## **Brookline Housing Authority**

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Dear Resident of Brookline Public Housing:

The Brookline Housing Authority (BHA) is creating a list of residents who are interested in future employment, training, or contracting opportunities available through BHA-funded construction projects or employment at the BHA. If you or a family member would like to be placed on this list please contact the Modernization Department at the number below.

As you may know the BHA receives Federal funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). "Section 3" is the popular name of a HUD program that ensures that employment, job training and contracting opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to Section 3 residents, i.e. you. (A Section 3 resident includes public housing residents or Section 8 recipients who live in the metropolitan area where the work is being carried out).

The BHA is surveying our public housing residents and Section 8 residents to find out more about their employment skills, so when future employment, training and/ or contracting opportunities arise we have a current list of potential applicants to contact. In addition, we plan to forward the names of residents experienced in the building trades to contractors hired by BHA for upcoming construction projects at our housing developments, with the goal of hiring public housing and/or low income area residents if new hires are required for a project. We cannot, however, guarantee you will be hired.

If you should have any questions and would like to be placed on the list please contact Sharon Cowan at 617-731-9551 or <a href="mailto:scowan@brooklinehousing.org">scowan@brooklinehousing.org</a>

Sincerely,

Sharon Cowan,

**Director of Modernization**