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TO: INDUSTRY

RE: RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF SPECIAL INSPECTION SERVICES

Purpose

This letter shall serve as a clarification of the code requirement to perform special inspection services under the responsible charge a Registered Design Professional (RDP). It also provides compliance requirements for those agencies that do not comply with the requirements stated below.

Current Code Requirements

2005 Building Administrative Code, Section 530(D) requires a Prime Agency to employ a Nevada licensed Professional Engineer or Registered Architect as an Engineering Manager (EM) to be in responsible charge for technical processes used to verify compliance with approved construction documents and the technical codes.

Nevada Revised Statutes, NRS 625.407 requires a firm, partnership, corporation or other person engaged in or offering to engage in the practice of engineering to employ at least one professional engineer at each place of business where the work is or will be performed. This Statute also requires that all engineering work done at a place of business be performed under a professional engineer who has been placed in responsible charge of the work and who is employed full time at that particular place of business.

Code Clarification

All agencies on the approved listing shall employ an RDP as an EM to be in responsible charges of special inspection services. This RDP shall be solely employed by the agency on a full-time basis at its approved location and be available during its posted business hours.

Status of Agencies Currently on the Approved Listing

Agencies on the approved listings fall under four categories with respect to the employment of an RDP:

1. Approved Prime Agency that employs an RDP on a full-time basis at its approved office location who is not employed by another firm.
2. Approved Prime Agency that employs an RDP at its approved office location who is partially or fully employed by another firm.
3. Approved Prime Agency that employs an RDP on a full-time basis who is partially or fully established at an unapproved office location.
4. Approved Subcontractor Agency that does not employ an RDP, but performs special inspection services for another approved Prime Agency.

Compliance Requirements and Deadlines

Agencies that fall under category 1 are deemed to comply with the requirement to employ an RDP as clarified herein. All other agencies must comply with this requirement no later than October 31, 2007. Agencies that fail to comply with this requirement shall not be listed as an approved agency to perform special inspection services in Clark County.

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