

BCAB

Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County

TECHNICAL ADVISORY

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Subject: PREFABRICATED WOOD COMPONENTS (TRUSSES)
Acceptable Alternative Truss Program

In 2002, the Building Code Advisory Board investigated the Miami-Dade Truss Program (Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses) and determined that it complied with the requirements of the Truss Program (Prefabricated Wood Components) that was operating in Palm Beach County. Review of the Truss Firms that participated in the BCAB Program in Palm Beach County at that time indicated that almost all of the firms also participated in the Miami-Dade Truss Program.

Therefore, we encouraged the few truss firms that had not participated in the Miami-Dade program to apply for acceptance, and we ceased operating the BCAB Program on December 31, 2002 in acceptance of the Miami-Dade Truss Program. This helped to reduce redundant programs that existed in South Florida.

Participation in the Miami-Dade Truss Program and receipt of a Certificate of Competency for Fabricating Wood Trusses, allows a Truss Manufacturer to comply with the Truss Program requirements in multiple Counties in Florida. No reduction in the level of quality assurance resulted from this change. This step also reduced the Truss Firm's time and administrative costs associated with participating in multiple programs.

Miami-Dade Approved Truss Companies may be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/buildingcode/library/productcontrol/certificates%20of%20competency/certifiedplants.pdf>

For Building Code Advisory Board



Robert Lecky, Chair

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The Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County was created by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature, at the request of the building code enforcement and construction industries. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and local governments concerning the adoption of building codes and their enforcement throughout the County. The Act also granted Palm Beach County special powers concerning building codes, in the interest of the public's health, safety and general welfare.
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