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EXECUTIVE ORDER ALLOWS RESIDENTIAL, BUILDING AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO PERFORM ROOFING REPAIRS

Tallahassee -- Executive Order number 04-188, signed yesterday by Governor Jeb Bush, allows Florida licensed residential, building and general contractors to perform roofing and re-roofing repairs in Hurricane Charley impacted counties. Licensed contractors fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR).

Jeb Bush
Governor

Diane Carr
Secretary

"By expanding the pool of licensed contractors available to make roofing repairs, this Executive Order provides relief to Hurricane Charley victims," said DBPR Secretary Diane Carr.

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The Order applies to registered, as well as certified, contractors. A certified contractor possesses a certificate of competency issued by DBPR and is allowed to contract in any jurisdiction in the state. A registered contractor however, has fulfilled the competency requirements for the jurisdiction they are registered in and may only contract in that jurisdiction. The Order does not extend the geographical jurisdiction of registered contractors - that is determined locally through reciprocity agreements and ordinances. The roofing must be performed by the contractor's employees, or subcontracted to a properly licensed roofing contractor.

The Order applies to all jurisdictions, including cities, counties and special districts, in the following counties: Charlotte, Lee, Desoto, Hardee, Polk, Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Volusia. It does not include metal or tile roofing; these types of jobs must still be performed by licensed roofing contractors only. Unlicensed, out of state contractors are not permitted to contract per this Order.

DBPR urges victims of the storm to protect themselves against unscrupulous and unlicensed contractors. When seeking a contractor to repair or rebuild damaged businesses or homes, always hire a licensed Florida contractor. A contractor's license is required for any structural additions, roofing, air conditioning, plumbing, electric/alarm work or any job requiring a building permit. Licensure may be verified by calling 850.487.1395 or visiting www.MyFloridaLicense.com. Unlicensed activity may be reported through 850.488.6603. For tips regarding hiring a contractor please visit www.MyFlorida.com/dbpr.

The agency's mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of those doing business in Florida. DBPR licenses nearly 1 million businesses and professionals ranging from real estate agents, architects, veterinarians, and funeral homes to contractors and cosmetologists. For more information, please visit www.MyFlorida.com/dbpr.

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