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To: Chris Austin; Russ Griffin

Subject: QAP Updates

Hi Chris and Russ,

I'm excited to hear that NCHFA is considering updating the QAP to require more current energy or green building standards. We are green building and healthy housing consultants working across the southeast region. Many states, including Georgia and Mississippi, require green building certification within their QAPs. We strongly recommend NCHFA to select a recognized third-party green building program such as Enterprise Green Communities, NGBS Green, EarthCraft, and LEED. These third-party programs are familiar to the affordable housing industry and provide other benefits, like training, technical assistance and quality assurance.

Affordable housing developers, with the help of the NC QAP, have led the way in building some of the highest quality housing in the state, and they find value in doing so. These proposed updates will give developers further incentive to look for new and unique ways to design and build their developments differently, leading to new and innovative projects that perform at significantly higher levels and managing costs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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