U.S. Corps of Engineers' Operation Blue Roof Program Continuing

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PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to install blue roofs for survivors whose home roofs were damaged in Hurricane Michael.

- Even though the USACE is no longer accepting requests, it is still making repairs for survivors who applied for Blue Roof assistance before the Nov. 16 deadline.
- To check on the status of a Blue Roof request, call 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258).
- Those who sustained losses from Hurricane Michael and have not yet registered for disaster assistance may do so at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. local time seven days a week.

To date, more than 6,000 roofs have been installed.

USACE is warning homeowners of fraudsters who may be representing themselves as Operation Blue Roof representatives.



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Signs of fraud may include:

- No USACE quality assurance assessment.
- No USACE contractor with a valid work order.
- Asking for payment. (The program is free of charge.)
- Soliciting by paper applications.

Homeowners who may suspect they are being scammed should contact the Disaster Fraud Hotline at

866-720-5721 (TTY 844-889-4357), USACE at 888-766-3258 or local law enforcement.

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Images of the first blue roof installation on October 19 are available at: https://www.dvidshub.net/image/4836255/operation-blue-roof

FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

For a list of resources available to individuals and businesses affected by Hurricane Michael, visit www.floridadisaster.org/info

For more Hurricane Michael recovery information, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4399.

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