

CITY OF LAGRANGE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
PROPERTY APPRAISAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG)
INNOVATIVE GRANT PROGRAM



LAGRANGE
GEORGIA

CITY OF LAGRANGE
200 RIDLEY AVE
LAGRANGE, GA 30240

RESPONSES DUE: OCTOBER 27, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION

The City of LaGrange is soliciting statements of qualification from interested firms to perform the following services: 1) Appraisal Services and 2) Review of Appraisal for use typically in the City's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Innovative Grant Program. This programs focus is on providing decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing, primarily for low-income citizens in the City of LaGrange. The property appraisals will be performed on property, primarily in the City's target areas, of Whitesville Street, Butler Street, and Bagley Street. Required property appraisal services/review of appraisal services may include, but are not limited to, performing property appraisals on houses and properties to determine the fair market value, and actual value of the property. The selected professional firm must hold an active Appraisers License from the State of Georgia.

The Property Appraiser will be paid upon completion of the work assignment for which it is contracted.

The City of LaGrange will place strong emphasis on working with a firm that has extensive experience in Real Estate and property appraisal services. The property appraiser should be current on the most recent state and federal laws with regard to appraisals. The proposer must be qualified, licensed, and possess the knowledge and experience working with the three acceptable methodologies for determining value of property. The firm must be capable of providing property appraisals and information suitable for use in determining permanent decisions on various property issues. The firm must be capable of handling property appraisals immediately after the contract award, and capable of doing so, in a timely manner. The professional should be capable of producing quality documents.

If you are interested in your firm being considered for this project, please submit **one (1) original and three (3) copies of your proposal on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2020 to:**

Alton L. West, Community Development Director
City of LaGrange
200 Ridley Avenue, Room #110
LaGrange, GA

All statements shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"RFP for Property Appraisal Services for CDBG Innovative Grant Program Projects"**.

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Questions or information about this RFP and City's procedures should be in writing and directed to:

Alton L. West – Community Development Director
Email: awest@lagrangega.org

To receive qualification packets, print from on-line at www.lagrangega.org under the Purchasing Department.

Answers will be provided to all Candidates receiving RFP's as a written addendum. Candidates should not rely on any oral communication concerning this RFP and oral responses will have no binding effect.

RESERVATIONS

The City, through its duly authorized officials, reserves the right to reject any part of, or all statements without the imposition of any form of liability. Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible firm or in any way restrain or restrict competition. The City reserves the right to award this RFP to the most qualified proposer that offers the best combination of qualifications and value to the City taking into consideration the selection criteria contained herein.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The successful proposer shall be responsible to provide the City with Property Appraisal Services/Review Appraisal Services for use in the City's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Innovative Grant. This program includes a focus on providing decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing, primarily for low-income citizens in the City of LaGrange. It also includes a provision for workforce training services. The property appraisals will be performed on seven residential properties and one commercial property in the project area of Whitesville Street, Butler Street, and Bagley Street.

The appraiser must, at a minimum, perform the following services:

1. Provide an appraisal meeting the definition of an appraisal subject to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA) found at 49 CFR 24.2(a)(3).
2. Afford the property owner or the owner's designated representative the opportunity to accompany the appraiser on the inspection of the property.
3. Perform an inspection of the subject property. The inspection should be appropriate for the appraisal problem, and the scope of work should address:
 - The extent of the inspection and description of the neighborhood and proposed project area,
 - The extent of the subject property inspection, including interior and exterior areas,
 - The level of detail of the description of the physical characteristics of the property being appraised (and, in the case of a partial acquisition, the remaining property),

