



First Source Hiring Program Fact Sheet

What is the First Source Hiring Program?

The First Source Hiring Program (First Source) was enacted in 1998 under Chapter 83 of the City's Administrative Code and is administered by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD). The First Source Hiring Program requires that developers, contractors, and employers use good-faith efforts to hire economically disadvantaged San Franciscan residents for new entry level positions.

The First Source Hiring Program provides a ready supply of qualified workers to employers with employment needs, and it gives economically disadvantaged individuals the first opportunity to apply for entry level positions in San Francisco. Entry level positions are defined as those requiring less than two years of training or specific preparation and includes temporary and permanent jobs.

How can the First Source Hiring Program help your business at no cost?

- Promote job announcements to over 2,000 recipients in the San Francisco community
- Connect you with a pool of qualified, pre-screened candidates
- Refer graduates of OEWD-funded industry sector training programs
- Coordinate customized recruitment and hiring events
- Provide access to City-wide recruitment facilities and events

Which Businesses are required to comply with the First Source Hiring Program?

- Businesses who have leases with the City on City Property
- Businesses with City contracts for goods, services, grants or loans in excess of \$50,000
- Businesses with City-issued construction contracts in excess of \$350,000
- Developers with building permits for residential projects over 10 units and all employers engaged in commercial activity to be conducted in said development project, including residential services
- Any building permit application for a commercial activity over 25,000 square feet and involving new construction, an addition, or alteration which results in the expansion of entry and apprentice level positions for a commercial activity
- Cannabis-related businesses
- Special projects required by the Board of Supervisors and administered by OEWD

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I need to comply with the First Source Hiring Program, where do I start?

Step #1: Contact the Business Services Team at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) by emailing to business.services@sfgov.org. You can also call 415-701-4848 and ask to speak with a First Source Hiring Program Specialist.

Step #2: The Business Services Team will assist you with registering your business in the OEWD's data system.

Step #3: Once you have registered with the OEWD's data system, the Business Services Team will assist you with recruitment for your open positions.

What are the penalties for non-compliance with the First Source Hiring Program?

- Liquidated damages up to \$5,000 can be assessed for each entry level job improperly withheld from the First Source Hiring Program process

Thank you for your interest in San Francisco's First Source Hiring Program. For more information, please visit us online at <https://oewd.org/first-source>, email us at business.services@sfgov.org, or call us at 415-701-4848 and ask to speak with a First Source Hiring Program Specialist.

