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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM:  Michael L. Goolsby, Director, Board and Code Administration Division

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SUBJECT: Engineers as BORA Certified MEP Inspectors

Chapter 8 Article II of the Code of Miami-Dade County does not contemplate Florida registered Professional Engineers being certified by the Board of Rules and Appeals (Board) in the category of inspector in the mechanical, electrical and plumbing trades (MEP). Nevertheless, Chapter 471, Florida Statutes makes specific provisions for currently licensed professional engineers to provide building code inspection services for local building code enforcement agencies.

Although Chapter 8 Article II of the Code of Miami-Dade County may impose more stringent requirements relating to certification of building officials, plans examiners and inspectors, it does not do so for Professional Engineers as inspectors in the MEP trades.

Consequently, in the event a local building code enforcement agency intends to employ a State of Florida registered Professional Engineer to perform MEP trade inspections, it is necessary to make application in accordance with Section 8-21.5 of Chapter 8 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The application must be made on forms approved by the Board. Based upon a preliminary review of the application by Board staff, a temporary certification will be granted. The temporary certification will be granted solely on verification the applicant possesses a current and active State of Florida Professional Engineer license. Following the granting of a temporary certification, the local building code enforcement agency may employ the applicant as an inspector. The temporary certification will remain active and in effect until the Board acts upon the application at their earliest available meeting.

Should you have any questions, contact Mr. Michael Goolsby at (786) 315-2509.