4. The appraisal report must include an adequate description of the physical characteristics of the property being appraised (i.e., sketch of the property and provide the location and dimensions of any improvements) and a description of comparable sales. The appraisal report should also include adequate photographs of the subject property and comparable sales, and provide location maps of the property and comparable sales.
5. The appraisal report must include items required by the acquiring agency, including but not limited to the following:
 - Property right(s) to be acquired, e.g., fee simple, easement, etc.
 - Value being appraised (usually fair market value), and its definition
 - Appraised as if free and clear of contamination (or as specified)
 - Date of the appraisal report and the date of valuation
 - A realty report as required by 49 CFR 24.103(a)(2)(i)
 - Known and observed encumbrances, if any
 - Title information
 - Location
 - Zoning
 - Present use, and
 - At least a 5-year sales history of the property
6. The appraisal report must identify the highest and best use. If highest and best use is in question or different from the existing use, provide an appropriate analysis identifying the market-based highest and best use.
7. Present and analyze relevant market information.
8. In developing and reporting the appraisal, disregard any decrease or increase in the fair market value of the real property caused by the project for which the property is to be acquired, or by the likelihood that the property would be acquired for the project. *(If necessary, the appraiser may cite the Jurisdictional Exception or Supplemental Standards Rules under USPAP to ensure compliance with USPAP while following this and other Uniform Act requirements.)*
9. Report his or her analysis, opinions, and conclusions in the appraisal report.
10. Additional requirements:
 - Intended Use: This appraisal is to estimate the fair market value of the property, as of the specified date of valuation, for the proposed acquisition of the property rights specified (i.e., fee simple, etc.) for a federally assisted project.
 - Intended User: The intended user of this appraisal report is primarily the acquiring agency, but its funding partners may review the appraisal as part of their program oversight activities.

The selected professional firms must hold an active *Appraisers License* from the State of Georgia.

The successful proposer will be responsible for the property appraisal services/review appraisal services, document preparation, along with any site work, and will provide the City with appraisals that are consistent and within all laws and regulations. The professional shall ensure all work is done in such a manner to provide quality and reliable work product. The proposers' work product should be one of quality and integrity and should provide the City with a high level of confidence. The City is entitled to rely on the proposer's work product.

COMMUNICATION

The City shall not be responsible for any verbal communication between any representative of the City and any potential firm. All modifications to this solicitation must be made in writing. A proposer's failure to examine relevant documents or specifications will not relieve offeror from any obligation with regard to their response to this invitation.

CONDITIONS OF CONDUCT

At all times, any agent, officer, or employee of proposer present upon property owned by the City, the terms and conditions of the Drug and Alcohol Policy of the City of LaGrange, shall be deemed applicable to such persons. Violations of terms and conditions while present on the premises owned by the City shall be grounds for termination of any contract between the City and proposer. A copy of this policy is available for public inspection in the office of the City Secretary and copies may be obtained at a nominal charge.

ETHICAL STANDARD

No City of LaGrange official or employee shall have interest in any contract resulting from this "RFP".

REIMBURSEMENTS

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request. The City will not reimburse responding firms for these expenses, nor will the City pay any subsequent costs associated with the provision of any additional information or presentation, or to procure a contract for these services.

DISCLOSURE

There will be no disclosure of the contents to competing firms until the contract is awarded. All proposals will be kept confidential during the negotiation process. Once the contract has been awarded all proposals will be open for public inspection, except for trade secrets and confidential information, which the firm identifies as proprietary.

DEFAULT

The City reserves the right to terminate this professional services contract immediately for failure to meet delivery or completion schedules, or otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements of this proposal.

SELECTION PROCESS

The City of LaGrange will evaluate each proposal for appraisal services and review appraisal services based upon the criteria provided as follows:

- 1) History of firm and resources
- 2) The appraiser shall include a copy of their certification
- 3) Appraisal experience with federal funding projects, including HUD
- 4) Key personnel/qualifications
- 5) Current workload
- 6) Scope and level of service proposed
- 7) Experience with similar projects and list of references
- 8) Errors and Omissions Insurance, please provide a copy
- 9) Statement of Qualifications Form - *See Attachment 1*
- 10) Section 3 Certification Form - *See Attachment 2 - Only Submit with your proposal if you are claiming Section 3 Status*

This immediate project is subject to Federal and State contract provisions prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. See Mandatory Section 3 Solicitation Package provided as Attachment 2.

The City of LaGrange does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the administration or operation of this program. The City also abides by the following laws as they pertain to HUD Assisted Projects: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 109 of the HCD Act of 1974/ Title I/ Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act); Section 104(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.

For consideration, interested firms must submit their written proposals not later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Proposals submitted after the above date may not be accepted. The City of LaGrange has the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities in the proposal process.

If negotiations with the most qualified firm are unsuccessful for any reason, the City will terminate negotiations formally and in writing with such firm and proceed in order to negotiate with the next most qualified firm until an agreement is reached.

