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## PHA Promotes “Section 3” and Minority Contracting

The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) invited contractors, subcontractors, suppliers & small businesses to attend a Section 3 and M/W/DBE workshop on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the McDonough Community Center. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Director Merhawit Kubrom, Construction Program Manager Dave Lang, and Construction Program/Procurement Manager Tim Braun facilitated the workshop along with other PHA Maintenance Contracts staff.

Approximately 40 subcontractors, suppliers and small businesses attended the event. Staff explained how to learn about upcoming contracting opportunities with the Saint Paul PHA and gave tips on how to work with the PHA. Staff also explained the PHA’s legal obligation and agency commitment to contract with Section 3 businesses “to the greatest extent feasible”. The session helped small business owners meet and network with local general contractors and the PHA’s Maintenance Contracts staff.

**M/W/DBE:** Businesses that are owned by minorities, women and persons with disabilities (M/W/DBE)

**“Section 3 Business”:** A business that is owned by or employs low income residents, either residents of Public Housing/Section 8 or other Twin Cities residents with incomes below 80% of the area median income.

