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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION	DATE: October 11, 2016	NO.: RFI-322
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To: Cannon Design

Attn: Kelvin Patel

From: Paric Corporation

Requested By: Devin Gates

Project Name: 15051-Webster University Interdisciplinary Science Building	Project No.: 15051
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Subject: Firestopping installer qualifications

Response Required By: October 18, 2016

Drawing / Spec Reference:

Information Requested:

Spec sections 078413 and 078446 state that the installer of firestopping must be FM Global 4991 certified. Hilti offers a firestop training class that covers similar topics that FM Global 4991 contractors are knowledgeable in. Attached are the Agenda and Overview of the training class they offer. The main focus of this class is on the correct application of firestopping and the correct UL system selection. On the majority of construction projects, all MEP trades and drywall contractors are responsible caulking their penetrations. Typically, the trades go through this training class and are adequately prepared to install firestopping. We are currently doing this on other projects with equally skilled tradesmen. Please advise if this is an acceptable alternate to having a FM Global 4991 installer. If not, please explain the intent behind this installer requirement.

Response:

The proposed alternate is not acceptable.

The selection of installer must be per the requirements in specifications for higher quality control.

We discussed this with Webster University (Craig A. Miller Sr.) and they are also in agreement with this response.

ARCHITECT'S RESPONSE:

This information is provided as an interpretation of the Contract Documents for implementation. It is not an authorization for change to the Contract Sum or Contract Time. If this information results in a claim for a change to the Contract, the Contractor shall notify the [Construction Manager][Architect] of a change through the change process.

Answered By: Kelvin Patel

Date: 10/14/2016

Firestop 101: What Every A&E Professional Should Know

Program Overview:

This course explains the need for firestop and provides an overview of how the building codes are addressing the issue.

The following objectives will be covered:

- Understand what firestop is and why it's needed
- Know the applicable code requirements related to firestopping
- Understand firestop system testing and listing
- Understand how firestop fits into the specification, design, and construction process

AIA Information:

Provider – Hilti, Inc.

AIA Course ID – FIRESTOP101

Length – 1 hour

AIA Credits – 1 Health Safety and Welfare (HSW) Learning Unit

Agenda

Consequences of Building Fires

Fire Safe Building Construction & Code Requirements

Firestop System Testing & Listings

Beyond Fire Resistance – Secondary Attributes of Firestop

Specifying Firestop Systems

Hilti Firestop