INDEMNIFICATION

The proposer shall, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, their officers, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, orders, decrees, or judgments for injury, death, damage to person or property, loss, damage, or liability of any kind (including without limitation liability under any federal, state, or local environmental law, Compensation and Liability Act; fees and costs (including all costs or settlements and reasonable attorney’s fees incurred in defending any claim, demand, or cause of action) occasioned by, growing out of, or arising from (a) the performance of any product or service to be supplied by the proposer, or (b) by any act, error or omission on the part of the proposer, its agents, employees, or subcontractors, and or (c) any failure to fully comply with all applicable laws and regulations by the proposer, its agents, employees, or subcontractors.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

Proposers are expected to be fully informed of buildings, locations, properties and working conditions under which your services will be performed, and to have thoroughly reviewed this RFP. Failure to do so will not relieve the successful proposer of any obligations to furnish the services as specified herein.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Attention is called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their age, race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The proposer agrees to furnish insurance certificates showing the proposer’s compliance with this section.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The proposer is and shall perform these services as an independent contractor, and as such, shall have and maintain complete control over all of its employees, agents, and operations. Neither the proposer nor anyone employed by it shall represent, act, purport to act or be deemed to be the agent, representative, employee or servant of the City of LaGrange.

ATTACHMENT 1

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

**APPRAISAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM**

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. Please indicate the service your firm desires to perform:

Appraisal Services _____ Review Appraisal Services _____

2. Years in Business in Present Form: _____

3. Firms History and Resource Capability to Perform Required Services: _____

4. Titles, Names, and Addresses of all Officers: _____

5. List categories in which firm is legally qualified to do business. Include Licenses and Registration where applicable.

6. Does the firm carry Errors and Omissions Insurance? Yes _____ No _____

7. Provide information on how your fees for residential and commercial properties are determined:

8. List up to three (3) project which demonstrate skills to be used on this CDBG project. Note project name, location, owner, year, contract amount, and nature of firm's responsibility.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

9. List key personnel (with qualifications) likely to be involved on these projects and explain their specific role(s).

10. List three (3) references for the Firm.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

11. Are you a Section 3 Business Concern? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, the Attached Section 3 Business Concern Certification, Previous Certification and Action Plan must be filled out, signed, notarized, and submitted with your proposal.

If no, you will only need to submit the Section 3 forms if you are the successful proposer.

Is the signed and notarized Section 3 Business Concern Certification, Previous Certification and Action Plan attached to your proposal? Yes _____ No _____

CERTIFICATION:

This is to certify that:

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ (printed name) being duly sworn
deposes and states that he/she is the _____ (title)
of the firm whose legal name is _____ (name of firm)
and that responses to the foregoing questions and all statements herein contained are true and correct.

Signature

Date

ATTACHMENT 2

**MANDATORY SECTION 3
SOLICITATION PACKAGE**

Mandatory Section 3 Solicitation Package

This mandatory solicitation package has been developed in accordance with DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities. DCA encourages all sub-recipients, contractors, and sub-contractors to review this policy prior to completion of the solicitation package. For those solicitations that meet the applicable Section 3 thresholds, this package must be returned in accordance with the applicable instructions to the contracting entity prior to award **or at the time of submission of a bid/proposal in order to claim a Section 3 preference**. The Section 3 Clause, required forms, and instructions are included in this package.

To be considered for a contract award exceeding \$100,000, the entire solicitation package must be satisfactorily completed and submitted prior to award. In order to claim a preference for a contract award exceeding \$100,000, the Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan and the Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification portions of the solicitation package must be satisfactorily completed and submitted at the time of submission of a bid/proposal.

For Section 3 Covered Assistance of \$100,000 or less, the solicitation package must be made available to bidders/offerors in accordance with DCA's Section 3 Policy; however, bidders/offerors are not required to submit the solicitation package unless a preference is being claimed. In this case, only the Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan and the Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification must be completed at the time of submission of a bid/proposal

Any bid/proposal claiming a preference must include the completed and signed Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan and the Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification, and be submitted by the bid/proposal deadline.

The following Section 3 forms must be completed and returned as instructed:

- Section 3 Self Certification and Action Plan
- Previous Section 3 Compliance Certification
- Assurance of Compliance Certification

Additionally, if the contractor is claiming certification as a 51% Resident Owned Business (ROB) or is certifying as a 30% employer, the Resident Self-Certification and Skills Data Form must be returned for all employees who meet the low- or very low-income requirement as well as the appropriate Section 3 Business Certification.

