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MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM: Herminio F. González, P.E., Director
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DATE: January 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Roofing Scope of Work

At the December 11, 2007 meeting of the Construction Trades Qualifying Full Board, the Board was asked to consider an interpretation regarding Chapter 10 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The Board was provided information regarding the enhancement of the roof to wall connections contained in the Hurricane Mitigation Retrofit Manual. Further, the Board was advised that these requirements have been adopted by rule into the Florida Building Code. Finally, the Board was asked, if the scope of work of a roofing contractor contemplated and included the enhancement of roof to wall connections as incidental to the reroofing of homes required to meet this specific upgrade.

The section of Chapter 10 which was at issue is shown below:

*Section 10-2 III, (D), (9) A **roofing contractor** is a contractor qualified and certified to install, repair and replace roof systems, as defined in the South Florida Building Code, and the waterproofing thereof. Work may include, but shall not be limited to, roof deck insulation, roof coating, painting and covering, including use of sheet metal and installation of other sheet metal products incidental to roofing work, including gutters and downspouts, and other material in connection therewith or any combination thereof and including installation of nonstructural decking and siding. During the repair or replacement process of a roof system, a roofing contractor shall be allowed to repair and/or replace damaged decking and/or damaged wood structural or nonstructural members of the roof framing, provided that such replacement and/or repair conforms to the requirements of the South Florida Building Code and the repair or replacement of damaged decking and wood structural or nonstructural members of the roof framing constitutes less than fifty (50) percent of the value of the total work performed.*

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The Board determined that the scope of work of the roofing contractor allows for the repair or replacement of wood structural members and hurricane straps or clips can be expected to be necessary component of such repair or replacement.

Consequently, the Board interpreted that the required roof to wall enhancements, incidental to the reroofing process, are within the scope of work of a Miami-Dade County roofing contractor.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kenny Everett, RRC at (305) 375-4342.