**Florida Building Commission**

**February 8, 2022**

**CONFERENCE CALL/WEBINAR**

**Tallahassee Florida**

**Product Approval Program Oversight Committee**

**DS 2021-064 *by Priscilla Huff of Advanced Building Products, Inc.***

**Question**:

Does ABP product's manufactured for drainage and ventilation need to go through the product approval process to be approved by for the Florida Building Code If they are not structural?

**Answer:**

The answer to the Petitioner’s question is no. Based on rules 61G20-3.001 Scope and 61G20-3.002 Definitions, the drainage and ventilation products in question are not structural products and therefore do not fall within the scope of the State Product Approval Program. However, these products must meet the requirements of the Florida Building Code and are subject to approval by the local authority having jurisdiction.

**Building Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee**

**DS 2022-002 *by Allen Douglas of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (“ACEC-FL”)***

**Question**:

Pursuant to Sections 553.79 and 553.791, Florida Statutes, may a qualified private entity perform both private provider services and required threshold inspections on the same threshold building.

**Answer:**

**Yes;** section 553.79(5)(a) Florida Statutes, does not prohibit an entity from both performing special inspections on a threshold building and private provider services for that building. A special inspector does not “serve as a surrogate” for carrying out the responsibilities of the building official merely by providing private provider services, since the local enforcing agency possesses and retains various oversight responsibilities and powers with respect to both special inspections and private provider services.

As long as an entity has the appropriate qualifications to offer private provider services and to perform threshold inspections, the provisions of section 553.79(5), Florida Statutes, do not prohibit that entity from performing both private provider services and threshold inspections on the same building.