Section 3 Solicitation Overview and Instructions for Contractors

The DCA Section 3 Policy requires that, when the **Section 3 regulation is triggered**, every effort within the contractor's disposal must be made, to the greatest extent feasible, to offer all available employment and contracting opportunities to Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses based on the compliance methods below.

All Contracts and All Contractors must meet Section 3 compliance by:

- A. Giving notice of any and all opportunities for employment and contracting to residents of the local Public Housing Authority (PHA), and other low and very low income area residents and businesses, by posting the opportunity in community sources generally available to low income residents and the general public. Exercising a **minimum of three (3)** of the following listed sources must be completed prior to offering employment to anyone not covered by Section 3 requirements:
 1. The local community newspaper
 2. The most widely distributed newspaper
 3. Company or agency website
 4. The management office of the local housing authority/homeless service agency/local low income housing community
 5. Local Workforce Board (i.e. Department of Labor)
 6. Local office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
 7. Dodge Room <http://www.construction.com/dodge/dodge.asp>
 8. Other locations as approved by DCA
- B. The sub-recipient or contractor must check the HUD Section 3 Business Registry to determine if there are any Section 3 businesses in the County where the work will be performed. If there are Section 3 businesses in the County that may be able to perform the work, the sub-recipient or contractor must provide a copy of the contracting opportunity(ies) (e.g., bid notices) to the Section 3 businesses. See the HUD Section 3 Business Registry at: <https://portalapps.hud.gov/Sec3BusReg/BRegistry/What>.
- C. Clearly stating in notices that the position is a "Section 3 covered position under the HUD Act of 1968 and that Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply."
- D. Placing the Section 3 Clause provided in Appendix A in ALL solicitations.
- E. When possible, other activities may be done to demonstrate effort to comply with the Safe Harbor Limits. These other efforts are listed in the appendix to part 135 of the Code of Federal Regulations—24 CFR Part 135 and include:
 1. Distributing or posting flyers advertising positions to be filled;

2. Contacting the local government or housing authority for a list of residents who have expressed interest in Section 3 employment;
 3. Holding job informational meetings for residents, contractors, etc...;
 4. Contacting agencies administering HUD YouthBuild programs and requesting their assistance in recruiting HUD YouthBuild program participants for training and employment positions.
- F. Linking residents or businesses to local resources that may be available to help prepare them for applying for and achieving the opportunity.
- G. Working with DCA, the subrecipient or contractor as applicable in developing a communication and follow up process to track and report all Section 3 applications and hiring activities to ensure the reporting of compliance efforts, and that contracting and sub-contracting are accurate. Provide preference in hiring and contracting to Section 3 applicants and contractors when employment or contracting opportunities are offered and all requirements are met and remain equal. Contractors must:
1. Provide this package to all sub-contractors when soliciting bids for all contracts or sub-contracts;
 2. Meet all the same processes in A-E; and
 3. Provide Preference to all sub-contractors meeting the definitions as stated in Section VI of DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities.
- H. In order for Preference as a Section 3 Contractor to be factored into the award decision, all elements of the solicitation criteria must be equal between contracts. This means price and all other factors must be equal. Then the contractors that elect Preference on the Certification and Action Plan form that meet that Preference criterion will be provided Preference in the award of the contract as provided in Part VI., Preferences and Eligibility of DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities.

Example:

Bill's electrical and Sue's Electrical bid a job where the housing authority has a budget of \$500,000. Bill bids \$480,000 and elects a Preference as a Section 3 business concern because he qualifies as a 51% Resident Owned Business. Sue bids \$450,000 but does not elect any Preference. Both companies met all the other requirements. Sue will be awarded the contract because Bill's bid was higher.

Important items to remember about receiving Preferences in contract award:

All contractors and/or subcontractors that elect a Preference and are awarded a contract must be in compliance prior to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor based on the policies established for the applicable DCA funding program. The contractor and/or subcontractor must maintain the elected Preference standard during the entire contract or risk having the contract terminated for failure to comply. **See Appendix B for further details.**

When a contractor and/or subcontractor that elected a Preference is unable to identify a Section 3 resident or a Section 3 business for employment or contracting opportunities, the contractor then **must** offer employment related training to the Section 3 residents in the county. The training must be provided according to Part VII – Other Economic Opportunities in DCA’s Section 3 Policy.

