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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Section 3 Final Rule Office Hours

This week on the HUD Exchange News webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it will be hosting Section 3 final rule office hours to help support HUD housing and community development (HCD) and public housing authority (PHA) financial assistance recipients. The 90-minute sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the Section 3 rule and receive assistance with implementing Section 3 into their policies and programs. These are not training sessions. Attendees must have general knowledge of the Section 3 rule and started implementation to participate. All sessions will cover the same content. As space is limited, participants are encouraged to register for only one session. Dates are as follows:

- Session 1: August 25, 2022, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Eastern time
- Session 2: September 7, 2022, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Eastern time
- Session 3: October 11, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern time
- Section 4: November 3, 2022, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Eastern time
- Section 5: December 13, 2022, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Eastern time
- Section 6: January 11, 2023, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern time

Section 3 requires that recipients of certain types of HUD financial assistance provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income individuals—and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to such persons—to the greatest extent possible. The final rule, which was published on September 29, 2020, updated and streamlined Section 3 regulations and reporting requirements.

PD&R Publishes New Issue of *Cityscape*

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) has published the second issue of Cityscape for 2022. The theme for this issue is "Measuring Blight." Articles that may be of interest include:

- Exploring the Empirical Relationship Between Inner-City Blight and Urban Sprawl in the United States
- Deep Learning Visual Methods for Identifying Abandoned Houses
- Are Housing Vacancy Rates a Good Proxy for Physical Blight?
- Does the Inclusion of Residential No-Stat Addresses Along Rural Postal Carrier Routes Improve Vacancy Rate Estimates?

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