



**Informal Interpretation Report
Number 6980**



Date April 27, 2012

Edition 2010

Section 1715

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1715.9.4 to require testing of soffits and exterior wall coverings when a soffit or exterior wall covering can be designed using "applicable material design standards listed in Chapter 35" as stated in Section 1715.1

Answer

1715.9 refers to Manufactured Soffit Materials and Systems.
As per the referenced code sections, a manufactured soffit system needs product approval.

Commentary:

The Building Official may accept an Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment, as specified in FBC 2010 section 104.11 from a design professional.

Notice:

The Building Officials Association of Florida, in cooperation with the Florida Building Commission, the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, ICC, and industry and professional experts offer this interpretation of the Florida Building Code in the interest of consistency in their application statewide. This interpretation is informal, non-binding and subject to acceptance and approval by the local building official.