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State Trade Association Unveils New Tagline Emphasizing the Importance of Hiring a Professional Roofing Contractor

Winter Park, FL - The Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (FRSA) will be officially unveiling their new tagline – “FRSA – Florida’s Association of Roofing Professionals” – during their annual trade show, June 13 – 16, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. The tagline was developed by the group to alert consumers of the importance of employing a licensed and legitimate contractor for roof installations, repairs or replacements.

In preparation for this year’s hurricane season, FRSA reminds building and home owners to consult with a licensed professional roofing contractor to determine the condition of their roof and to make pre and post storm repairs or replacements. Consumers should look for the following basic qualifications when hiring a contractor:

- A valid roofing license (issued by the State of Florida and beginning with the letters RC or CCC)
- Proof of liability and workers compensation insurance
- Knowledge of the latest Florida building code requirements

FRSA further advises consumers take the following precautions:

- Obtain a clearly written proposal or contract that describes exactly what will be done including warranty information. Before signing the contract check with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation for license verification and history of complaints.
- Never make large-sum deposits before the work begins
- Verify workers compensation insurance coverage by contacting the State’s Division of Workers’ Compensation. Ask the contractor to provide certificates of insurance for both workers compensation and liability insurance coverage.
- Require the contractor to obtain the building permit and post it on the property before work begins
- Get a lien waiver from the contractor when making a lump sum or final payment on your project. If the contractor does not fulfill the terms of the contract contact the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Consumers can also file a complaint against licensed roofing contractors or report unlicensed activity by contacting the Florida Construction Licensing Board or the DBPR.

For further information on how to find a licensed, professional roofing contractor and consumer tips on correct roofing practices and installation procedures, visit the Consumer Information link on the FRSA website: www.floridarooft.com or call 800-767-3772, ext. 100.