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Subject: Steven Loeb / onsite construction contract administration / agenda item for 3/16

Thanks so much Steve – I'll present at our 3/16 board meeting .. will get back to you .. enjoyed our time together at the "reserved" table ☺

From: Steven B. Loeb [mailto:Steven.Loeb@bswllp.com]
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Subject: Question per meeting with Teeny Simmons

I had lunch with Teeny Simmons at the Critical Issues Summit and she asked if I would send in this inquiry for a response. The specific question is:

Whether an individual performing onsite construction contract administration services (such as onsite observation of the work) as the representative for the Project Architect, must be a licensed Architect.

Thank you for a response.

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Thanks Steve - I'll add this to your original email request for 3/16 agenda.

From: Steve Tubré [mailto:steve.tubre@cox.net]
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Thanks for the request Steven. I am not a licensed architect, but have a degree in interior design and a few minors, years of experience in building construction and architecture firms. I have both the Construction Documents Technologist certificate from CSI and through the same, have received my certification for Construction Contract Administration.

Frankly, I am mystified and at times horrified by the lack of construction contract administration knowledge I see in both licensed architects and contractors in south Louisiana. I know that I was not taught this in school and I have not met an architect yet who, upon questioning, admits that much if any real CCA education was gleaned during their college education...you are supposed to get that out in the world (by whom I don't know). No surprise, however, that it is hard for any professional to outright admit that he/she is not knowledgeable about what the general TV-watching public believes this that profession should know. When I studied for my certification exam (recently in 2007), I would regularly speak with my boss and mentor and advise him of what we both didn't know about CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. Oh, by the way, architects don't administer construction...only the construction contract! Somebody needs to tell that to FP&C and other state agencies.

With my tirade out the way (you don't know what a day I had today!)...the succinct answer to your question from me is "NO." The representative of the project architect should be trained as a construction contract administrator. Otherwise, it's just another crap shoot with an appealing title/accolade to appease those who wouldn't appreciate my tirade.

Sorry, you asked...

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