



MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County
FROM:  Secretary of the Board
Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA)

DATE: December 1st, 2017

SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation
FBC, Energy Conservation Section R402.4.1.2 - Blower Door Testing

At their meeting of November 16th, 2017, the Board of Rules and Appeals considered an interpretation of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation Section R402.4.1.2. The issue before the Board related to a mechanical contractor of record and the performance and certification of the code required door blower test. Specifically, does the subject Code section allow the blower door test to be performed by the mechanical contractor of record.

The referenced code section indicates the blower door test shall be conducted by one of the individuals as defined in Section 553.993(5) or (7), Florida Statutes, or individuals licensed as set forth in Section 489.105(3)(f), (g) or (i) or an approved third party.

The Board interpreted that Section R402.4.1.2 is clear as written and establishes the qualifications of the entities who may perform the blower door test but does not contain any limitations or restrictions regarding the testing entity's participation in the construction of the building.

Should you have any questions, please contact Pedro Quintela, Senior Code Officer at (786) 315-2518 for additional information.