Appendix A Section 3 Clause

Training and Employment Opportunities for Residents in the Project Area (Section 3, HUD Act of 1968; 24 CFR 135)

(a) The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

(b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.

(c) The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of Section 3 apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

(d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.

(e) The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

(f) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

Appendix B

Section 3 Contract Non-Compliance Cure /Termination Processes

This language is a component of contract compliance with the work to which you are responding in this solicitation. The full requirements are provided in the Section 3 Clause found elsewhere in this package and in DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities.

Any subrecipient or contractor claiming Preference **must be in compliance prior to issuance of a notice to proceed by DCA, subrecipient, or contractor based on the policies established for the applicable DCA funding program. This preference can be met by any of the three qualifications:**

1. Resident Owned Businesses (ROBs) owned and operated at 51% by Section 3 Residents.
2. Businesses that employ Section 3 residents at no less than 30% of the contractors aggregate full time staff.
3. Contractors that at the time of bid show evidence (meaning the specific name and preference met) of their intent to award no less than 25% of their total award to Section 3 business concerns.

The subrecipient or contractor must maintain compliance throughout the life of the contract. The contractor understands and agrees that a compliance management firm may be used to conduct routine and certified payroll reviews to ensure compliance. The Contractor agrees to provide the payroll data in an Excel or Word format each time the payroll is processed throughout the contract.

Failure to meet the Section 3 requirements will result in penalties up to and including contract termination. Any contractor triggering the regulation by doing any hiring or contracting once they are awarded the contract through execution must comply with the Section 3 requirements by executing the efforts on their Certification and Action Plan in accordance with DCA's Section 3 Policy.

DCA, the subrecipient or contractor shall execute these remedies to achieve compliance in this order:

NON-COMPLIANCE CURE PROCESS

- A. Based on the first observation or report of non-compliance with Section 3, the subrecipient or contractor will be sent an e-mail by the compliance manager notifying them of their non-compliance issue. The subrecipient or contractor will have until the next payroll or 10 business days, whichever is less, to bring the contract into compliance and/or justify in writing why they cannot meet compliance requirements.
- B. DCA, the subrecipient or contractor must render a response to the violating party within 10 business days of receipt of the violating party's letter of reason for non-compliance. If DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor deems the reason to be unacceptable, at its option, DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor can extend the response period one time

for up to 5 business days to allow the violating party to identify and secure other compliance options.

NON-COMPLIANCE TERMINATION PROCESS

If the violating party fails to take any corrective action to bring the contract into compliance within the allotted time, or DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor rejects any of the corrective plans and justifications for non-compliance, DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor will either terminate the contract immediately or impose liquidated damages equal to the number of days out of compliance divided by the total contract period multiplied by the contract amount. For example, if a violating party is out of compliance for 30 days of a total contract period of 120 days and as part of total contract of \$600,000, then the liquidated damages will equal 25% (30/120) of the total contract amount (\$600,000), or \$150,000. At DCA's determination, any liquidated damages received must be paid to the subrecipient or DCA, at DCA's determination, and be used to promote economic opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns.

DCA, the sub-recipient, or the contractor will hold **all funds due to the violating party until such time that a financial workout is completed.**

Additionally the violating party may be banned by DCA, the sub-recipient, and the contractor on future HUD funded projects.

Appendix C
Section 3 Forms

I am Certifying as a Section 3 Business Concern and requesting Preference accordingly (Select only One Option):

Option 1

- A business claiming status as a Section 3 Resident-Owned Business Concern (ROB) entity:

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

Option 2

- A business claiming Section 3 status, because at least 30% of the existing or newly hired workforce for this specific contract will be Section 3 residents throughout the entire contract period. If a Prime or General Contractor is electing this option, the 30% employment requirement will be for the entire project including all the sub-contractors' employees:

Check all methods you will employ to secure Section 3 Residents/Persons

Posting the position in community sources that are generally available to low income residents and the general public is a standard requirement. **Check at least three (3) methods you will employ:**

- The local community newspaper
- The most widely distributed newspaper
- Company or agency website
- The management office of the local housing authority, or homeless service agency, or local low income housing community
- Local Workforce Board (i.e., Department of Labor)
- Local office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
- Local office of the Georgia Department of Public Health
- Dodge Room <http://www.construction.com/dodge/dodge.asp>
- Other locations identified below and subject to DCA approval:

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

I anticipate my total number of employees for this contract to be _____ and _____ will be qualified Section 3 Residents/persons.

