid due date. For proposals/bids with a 2-week response time, contact must be made at least 7 calendar days prior to due date.*)
10. Advertising the contracting opportunities through trade association papers and newsletters, and through local media, such as community television networks, newspapers of general circulation, and radio advertisement. (*Advertise at least 15 calendar days prior to proposal/bid due date. For proposals/bids with a 2-week response time, advertisements must be at least 7 calendar days prior to due date.*)
11. Using the services and assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce (<http://www.mbda.gov/>). (*Use services at least 15 calendar days prior to proposal/bid due date. For proposals/bids with a 2-week response time, use services at least 7 calendar days prior to due date.*)

For registry of certified Section 3 Business Concerns, contact RHHA Section 3 Coordinator at bpatton@rhha.org or (803) 324-3060.