

Section 3 Compliance Plan

Questions and Answers

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Q. One firm suggested the following items for updating the RFQ in accordance with 24 CFR 85.36(d):

- It might be advisable to also include not only MWBE' participation as a compliance matter, but also Section 3 firm participation in the service provider requirements, e.g. companies that are certified as Section 3 in New York State.
- Further, as you know, HUD wants all of their CDBG and other funded/guaranteed programs to announce with HUD's specific Section 3 Utilization Language that all Contractors must seek to utilize Section 3 firms. I recommend you utilize this language in the Section 3 compliance services RFQ.
- Finally, in these awards, a Section 3 firm bidding as prime is supposed to get some form of point scoring recognition in the evaluation. I suggest you define what that might look like. 110 points for a Section 3 led effort and 100% for a non-Section 3 led effort as an example. (April 30, 2015)

- A. The source of funding for the proposed contract will be HTFC (Housing Trust Fund Corporation) and not CDBG. Although, the RFP mentions that HTFC is a recipient of CDBG funds, this information is provided merely as background to prospective proposers so they will be able to understand the requirements of the requested services. The procurement requirements in 24 CFR 85.36(d) are for the use of federal funds to purchase materials, products or services under the CDBG Entitlement program and such requirements are not applicable in this procurement process. (May 4, 2015)