Option 3

- A business claiming Section 3 status by subcontracting 25% of the dollar award to qualified Section 3 Business:

Attach a list of intended subcontract Section 3 business(es) with subcontract amount.

Attach certification & all supporting documentation for each planned subcontract Section 3 Business.

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

I am NOT Requesting Preference under Section 3:

- I am NOT certifying as a qualified Section 3 Business Concern and I am not requesting a preference. However if I do trigger the regulation by doing any sub-contracting or hiring, I will comply by meeting all requirements of DCA's Section 3 policy and am committing to do the outreach as specified below.

Check all methods you will employ to secure Section 3 Residents/Businesses

Posting the position/contract opportunity in community sources that are generally available to low income residents and Section 3 Businesses and the general public is a standard requirement. **Check at least three (3) methods you will employ:**

- The local community newspaper
- The most widely distributed newspaper
- Company or agency website
- The management office of the local housing authority, or homeless service agency, or local low income housing community
- Local Workforce Board (i.e., Department of Labor)
- Local office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
- Local office of the Georgia Department of Public Health
- Dodge Room <http://www.construction.com/dodge/dodge.asp>
- Other locations identified below and subject to DCA approval:

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

Signature: _____

Printed/Typed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Notarial Affidavit

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Notarial Seal)

Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968
(12 U.S.C. 1701 U)

Contract/Solicitation Name or Number:

DCA Funding

Program: _____

Entity Receiving DCA Funding Award: _____

Purpose: To ensure that regulations promulgated under 24 CFR Part 135 Employment Opportunities for Businesses and Lower Income Persons in Connection with Assisted Projects and the Section 3 Policy of DCA, its subrecipients and contractors to the greatest extent feasible is adhered to, and to serve as the “assurance of compliance” certification and action plan as required in the bid documents, supplemental general conditions, and required forms for the contract for any HUD work funded by DCA.

Description of the project’s work detail: The project work will be as listed in the final scope of work in the contract with DCA, its subrecipients and contractors including any change orders. List all known subcontractors below:

Subcontractor(s): _____

Use an additional sheet if required.

Note: If subcontractors are unknown at this time, print UNKNOWN on the line above. Also, the contractor must notify DCA or subrecipient if subcontractors are added or changed during the contract.

Any changes to this certification requires a resubmission of this form to DCA or subrecipient.

Preliminary Statement for Work Force Needs:

DCA intends to meet Section 3 compliance at the highest level and it is our intent to identify any short-term and long-term employment or contracting opportunities for qualified Section 3 persons and Business Concerns during the course of the contract funded by DCA via its subrecipients and contractors. Please list the status of all planned employment positions and opportunities for this contract. **Preference for all opportunities must be given to low and very low-income residents if they qualify. If awarded a contract, regardless of whether your firm has elected a preference, you are required to provide a list of your aggregate workforce on this project. Any changes to that workforce during the project will constitute NEW hires. You must notify DCA, its subrecipient or contractor (respectively) overseeing your contract of any new hire opportunities that arise during the life of your contract. The anticipated workforce list may be provided on a separate sheet or in a different format.**

<u>List All Employees</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>	<u>Section 3 Resident (Yes/No)</u>	<u>Job Title/Trade</u>	<u>Salary Range</u>
Name: Address: City, ZIP:				
Name: Address: City, Zip Code:				
Name: Address: City, Zip Code:				
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Use additional pages as needed.

“To the Greatest Extent Feasible”:

The Contractor has identified ___ # of **OPEN** positions with respect to this contract. The positions are filled by the _____ (Position title) of the Contractor.

Should the scope of work or duties of the contractor change to a degree requiring a modification of the work force needs, the contractor shall put forth a reasonable effort to fill vacant positions with eligible Section 3 residents.

Documentation of “To the Greatest Extent Feasible”:

The contractor will work with DCA, its subrecipients, and contractors staff to notify residents of any opportunities afforded under the contract. The contractor will partner with DCA, its subrecipients, and contractors by giving preference of any employment opportunities to the Section 3 persons or businesses.

