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## The Association of Section 3 Professionals

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Dear Housing Authority Purchasing Professionals,

Please see the following introductory message pertaining to a group that I am a member of. It is my opinion that the information distributed by this group is very helpful and informative and I recommend housing agencies register. If you have any further questions about this group, please contact Ms. Ellis directly; her contact information follows her message.

Also, the Charlotte Housing Authority has an active Section 3 Contractor Certification program certifying their own vendors, and whenever one of my clients receives from a bidder or proposer a request for a Section 3 Business Preference based on a certificate issued by the Charlotte Housing Authority, at my direction my client always accepts such certification without further due diligence. I cannot relay that I accept all such certifications from all housing agencies, but I have great confidence in the Charlotte Housing Authority program and I feel that this Agency provides great benefit to others in coordinating and sharing of Section 3 knowledge with others in the "Section 3 field."

### **BEGINNING OF MESSAGE FROM MS. ELLIS:**

The Association of Section 3 Professionals (AS3P) is a consortium of professionals who are responsible for creating agency policy, implementing Section 3 plans, monitoring programs and submitting required reports, all to ensure compliance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968.

The objectives of AS3P are to educate, advocate, share best practices, connect great people and great ideas, and to provide resources to equip professionals with the tools to manage and lead.

Creating economic opportunities for low- and very low- income persons in our communities continues to be a challenge, however, there are many great strides being made by our colleagues. If you have questions about Section 3 or want to share your best practices and successes, even failures, you are invited to be a part of AS3P. Contact Sharbara Ellis, Section 3 Coordinator with the Charlotte Housing Authority, [sellis@cha-nc.org](mailto:sellis@cha-nc.org) and you will be added to the list of professionals. There is no cost to join and your contact information will not be shared without your approval.

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**END OF MESSAGE FROM MS. ELLIS:**

Regards,

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I have a consulting practice providing procurement- and contracts-related mentoring, training, and technical assistance to housing agencies. I help housing agencies conduct procurement and contracts in a HUD-compliant and "best practice" manner. [Click here](#) to see my full resume. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to procurement and contracts (initial answering of questions is "no charge"). As I am either on-the-road or on the phone a lot, an initial contact by e-mail is best; please be sure to include your return telephone number (office/cellular) so that I can call you back.

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