



SECTION 3 RESIDENT STORY: *Let's Get to Work!*

ABRAHAM'S STORY

Abraham Acevedo Aranda lives at William Mead with his wife and seven children, ages 1-16. He is a permanent full-time employee of West Coast Arborists, Inc. thanks to the Housing Authority's Section 3 Program. Abraham secured his employment in September of 2014 following outreach efforts from the Housing Authority's Workforce Development team. The team notifies residents of employment opportunities made possible through Housing Authority contractors under Section 3 and by local businesses. Abraham says that he is really enjoying the work he does and strives to learn more.



"It's a great program! It gives residents the opportunity to be able to succeed in life. I feel now that I can not only sustain myself, but more importantly provide for my family."

Abraham Acevedo Aranda

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

HACLA has developed Section 3 Business and Resident Registries to assist businesses and residents to gain employment and economic opportunities.

SECTION 3 RESIDENTS REGISTRY

HACLA maintains a database of qualified employment-ready Section 3 Residents. Residents take assessment tests, go through a skills review and are provided resources to be employment-ready. Interested residents are encouraged to contact Resident Services Department at (213) 252-5387 to enroll in the registry. Residents from the Registry are identified and referred to contractors for employment opportunities.

SECTION 3 BUSINESS REGISTRY

Businesses who wish to do business with HACLA, and to provide economic opportunities to HACLA residents are encouraged to contact the Section 3 Compliance Administrator at (213) 252-1865 or via e-mail at section3@hacla.org.

Additional information about the Section 3 is available at www.hacla.org/section3.