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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

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DATE: May 4th, 2009

SUBJECT: Interpretation of FBCB 1522 and FBCR R4402.11.3
Solar Thermal and Solar Electric Roof-Top Installations

At their meeting of April 23, 2009, the Board of Rules and Appeals interpreted the applicability of roof-top clearance requirements as they relate to solar thermal and solar electric installations.

The Board determined that Sections R4402.11.3, R4402.11.3.1, 1522.3 and 1522.3.1, contained below, do not specifically regulate and are not applicable to solar thermal and solar electric roof-top installations.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Goolsby at (305) 375-4496