

Section 3, Women-, Minority- & Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises

The County of Bedford receives annual allocations for Community Development Block Grant and other federal funding through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. This notice is to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, contracting and employment opportunities are open to minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses (MB/WB/VOBE), as well as to Section 3 residents (low- and very-low-income persons, and persons living in public housing) and to firms that provide economic opportunities to these persons. A Section 3 business is defined as: a) 51% or more owned by Section 3 resident or, b) having at least 30% permanent or full-time employees who are currently Section 3 residents, or were within 3 years of the date when first employed or, c) have commitments to subcontract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to a Section 3 business.

For MBE, WBE or VOB Business (Small Diverse Business) registration, go to website: www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us, click on Supplier Registration and follow instructions for registering as a Vendor, self-certifying as a Small Business, obtaining 3rd Party Certification, and verifying as a Small Diverse Business.

To register a Section 3 Business, go to website:
<http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz>

For local Section 3 residents, certification forms are available at the Bedford County Planning Commission website:
<http://www.bedfordcountypa.org/Planning.html>

For questions and concerns, contact: Bedford County Planning Commission, 200 S. Juliana St., Bedford, PA 15522. Phone: 814-623-4827; Fax 814-623-5964; TTY-TDD: 1-800-654-5984