The contractor shall recruit or attempt to recruit from the Section 3 area the necessary number of low-income and very low-income residents and Section 3 businesses, as applicable. The contractor must also document their recruiting efforts and any impediments to compliance with DCA’s Section 3 policy and the requirements of this solicitation package. This documentation must be submitted to the recipient or sub-recipient.

1. DCA, its subrecipients and contractors shall: Maintain a list of all low-income area residents who have applied, either on their own or from referral from any source, and employ such person if otherwise eligible and if a trainee vacancy exists.
2. Conduct solicitation in accordance with DCA’s Section 3 policy and the requirements outlined in the solicitation package.

The contractor shall review all employment applications and determine if low-income and very low-income residents or Section 3 businesses meet minimum hiring or contracting qualifications. If these applicants meet such minimum qualifications, but are not hired due to lack of employment opportunities or for other reasons, they will be placed on a priority list and offered positions/contracts upon the occurrence of the first available appropriate opening.

Utilization of Section 3 Businesses Located Within the County:

The subrecipient or contractor does ___ does not ___ intend to subcontract any of the work identified in the scope of work cited in the bid specifications, scope of work or General Conditions. Should the scope of work or needs of the contractor change, the contractor shall, to the greatest extent feasible, assure that subcontracts be awarded to business concerns within the Section 3 covered area, or to business concerns owned in the substantial part (at least 51%) by persons residing in the Section 3 covered area.

Record Keeping:

The subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor, as applicable, shall maintain on file all records related to employment and job training of low-income and very low-income residents or other such records, advertisements, legal notices, brochures, flyers, publications, assurances of compliance from sub-contractors, etc., in connection with this contract. If a report is needed in the future, the subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor, as applicable, agrees to provide all records upon request. The contractor

shall, upon request, provide such records or copies of records to HUD, DCA, their subrecipients, contractors, staff, or agents. Records shall be maintained for at least three (3) years after the close of the contract.

Reports:

The subrecipient or contractor shall provide reports as required in connection with the contractor specifications. All certified and regular payrolls shall clearly detail which employees qualify under Section 3.

Certification:

The subrecipient or contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions that filled:

- 1) After the subrecipient or contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and
- 2) With persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the subcontractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

Grievance and Compliance:

The subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor hereby acknowledges that they understand that any low-income and very low-income resident of the project area, for him/her or as representatives of persons similarly situated, seeking employment or job training opportunities in the project area, or any eligible business concerns seeking contract opportunities may file a grievance if efforts to the greatest extent feasible were not executed. The grievance must be filed with HUD not later than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of the action (or omission) upon which the grievance is based.

I attest that the information on the preceding pages is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Purpose:

The purpose of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) is to ensure that employment and other economic and business opportunities generated by HUD Financial Assistance shall be directed to the Authority Residents and other low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government housing assistance and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to Residents and other low- and very low-income persons.

Section 3 resident means:

- (1) A public housing resident; or
- (2) An individual who resides in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county in which the section 3 covered assistance is expended, and who is:
 - I. A low-income person, as this term is defined in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)). Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act defines this term to mean families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the median family income for the area, as determined by the Secretary, with adjustments for smaller and larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 80% of the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary’s findings that such variations are necessary because of prevailing levels of construction costs or unusually high or low-income families; or
 - II. A very low-income person, as this term is defined in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)). Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2) defines this term to mean families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the median family income for the area, as determined by the Secretary with adjustments made for smaller or larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 50% of the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary’s findings that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low family incomes.
- (3) A person seeking the training and employment preference provided by section 3 bears the responsibility of providing evidence (if requested) that the person is eligible for the preference.

Service area means the geographical area in which the persons benefiting from the Section 3-covered project reside.

The figures below represent very low-income families; bottom figures represent low-income families. The most recent income limits established for each county may be found at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/limits/income/>.

Subrecipient or Contractor to Insert 2013 Income Limits for Project Location

FY 20XX Income Limit Area	Median Income	FY 20XX Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
		Very Low (50%) Income Limits								
		Low (80%) Income Limits								

RESIDENT SECTION 3 SELF-CERTIFICATION
AND SKILLS DATA FORM
AFFADAVIT

STATE OF _____

County of _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of the City/County of _____,
State of _____, do hereby certify that, _____, whose
name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the _____ Day of _____,
20____, has acknowledged the same before me in my State aforesaid.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Notarial Seal)

SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN SELF CERTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is seeking to extend the benefits of and to promote compliance with Section 3 by identifying Section 3 Business Concerns and targeting Section 3 Business Concerns for business opportunities, events and educational programs.

