

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 08-67

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 1:21 PM
To: Regalado, Elizabeth (HT)
Subject: RE: Opinion

Liz,

I tried calling you the other day, but your voicemail was full and I was unable to leave a message. I gather from your email that you plan on doing some renovations to your home and you wish to use one of the roofing contractors who is one of the No Blue Roofs contractors. The glaring issue that I can spot is that the price you pay for your home renovations should be the same price this roof contractor would charge others who are similarly-situated. I realize that contractors have some flexibility and no two jobs are identical, but you should not receive a discount due to your position. In other words, you need to pay fair market value for the renovations.

For purposes of this opinion, I am assuming that you were not part of the contractor selection process, nor are you involved with any oversight responsibilities with respect to the contractor you would like to hire. If my assumptions are incorrect, please get back to me at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Regalado, Elizabeth (HT)
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:23 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Opinion
Importance: High

Hello Mr. Meyers,

Hope this finds you well. Earlier this week, I called your office number and left a voicemail message. I decided to send my request for an opinion from you via email. I am working on loan to the Partnership for Recovery, Inc.'s No Blue Roofs Program. The organization is a 501 c 3 not for profit. We are re roofing the homes of low income homeowners who have not been able to fix their roofs since Hurricane Wilma. We have 10 participating roofing contractors working with us. I own a home in South Miami (my primary residence) and plan to do renovations to it. I would like to enter into a contract for this work with one of the program's roofing contractors. I want to use this particular contractor because I know and respect his work. I appreciate his customer service/response and the way he conducts business. Is there an ethical or any other type of inappropriate conflict if I were to hire a No Blue Roofs participating contractor to do the renovation work at my residence? I appreciate your response. I can be reached at any of the numbers below.

Thank you.

Liz

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