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Florida DBPR-Founded Disaster Contractors Network Activated to Connect Homeowners with Florida Licensed Contractors for Post-Helene Home Repairs

FREE Resource for Homeowners

TALLAHASSEE, Fla (September 25, 2024) – Florida’s Disaster Contractors Network (DCN) has been activated to support homeowners who may need help with emergency home repairs following Hurricane Helene.

DCN is a free resource founded by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) designed to connect homeowners with licensed contractors and suppliers to perform emergency repairs. DCN also prevents homeowners from being preyed upon by unlicensed contractors through proactive education and outreach efforts. DBPR is the state agency that licenses and oversees Florida’s more than 87,000 construction industry licensees.

“DCN online is a great tool for Floridians to have in their hurricane toolkit as Hurricane Helene approaches. We know that state-licensed contractors have the appropriate education, proper workers’ compensation and liability insurance, and the necessary experience to get the job done properly the first time,” **said Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.**

“The Disaster Contractors Network can help protect Floridians from fraudsters who take advantage of vulnerable Floridians following a storm.”

HOW IT WORKS: Once homeowners are safely able to assess their home repair needs, they are encouraged to log onto DCNOnline.org and search by county for a list of Florida-licensed contractors in their local community who are providing these services.”

FOR CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS: While many Florida contractors and suppliers have already registered, there is still an opportunity for additional licensed contractors and suppliers to log onto DCNOnline.org to register their licensed company.

TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS: The DCN has been connecting homeowners to licensed contractors for 20 years and was particularly instrumental in helping Florida get back on its feet after Hurricanes Ian, Michael and Charley.

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ABOUT THE DISASTER CONTRACTORS NETWORK:

The Disaster Contractors Network was established by the Florida Legislature to help facilitate repairs in the aftermath of a natural disaster. Founding partners include Florida’s construction-related licensing regulator, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, as well as building professional organizations that educate and support licensed contractors who follow the state’s required Florida Building Code with all repairs.