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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Company Principal Coordinators, WYO Vendors, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Servicing Agent, and Independent Adjusting Firms

FROM:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy E. Wright".

Roy E. Wright

Deputy Associate Administrator for Federal Insurance and Mitigation  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

SUBJECT: Debarment of HiRise Engineering and Matthew Pappalardo from Government-related Work

On March 9, 2017, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Suspension and Debarment Official debarred HiRise Engineering and Matthew Pappalardo from conducting future business with any agency in the executive branch, for a period of three (3) years. This means that participating Write Your Own Companies, as fiscal agents of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP's) Direct Servicing Agent, and other entities doing business on behalf of the Federal Government must cease entering into contracts or other business obligations with HiRise Engineering and Matthew Pappalardo for any Government-related work until the debarment is lifted.

A contractor or other entity that is debarred is ineligible, for the period of their debarment, for future contracts and other non-procurement activities (such as grants, cooperative agreements, scholarships, fellowships, contracts of assistance, loans, loan guarantees, subsidies, insurance, payments for specified use, and donation agreements) and cannot act as an agent or representative of other participants in Federal assistance programs. A debarred contractor is also excluded from conducting business with the Government as agents or representatives of other contractors.

The public can verify an entity's eligibility to receive government funds by searching the System for Award Management (SAM) at <http://www.sam.gov>.

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Flood insurance remains the most powerful tool Americans have to protect themselves from the most common and costly disaster seen in our nation. FEMA remains committed to improving the program.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact Tony Hake, Director of the Product Delivery Division, at [Lloyd.hake@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Lloyd.hake@fema.dhs.gov).

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Standards Committee Members, Government Technical Representative

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