In an effort to comply with Federal Section 3 Regulations which promote contract, employment and training opportunities for State of Georgia residents, DCA has instituted a Section 3 Self Certification process.

Businesses seeking certification must complete and submit the attached Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification forms as follow:

1. If your company is qualified because it is owned (51% or more) by one or more Section 3 residents, then complete **Form A, "Section 3 Business Concern – Resident Business Owner(s) Verification"**;

OR

2. If your company is qualified because 30% or more of its full time permanent workforce are Section 3 Residents*, then complete **Form B, "Section 3 Business Concern – 30% + Workforce"**.

OR

3. If more than 25% of all subcontract work to be awarded shall be performed by Section 3 business concerns as described above, then complete **Form C, "Section 3 Business Concern-Subcontractor"**.

Please answer all questions, sign the completed forms, and notarize the affidavit.

Completed packets must be returned to the subrecipient or contractor as follows:

Name of subrecipient/contractor: _____

Attn: _____

Mailing Address: _____

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Form A
SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN
Resident Business Owner(s) Verification

A business can be certified as a Section 3 Business Concern if the business is owned (51% or more) by Georgia Section 3 Resident(s).

Name of Owner: _____

Home Street Address: _____

Home City, County, & Zip Code: _____

Name of Business: _____

Percentage of Ownership: _____%

Low- to – Moderate Income (80% of Median)

Check the appropriate box for your family size and income *if your total household income is equal to or less than the Gross Household Income Maximum amount listed for your appropriate household size:*

Check Box	# of Persons in Household	Gross Household Income Maximum
	1 Individual	
	2 Individuals	
	3 Individuals	
	4 Individuals	
	5 Individuals	
	6 Individuals	
	7 Individuals	
	8 Individuals	

(Effective _____, 2013)

If the business is owned by more than one Section 3 resident, list each owner below and each should submit a separate Resident Business Owner Verification Form (Form A).

Please list additional Section 3 Resident owners of the business below:

Name	Position	% Percentage of Ownership

I certify that I am a resident of the State of Georgia and my total household income last year was not more than the amount shown above for my family size. I further certify the information provided is true and accurate and agree to provide upon request, documents verifying the information submitted to qualify as a Section 3 Business Concern.

Print: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Form B
SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN
30% + Workforce

A business can be certified as a Section 3 Business Concern if at least 30% of its permanent, full-time employees are Section 3 residents, or were Section 3 residents within three years of the date of the first employment with the business. You may also certify as a Section 3 Business Concern if, for this award, you will hire Section 3 residents for at least 30% of your permanent, full-time employees for this specific project. For your firm to be eligible UNDER THIS CRITERIA, you must provide the following information for **all permanent, full-time employees**.

You may attach additional copies of this chart, if necessary.

List All Employees	Date Hired	Section 3 Resident	Job Title/Trade	Salary Range
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Total Number of Employees:	<u>Full-Time:</u>	<u>Part-Time:</u>	<u>Contract:</u>	
Number of Section 3 Residents:				
Section 3 % of Total Workforce:				

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate and agree to provide upon request, any/all documents verifying the information submitted to qualify as a Section 3 Business Concern.

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Form C
SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN
Subcontractor Awarded

A business can be certified as a Section 3 Business Concern if the firm makes a commitment to subcontract in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of subcontracts to be awarded to: A) Section 3 Resident Owned Businesses; or B) Businesses for which 30% or more of their permanent full-time workforce is comprised of Section 3 Residents.

List all work performed by Section 3 Business Concerns Identified (This Form is to be updated as Section 3 Business Concerns are awarded through the completion of the project):

Name of Business	Qualifying Conditions	Total Contract Award

All identified Section 3 Business Concerns listed above are required to complete a Section 3 Self Certification Application (Forms A – C as appropriate) or provide proof of Section 3 Certification status. Attach all required documents to this form.

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate and agree to provide upon request, any/all documents verifying the information submitted to qualify as a Section 3 business concern.

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____